Dear Ms. Villasana,
Dear Ms. Gershinkova,
Dear Mr. Uosukainen

We would like to provide you with an update of the outcomes of the 14th meeting of the Adaptation Committee (24-26 October 2018), the 24th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), that are of relevance for the future collaboration between the TEC/CTCN and the AC. These include activities as reflected in the newly approved AC workplan for 2019-2021, the work of the task force on National Adaptation Plans (NAP-TF), the technical examination process on adaptation (TEP-A), several new tasks from the mandates from Parties for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and AC’s representation on the TEC’s task force on adaptation.

As part of its 2019-2021 flexible workplan, the AC agreed that in the first half of 2019 it would explore opportunities for enhanced interaction with the TEC and the CTCN and would also prepare a technical paper on the application of technologies for an adaptation priority topic in 2021.

The AC appreciated the work of the NAP-TF and requested the task force to inter-sessionally elaborate a draft workplan for the years 2019-2021 for consideration at AC 15, taking place from 19-21 March 2019. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the TEC for valuable contributions of Adelle Tomas to the work of the NAP-TF.

On the TEP-A, the AC appreciated the valuable contributions of TEC members Mareer Mohamed Husny and his successor Igor Onopchuk to the work of the group. The secretariat has prepared the 2018 technical paper which reflects discussions held at the TEM-A in May 2018 as well as other information relevant to the topic.¹ A more user-friendly online version will be issued soon on http://tep-a.org. We thank the CTCN again for its dedicated efforts and leadership as one of the co-organizers of the technical expert meeting on adaptation (TEM-A) in Bonn and for hosting the Asia-Pacific Regional TEM in Seoul, Republic of Korea. This year’s TEP-A will focus on adaptation finance and we will again invite contributions from the TEC and the CTCN.

¹ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/TP2018_3.pdf
We would also like to draw your attention to a set of decisions taken at COP 24 and CMA.1 that are of relevance to adaptation and that require further work by the TEC and the CTCN.

The CMA encouraged institutional arrangements related to technology development and transfer, in line with their mandates, to strive for a balance between adaptation and mitigation, while respecting a country-driven approach. Responding to growing adaptation needs, the CMA invited the Standing Committee on Finance, in line with its mandate and in collaboration with the TEC and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, to consider ways to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries, in the context of the limit to the increase in the global temperature goal referred to in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement, and to include recommendations in its annual report. Also, Parties requested the TEC and the CTCN to facilitate the provision of support for technology development and transfer for adaptation in developing country Parties, promoting a balance between adaptation and mitigation activities.3

Lastly, we are happy to inform you that AC agreed to nominate Mr. Clifford Mahlung for the TEC’s taskforce on adaptation.

We thank you for the good collaboration between the AC, the TEC and the CTCN and look forward to continuing this collaboration in the future and are available to discuss any questions and suggestions you may have.

Sincerely,

(signed by)

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2 Decision 11/CMA.1, para 3.
3 Decision 11/CMA.1, paras. 21 and 29.