

INFORMAL NOTE

on

SBI 64 agenda item 10(c) Matters relating to adaptation Guidance relating to adaptation communications

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1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) recalled decision 4/CMA.7, in particular paragraph 5 thereof, in which it was invited to continue consideration of the timing for initiating actions related to taking stock of, and if necessary revising, the guidance relating to adaptation communications contained in decision 9/CMA.1.

2. It welcomed the translation from English into all other official United Nations languages of the supplementary guidance prepared by the Adaptation Committee (AC) for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the possible elements of an adaptation communication.¹

3. The SBI recognized the benefits of ensuring coherence in the information provided by Parties in their national adaptation plans, adaptation communications, nationally determined contributions, biennial transparency reports and national communications, keeping in mind the voluntary nature and flexibility of adaptation communications.

4. *[Placeholder on the ongoing work of the AC, in collaboration with the CGE and the LEG, in the context of para. 45 of decision 2/CMA.5, including on adaptation communications, pending an oral report by the AC Co-Chairs to be delivered at the informal consultation on Saturday, 13 June 2026.]*

Option 1: No additional activities

Option 2 (encompassing paras. 5–7):

5. The SBI invited the AC, the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) to hold an informal discussion with Parties and non-Party stakeholders at the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2026) to identify opportunities for leveraging the intersections between adaptation communications, other adaptation-related reporting, planning and communication instruments, and tabular formats² when integrating consideration of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience therein, in line with existing mandates in decisions 2/CMA.5, 3/CMA.6 and 12/CMA.7.

6. The SBI agreed to consider at SBI 65 (November 2026) expanding the ongoing work³ of the AC, in collaboration with the CGE and the LEG, on developing recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress to include recommendations on adaptation communications and invited the AC to prepare such recommendations ahead of SBI 66 (June 2027).

7. The SBI invited the AC, the CGE and the LEG to hold an event at SBI 66 to present the draft recommendations referred to in paragraph 6 above and gather feedback from Parties thereon and invited the AC to finalize the recommendations ahead of CMA 9 (November 2027).

¹ As requested in decision 4/CMA.7, para. 3. The guidance is available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/adaptation-communications>.

² See decision 12/CMA.7, para. 14.

³ Mandated in decision 2/CMA.5, para. 45.

8. The SBI agreed, in relation to the timing for initiating the actions referred to in paragraph 5 of decision 4/CMA.7, to:

(a) Invite Parties to submit via the submission portal⁴ by [28 February 2027][29 February 2028][28 February 2029] further information on their experience, best practices and lessons learned in relation to the application of the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1;

(b) Request the secretariat to update the synthesis report prepared for consideration at SBI 62 on experience with the application of the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1⁵ to reflect the views in the submissions referred to in paragraph 8(a) above for consideration at SBI [66 (June 2027)][68 (June 2028)][70 (June 2029)];

(c) Take stock of, and if necessary revise, the guidance contained in decision 9/CMA.1, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 8(a) above and the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 8(b) above, at [SBI 68 [(June 2028)]] [the first SBI session after the completion of the review of the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement (MPGs)⁶] with a view to recommending a draft decision for consideration and adoption [at the session of the CMA following the completion of the review of the MPGs][at CMA 10 (November 2028)];

(d) Request the AC, following the completion of the stocktake referred to in paragraph 8(c) above, to revise, if necessary, the supplementary guidance prepared by the AC and referred to in paragraph 2 above taking into account the outcomes of the stocktake referred to in paragraph 8(c) above.

9. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 5–8 above.

10. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.]

⁴ <https://submissions.unfccc.int/>.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2025/9.

⁶ Decision 18/CMA.1, annex.