



Agenda item # 4 - Further guidance in relation to Adaptation Communication, including, inter alia, as a component of Nationally Determined Contributions, referred to in article 7, Para. 10 and 11, of the Paris Agreement.

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The State of Kuwait would like to share its views and relevant inputs regarding the Annex table included in the informal note by the Co-Facilitators to develop further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication, in light of the discussions held during **APA 1-2** at **COP22** Marrakech.

In terms of the **purpose** of adaptation communication, Kuwait understands it as a way of recognition of actions and efforts made in adaptation in order to enhance adaptation profile and visibility. Also it helps in understanding adaptation as long term process including past, present and future actions to mobilize support and facilitate access to means of implementation. As indicated in **Article 7.10 of Paris Agreement**, “*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***”

While on the **elements** it could include elements defined in **Article 7.10 of the Paris Agreement** based on National circumstances of each party such as legal and policy frameworks and institutional arrangements, and in light of that the adaptation plans, programs, strategies and actions will be communicated as appropriate. Also it could contain the Adaptation needs, support needs, costs, levels and adequacy of support provided in accordance to **Article 7.13 of the Paris Agreement** “*Continuous and enhanced international support shall be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of paragraphs 7, 9, 10 and 11 of Article 7, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 9, 10 and 11*”. Furthermore, this support should take into account the development priorities, building adaptation capacity for the developing countries in relation to sustainable development criteria.

On the Possible **linkages** and **vehicle** of adaptation communication, As mentioned on **Article 7.11 of the Paris Agreement** *“The adaptation communication referred to in paragraph 10 of Article 7 shall be, as appropriate, submitted and updated periodically, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2, and/or a national communication”* the adaptation communication could be used as input for global Stock take, also it could be as part of NDCs and NCs or even the NAPs can be considered as adaptation communication if the party decides to do so. Regarding the **vehicle Article 7.11 of the Paris Agreement** defined several vehicles for the adaption communications, so each party has the right to choose the appropriate vehicle to communicate its adaptation efforts through it. Moreover, Kuwait’s suggests to utilize the existing system of NCs and build on it a system for the adaptation communication.

Finally, regarding the **Flexibilities** required for the adaptation communications mainly it should not create burdens on the parties, and it should give the party the freedom in choosing any vehicle to communicate its adaptation efforts.

