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Update from the AC's working group on the Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A)

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Mandate and objective

1/CP.21, para. 124: COP decides to launch, in the period 2016-2020, a Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A)

To endeavor to identify concrete opportunities for strengthening resilience, reducing vulnerabilities and increasing the understanding and implementation of adaptation actions

AC mandated to conduct the TEP-A



What happened so far

AC established working group

- To organize TEMs and provide feedback on technical papers
- Group comprises members from various groups to ensure comprehensive and continuous inputs
 - Members of AC, TEC, LEG, and SCF
 - Representatives from RINGO, BINGO and ENGO constituencies

Working group identified topics, approved by AC

- 2016: Reducing vulnerability and mainstreaming climate change adaptation, including through the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans
- 2017: Integrating climate change adaptation with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- 2018: Adaptation planning for vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems
- 2019 Adaptation finance, including the private sector

2 years of technical expert meetings (TEMs) held, moving from overarching to more specific.

Technical papers and summaries for policy makers:

- 2016 available on the web <tep-a.org>
- 2017 papers to be made available before the end of September 2017



TEP-A in 2017

Integrating climate change adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework on DRR - Key messages:

- Integrating adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework for DRR can be strongly beneficial for building resilience comprehensively across societies
- There are many opportunities to support further policy integration between adaptation, sustainable development, and DRR, due in part to the common themes, scopes, and objectives
- Unprecedented levels of coordination and coherence will be necessary to develop integrated approaches
- The availability of data, including climate data and socio-economic data, remains a challenge
- Ensuring that adequate, predictable, sustainable support is available for adaptation efforts is crucial, including from public, private, international and national sources
- The process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans provides an important option to support the implementation of enhanced adaptation action and the development of integrated approaches to adaptation, sustainable development, and DRR



Next steps

Next meeting of the AC (19-22 September 2017):

- AC to consider feedback received and lessons learned
- AC to request its working group to initiate work on 2018 TEP-A (Adaptation planning for vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems)

Assessment of the TEP (adaptation and mitigation)

- 1/CP.21, paras.113 and 131: COP decides to conduct in 2017 an assessment of the technical examination processes so as to improve their effectiveness
- Feedback has been constantly obtained on both TEP-M and TEP-A, from Parties and stakeholders, lessons have been taken into account
- Possible approach at COP 23: exchange of views with the aim of identifying improvements for the organization of TEPs 2018-2020.

