

# Climate Adaptation at COP-21

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# Achim Steiner

- Separating mitigation and adaptation in UN climate talks is wrong, argues UNEP chief.
- “To have segregated these issues is one of the tragedies of the climate negotiating process...”

<http://www.vieuws.eu/environment/separating-mitigation-and-adaptation-in-un-climate-talks-is-wrong-argues-unep-chief/>

# INDCs

- In decision 1/CP.20 the COP also invited all Parties to consider communicating their *undertakings in adaptation planning or consider including an adaptation component in their intended nationally determined contributions.*

[http://unfccc.int/focus/indc\\_portal/items/8766.php](http://unfccc.int/focus/indc_portal/items/8766.php)

# Overview of main topics

- Parties are discussing adaptation in the context of the **post-2020 agreement** as well as in the ongoing discussions under the Convention, including the **LDC work programme, Nairobi work programme and Cancun Adaptation Framework**.
  - Discussions, among other things, are focusing on *formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans*, and ways to address *loss and damage*.

# Overview of main topics

- Major issues include ***how to include adaptation in the post-2020 agreement in a way that has legal and political parity with mitigation***, and does not involve a down-grading of adaptation discussions under a strengthened international climate regime under the Convention.
- Also of concern is ***the low levels of finance, technology and capacity building*** currently available to enable implementation of adaptation actions at the national level (i.e. ***to support the move from adaptation planning to adaptation action***).

# Africa, for example...

- The African Group has recognized:
  - the need to prioritize adaptation,
  - ensure funding of full costs,
  - increase access to additional public, grant-based resources,
  - expedite support for national adaptation planning, and
  - ***ensure the Adaptation Committee gives direction to relevant fund mechanisms, and expedite work on implementation of adaptation plans.***
- It has also urged ***operationalization of the new loss and damage mechanism*** agreed in Warsaw.
- Most studies suggest adaptation costs in Africa will be US\$ 20-30 billion per annum over the next 10 to 20 years (AfDB)

<http://www.climdev-africa.org/cop21/node/52>

# Africa, for example...

- Africa Group: *The governance of climate change adaptation on the continent requires*
  - *a review of the nature and trajectory of growth and development processes,*
  - *the democratization of global systems to achieve equity, and*
  - *the realignment of decision making processes to facilitate greater public engagement in the formulation of global and national responses to climate change.*

# Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

- PPPs often touted as a vehicle for advancing sustainability and resilience.
- “Collaboration” with the private sector
  - Continuum: procurement -> privatization
  - WSSD Type II
  - SDGs
  - FfD (Addis), blended finance
- PPPs are not just a financing vehicle for infrastructure projects -- must also consider policy, legal, governance aspects.
- World Bank, UNCITRAL, ABA, others...



# International Standards

- Is there a perceived need for international standards under ISO?
- Will there be international standards developed?

# SC7 process timeline

- 2008 SC7 Vision Report – mitigation & adaptation
- 2013 SC7 Adaptation AHG (no report)
- May 2014 SC7 forms Adaptation AHG
- Jan. 2015 draft NWIPs from UK, Japan & China
- Feb. 2015 SC7 ballot confirms Adaptation in SC7 scope
- April 2015 SC7 forms adaptation task force (ATF)
- June-July 2015 SC7 ATF convenes international experts to develop consensus on a draft “standards roadmap”
- Sep. 2015 SC7 strategic planning to build on “draft strategy”, establish Task Group and draft NWIPs

# SC7 Adaptation Task Force Members

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Sun Liang, China

John Dora, UK and Lesley Wilson, UK

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# Priorities for adaptation standards

<b>Adaptation Topic</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High + Medium</b>
<b>Vulnerability impact assessment</b>	83%	9%	91%
<b>Adaptation planning – coastal regions</b>	64%	30%	93%
<b>Adaptation planning – policy, governance, institutions</b>	64%	22%	87%
<b>Adaptation planning – urban context “resilient cities”</b>	64%	23%	86%
<b>Monitoring and evaluation (M&amp;E)</b>	62%	29%	91%