

Submission by the Republic of Mali on Behalf of the African Group of Negotiators
on
APA Agenda Item 4, Further Guidance in Relation to the Adaptation Communication,
Including, inter alia, as a Component of Nationally Determined Contributions, Referred to in
Article 7, Paragraphs 10 And 11, of the Paris Agreement

Introduction

The African Group of Negotiators (AGN or African Group) welcomes the opportunity to provide further views on the development of guidance for adaptation communications, including as a component of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) with a focus on the proposals for elements and skeleton outlines as contained in the informal note prepared by the Co-Facilitators¹ as called for in the conclusions of the third part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Paris Agreement (APA 1-3).

In providing its views on this matter, this submission should be read in line with previous submissions made by the African Group responding to calls for submissions under the APA under agenda items 4, 5 and 6, and by the Adaptation Committee and LEG.

The African Group appreciates the progress made on the adaptation communications thus far, and would like to see progress in the further elaboration of the skeleton outline as well as on the elements and minimum information under each element at APA 1-4.

In this respect, the African Group welcomes the roundtable discussions on this agenda item to be held on 04 November 2017 and expects that it will be focused on the further elaboration of the skeleton, elements and minimum information under each element, as well as how to collect such information. We are confident that the roundtable will help Parties in making progress under this agenda item in the same manner as the pre-session workshop did help advance the discussions on the purpose and elements during APA 1-3.

In responding to the call for submissions, the African Group would like to build on the submissions made by the Group of 77 and China during APA 1-3.

1. Preamble/Introductory remarks

1.1. Guiding Principles/Guidance

- Recalling the mandate to develop further guidance for adaptation communications, including as a component of NDCs (reference COP 22 decision)
- *Recalling* relevant Articles related to/relevant for adaptation communications (Art 2, 3, 7, 9, 13 and 14)

2. Purpose

The purpose of adaptation communications, as referred to in Art. 7.10 of the PA, is to:

- Communicate adaptation actions and plans;
- Enhance support for adaptation actions and plans / catalyze support to implement adaptation communication;
- Contribute and inform progress towards Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA);
- Raise the profile of adaptation/parity with mitigation; and
- Recognise the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties.

¹ http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/bonn_may_2017/in-session/application/pdf/apa2017_l2_amended_unedited.pdf

3. Elements

While Parties should have the flexibility to communicate in their adaptation communications whichever information that suits their national context, the African Group believes that there should be a common set of elements to be communicated by all Parties regardless of the vehicles they choose, thereby recognizing the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

3.1. Common elements

- **Information on national circumstances**, i.e. information on the national or sub-national context which may affect Parties' abilities to adapt to climate change, e.g. on geography, climate, economy, population, how adaptation planning is informing national and/or sectoral development plans and implementation, or extreme weather events that have affected a country's adaptive capacity.
- **Information on impacts, vulnerabilities and risk assessments (including future scenarios)**, e.g. populations exposed to certain stresses, sectors vulnerable to climate change, geographic areas that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change (e.g. percentage of coastline vulnerable to storm surges, sites prone to droughts and floods, etc.) or information on limits to adaptation experienced or expected.
- **Information on priorities, policies, plans, actions, strategies and/or programmes**, i.e. description of current and planned adaptation priorities, plans, programmes and actions for implementation. Such a description might include, e.g.
 - Planning, prioritising and implementing adaptation actions, including in priority sectors and/or geographic areas, building on the information of impacts, vulnerability and risk assessments;
 - Climate information as a basis for potential climate risk, exposure and vulnerability to inform response by communities;
 - Gaps in the implementation of actions, i.e. activities that have not been implemented and those supposed to be implemented, particularly those identified as key priorities; and
 - Others
- **Information on adaptation support needs of developing country Parties**, i.e. developing countries communicate information on the finance, technology transfer and development and capacity-building (including types and costs) required to develop and implement adaptation plans, programmes and actions as identified, including taking into account the global temperature goal and scenarios during the upcoming commitment cycle. This can also include information on barriers related to access to finance, technologies, gender integration in planning and capacity-building in the implementation of adaptation measures
- **Information on adaptation efforts of developing countries (for recognition)**, i.e. adaptation plans and actions undertaken through domestic resources in the preceding five years as percentage of GDP and/or as absolute figures (x billion USD), e.g.
 - Adaptation projects/programmes funded by domestic resources
 - Support from national budgets to institutions undertaking adaptation-related work
 - Efforts undertaken to address extreme weather events
 - Others
- **Information on biennial communication of indicative support by developed countries, including finance, technology and capacity building**, i.e. developed countries report on sectors and geographic areas targeted for support, on type of support, and on types of

information outlined when communicating on indicative adaptation support, i.e. total amounts to be provided by multilateral channel or by region.

3.2. *Additional/Opt in Opt*

4. Vehicles

The AGN reiterates the flexibility that Article 7.11 provides to Parties in choosing the vehicle to communicate their adaptation communications, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a nationally determined contribution.

5. Linkages

- **Art. 7: Adaptation**
 - Public Registry: The adaptation communications will be stored into a public registry
{placeholder for modalities on SBI Agenda item}
- **Art. 9: Finance**
 - **Art. 9.1:** Developed country Parties shall provide financial resources to assist developing country Parties with respect to both mitigation and adaptation in continuation of their existing obligations under the Convention
 - **Art. 9.5.:** Developed country Parties shall biennially communicate indicative quantitative and qualitative information [...] including, as available projected levels of public financial resources to be provided to developing country Parties.
- **Art. 13: Transparency Framework**
- **Art.14: Global Stocktake**
 - Adaptation communications will feed into the GST as a source of inputs
 - The Secretariat will make a synthesis report/continue updating the last synthesis report; and
 - In terms of adaptation, the GST shall:
 - Recognize adaptation efforts of developing country Parties
 - *{placeholder on the mandates stemming from decision 1/CP.21}*
 - Enhance the implementation of adaptation action
 - Review the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support provided for adaptation; and
 - *{placeholder on AC/LEG mandates}*
 - Review the overall progress made in achieving the GGA. The GGA is imperative for tracking progress at the GST, therefore space should be created to discuss its operationalisation.

6. Support for developing country Parties (including in the preparation, submission and implementation of adaptation communications)

- *{placeholder on modalities of support (means of implementation)}*
- *{placeholder on mandate of the AC/LEG/SCF on the mobilisation of support}*

7. Other matters