

Decision 13/CP.23

Assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision to conduct an assessment of the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation so as to improve their effectiveness,¹

Expressing its appreciation to the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the high-level champions, the Adaptation Committee, the Technology Executive Committee, Parties and non-Party stakeholders for the efforts undertaken and outputs produced so far in the implementation of the technical examination processes,

Having conducted the assessment of the technical examination processes and considered ways of improving their effectiveness,

1. *Stresses* the urgency of improving the technical examination processes, as outlined in decision 1/CP.21, including to better integrate them with the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action;
2. *Strongly urges* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the high-level champions,² the Adaptation Committee, the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to focus the technical examination processes on specific policy options and opportunities for enhancing mitigation and adaptation that are actionable in the short term, including those with sustainable development co-benefits;
3. *Also strongly urges* the high-level champions to identify, by 12 January 2018, in consultation with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, topics for the technical examination process on mitigation for the period until 2020;
4. *Requests* the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to include in their joint annual report to the Conference of the Parties, having consulted with the high-level champions thereon, recommendations for Parties and other organizations on ways forward and necessary actions to be taken based on the outcomes of the technical expert meetings;³
5. *Also requests* the Adaptation Committee, in conducting the technical examination process on adaptation, to consider the needs of Parties expressed in their nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and national communications, to address all four functions of the technical examination process on adaptation,⁴ and to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties recommendations for respective processes and for constituted bodies under the Convention, Parties and other organizations on ways forward and necessary actions to be taken based on the outcomes of the technical expert meetings;
6. *Invites* expert organizations, constituted bodies under the Convention and non-Party stakeholders to enhance their engagement in the technical examination processes;
7. *Also invites* expert organizations to volunteer, through the secretariat, to lead the organization of relevant technical expert meetings;
8. *Further invites* the lead expert organizations and *requests* the secretariat, as appropriate, in organizing the technical expert meetings:

¹ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 113 and 131.

² Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 121 and 122.

³ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 111(a) and 129(a).

⁴ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 127.

(a) To make the technical expert meetings more interactive, including by means of round tables, thematic dialogues and virtual participation;

(b) To make the agenda and guiding questions for the technical expert meetings available well in advance thereof;

(c) To conclude the technical expert meetings with a session on proposing ways forward and necessary actions in relation to the identified policy options and opportunities referred to in paragraph 2 above for inclusion in the technical papers⁵ and subsequent summaries for policymakers;⁶

9. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to organize regional technical expert meetings, building on existing regional climate action events, as appropriate, with a view to examining specific finance, technology and capacity-building resources necessary to scale up actions in regional contexts, including through regional mitigation and adaptation initiatives, and to provide their reports thereon to the secretariat as input to the technical examination processes;

10. *Strongly urges* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, the high-level champions, the Adaptation Committee, the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to ensure the necessary continuity of and follow-up on the identified policy options and opportunities referred to in paragraph 2 above, including by informing the summaries for policymakers,⁷ the high-level events⁸ and the Talanoa dialogue;

11. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to share experience on actions taken and pledges made towards addressing the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above as input to the relevant technical papers, summaries for policymakers and high-level events.

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⁵ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 111(b) and 129(b).

⁶ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 111(c) and 129(b).

⁷ As footnote 6 above.

⁸ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 120.