Second meeting of the interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee

6 February 2020
The meeting took place remotely from 15:45-18:15 GMT

Report

Attendance

Ms. Fatima Zahra TAIBI (Co-Chair)
Mr. Luc GNACADJA (Co-Chair)
Ms. Evelyne BATAMULIZA
Mr. Daouda Ben Oumar NDIAYE
Mr. Axel MICHAELOWA
Mr. Assefa Tofu CHOFERE
Ms. Doreen MNYULWA
Ms. Louise Helen BROWN
I. Opening of the meeting.

*Action:* The ABM EC members will be invited to adopt the agenda.

1. The second meeting of the interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee (ABM EC) was conducted remotely. The ABM EC Co-Chairs, Ms. Fatima Zahra Taibi and Mr. Luc Gnacadja, opened and presided the meeting. The meeting opened at 15:45 GMT. The ABM EC adopted the agenda.

II. Debrief from COP25.

2. The ABM secretariat and the ABM EC members who attended COP25, Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Mr. Daouda Ben Oumar Ndiaye and Mr. Axel Michaelowa reported briefly on the outcomes of importance for the ABM from the negotiations, the events and the bilateral meetings during COP25, which took place from 2-13 December in Madrid, Spain, and answered questions for clarification. The ABM EC discussed the global trends for adaptation, including the global move for the development of adaptation metrics to which the ABM intends to contribute, as well as the views expressed by various countries and key organisations at different levels at COP25 and other fora. The ABM EC took note of the growing coalition of African countries supporting the ABM, the submissions of Uganda and Cote d'Ivoire made during the sessions and the fact that the ABM is mentioned in the draft text on Article 6.8 as an example for a non-market-based approach. The ABM EC agreed that, in order to inform its future work, it is necessary to take stock and keep abreast of the whole landscape for adaptation. The ABM EC requested the secretariat to prepare a summary report on all ABM events at COP25 for information.

III. Review of the annual work plan for 2020.

3. The ABM EC discussed the prioritized deliverables for the first and second quarter of 2020 identified in its work plan and agreed on tentative deadlines and allocation of tasks. The ABM EC noted the background information provided by the secretariat, which can inform its further work.

4. The ABM EC clarified that the financial needs for completing the planned activities and meetings should be assessed under item “V. Budgets and resource mobilization” of the work plan.

4. ABM EC Co-Chairs commended all ABM EC members for their enthusiasm to undertake ambitious work.

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IV. Status of the project portfolio and pipeline.

5. The ABM EC took note of the update provided by the secretariat on the portfolio and pipeline of candidate ABM demonstration projects of the African Development Bank and requested the secretariat to provide more information on the anticipated outputs and adaptation benefits of the project ideas.

V. Upcoming strategic engagements.

**Action:** The ABM EC members will be invited to identify events of relevance for the ABM and discuss possible engagement.

6. The ABM EC encouraged individual members and the secretariat to utilize opportunities for participating, organizing activities and sharing information on the ABM at relevant events and discussed in particular the following:
   
   (a) 24-27 March 2020, Bonn, Germany – 17th meeting of the Adaptation Committee;
   
   (b) 20-24 April 2020, Kampala, Uganda – Africa Climate Week;
   
   (c) 27-30 April 2020, New Delhi, India - Adaptation Futures Conference;
   
   (d) 26-29 May 2020, Barcelona, Spain - Innovate4Climate;
   
   (e) 1-11 June 2020, Bonn Germany - Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB52);
   
   (f) 9-19 November 2020, Glasgow, United Kingdom - COP26.

7. The ABM EC noted the possible relevance of the ABM for the objectives of the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee, the Global Commission on Adaptation, the Global Center on Adaptation and the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance and decided to explore further opportunities to engage these bodies on the ABM.

8. The ABM EC requested the secretariat to explore opportunities for holding an ABM EC event at the Africa Climate Week, as well as for organizing a briefing for climate change negotiators present and for participation of ABM EC members in relevant other events and side-events.

9. The ABM EC noted the 17 February 2020 deadline for submission of event ideas for the Innovate4Climate conference and requested the secretariat to prepare a proposal for an event of the African Development Bank on the ABM and circulate it to the ABM EC for inputs.

10. The ABM EC noted that the joint African Development Bank and ABM EC event on the ABM at the Adaptation Futures Conference has been approved, as well as the request for merging, and encouraged pro-active cooperation with the relevant organizations on a joint event.

11. The ABM EC requested the secretariat to explore opportunities for organizing side-events at both the June SBs and COP26 and decided to aim at a strong presence at COP26 with concrete deliverables of the ABM EC.
VI. Date and place for the next meeting.

12. The ABM EC decided to consider holding its next in-person meeting off-site during the Africa Climate Week (20-24 April 2020) in Kampala, Uganda and requested the secretariat to collect and share information on options and logistic arrangements.

VII. Budget for 2020.

Action: The ABM EC members will be invited to take note of the information provided by the ABM secretariat.

13. The ABM EC noted the information provided by the secretariat on the available budget for 2020 and the resource mobilization efforts of the Bank.

14. The ABM EC noted with concern the lack of dedicated funding for the secretariat, including for the meetings of the ABM EC and the implementation of its ambitious work plan for 2020, as well as the very limited project-related funding available.

15. The ABM EC encouraged the secretariat to intensify its resource mobilization efforts for both short-term activities-related funding and longer-term structural funding for the secretariat, and requested it to provide regular updates on the budget, taking into account the needs of the ABM EC to be identified in the first quarter of 2020.

VIII. Any other business and closure of the meeting.

16. The second meeting of the ABM EC closed on Thursday, 6 February 2020, at 18:15 GMT.