

Canada's Submission on APA item 4 Further Guidance in Relation to the Adaptation Communication

Following the invitation of the Co-Chairs of the APA, Canada is pleased to submit its views on **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.**

The Paris Agreement recognizes adaptation as a key component of the global response to climate change and, accordingly, establishes a global goal for adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change. The Agreement also states that each Party should, as appropriate, submit and update periodically an adaptation communication, which may include its priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, without creating any additional burden for developing country Parties.

Guidance on an adaptation communication should be complementary to any of the work being undertaken in relation to APA Item 5 Modalities, procedures and guidelines for transparency and could benefit from close alignment and updates as this item progresses.

This submission presents Canada's views on principles and possible elements of an adaptation communication in order to inform the development of guidance for an adaptation communication.

PRINCIPLES

Purpose

Canada believes that communicating progress and plans on adaptation is important in order to share good practices and experiences, build capacity and incentivize action to put in place actions to reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. It also offers an opportunity to highlight the importance of adaptation actions as an important response to climate change both domestically and internationally.

Given work is already underway to assess the outcome of adaptation actions including, consideration for enhancing reporting related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), and the work being undertaken on the transparency framework (as per Article 5 of the Paris Agreement), we feel that the adaptation communication should be an opportunity for Parties to highlight certain aspects of their planned actions on adaptation.

In general, Canada views the adaptation communication as an opportunity to **identify and highlight forward-looking priorities, plans, and actions**, as it relates to **adaptation**.

Considerations

As parties consider further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication we will need to take into account other communication tools already in existence, including national communications and the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs). Additionally, an adaptation

communication should both complement Parties existing actions on adaptation, while enabling Parties to communicate their intended efforts to achieve enhanced adaptation and resiliency.

ELEMENTS

Canada strongly supports decision 5/CP.17 and its annex on National Adaptation Plans (NAP) and finds the principles and elements useful in providing a framework for planning, programming, and implementation of adaptation action in a country-driven and flexible manner.

We acknowledge the importance of not creating additional burden for parties through an adaptation communication which is why we would support using the elements of the NAP process as the starting point for an adaptation communication. Specifically we invite Parties to consider the following elements of the NAP process to include in an adaptation communication:

- identification of climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptive capacity
- assessment of climate vulnerabilities
- adaptation plans, strategies, planned actions and expected results
- assessing progress, effectiveness and gaps
- updating of national adaptation plans

Canada appreciates this opportunity to provide further guidance on an adaptation communication and looks forward to continuing to share and exchange views with other Parties and stakeholders on this item.