

**LMDC SUBMISSION 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 Republic of Ecuador, is pleased to present this submission on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries on Climate Change (LMDC) on the questions contained in the Informal Note raised by the co-Chairs and Information Note made by the secretariat on Agenda Item 4 (APA 1-3).

This submission includes responses by the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) Group in the UNFCCC to the questions on further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication raised by the co-Chairs in their Informal Note and Information Note made by the secretariat on Agenda Item 4 (documents no. Informal Note by the Co-Facilitators Nov. 2016 and FCCC/APA/2017/INF.1).

General Comments

1. The principles that guide the adaptation communication are in line with the principles of the Convention relating to adaptation especially for developing countries and to adaptation financing and in conjunction the framework of the Paris Agreement, including article 2, 3, 7 and 8. In this sense the communication's content, process and use shall reflect equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities of developed and developing Parties.
2. Therefore, it is fundamental to stress that this exercise should always remain a country driven process that provides flexibility at all stages to avoid any additional burden on developing country Parties.
3. The adaptation communication should be a tool to facilitate the provision of information on actions, needs and priorities regarding adaptation under the Convention and the Paris agreement, allowing for the operationalization of the global goal on adaptation, and serving as an input of the global stocktake.

Further guidance in relation to the adaptation communication

4. Given the role of the adaptation communication, in the light of Article 7 paragraph 10 that states it could include "priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions", and noting the information presented in FCCC/APA/2017/INF.1, the LMDC is of the view that developing countries are to provide optional elements in line with the following non-exhaustive list:
 - a. National circumstances
 - b. Capacity constraints, development priorities and relationship of actions with sustainable development and poverty eradication.
 - c. Impacts, vulnerabilities and risks (short- and long-term)
 - d. Legal and policy frameworks and institutional arrangements (national regulations relevant to climate change adaptation)
 - e. Description of decision-making processes and how and why adaptation options are prioritized
 - f. Key economic sectors in which adaptation action takes place

- g. Priorities, plans, actions, programs and strategies
 - h. Adaptation efforts for their recognition, communication as to their progress in implementation and identification of inputs and outputs
 - i. Costs of adaptation
 - j. Implementation and support needs and adaptation needs in terms of finance, technology and capacity building so that they can, with the appropriate support, be translated onto concrete projects and programmes
 - k. Indicative level and adequacy of support received
 - l. Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation, methodologies used and key findings.
5. The wide array of information that Parties may communicate in their adaptation communications, and the plethora of views that have been presented with relation to this agenda item, highlight two conclusions of the advancement of this work:
- First, a baseline from which to advance discussions needs to be established on the basis of the guidelines of national communications and national adaptation plans and on the information on adaptation that has been presented as part of these reports or as a component of (intended) nationally determined contributions.
 - Second, the tools that should be developed, be it the guidelines or the public registry referred to in article 7.12, need to reflect the flexibility that article 7.10 itself represents. In other words, the communication in itself is optional, and hence, it is up to each developing country that chooses to develop one, the depth, detail and frequency that it will apply.
6. Without prejudice to the above, a set of minimum information on actions implemented, plans, priorities, information on the implementation and needs should be presented so that adaptation communications are comparable and can inform the global stocktake in line with article 7.14.
7. In terms of avoiding additional burden to developing countries it is important to recall that article 7.13 of the Paris Agreement states that continuous and enhanced international support shall be provided, including for the generation, submission and update of any adaptation communication. Hence, the adequate support would be a precondition for developing countries to prepare the adaptation communication. Additionally, developing country Parties should retain the flexibility to present the adaptation communication as a standalone document, as a component of or in conjunction with other communications or documents, including a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution and/or a national communication. In the case it were to be submitted as a standalone document, tools should be developed in order to capture specific information from national communications, national adaptation plans, and nationally determined contributions, so as to generate a baseline information that countries may periodically use to develop the adaptation communication and link to the registry to be developed.
8. Finally, the group reiterates its willingness and interest for specific guidelines to be developed regarding the adaptation communication in order to establish a set of minimums on the actions and efforts implemented to pursue the global goal of adaptation and inform the global stocktake with regards to articles 2.1(b) and 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement.