

Submission by Government of India on Enhanced Action on Adaptation and its Means of Implementation

Preamble

- Adaptation needs to receive the same level of attention as that given to mitigation for reasons that the adverse impacts of climate change can pose a serious risk to a sustainable economic and social development.
- There is need for a comprehensive and flexible framework to address the different aspects of adaptation that will lead to the formulation and implementation of adaptation plans, build resilience, and reduce and manage risks with appropriate financial and technological support.

I. Principles

- Key principles for enhanced action for adaptation and means of implementation inter alia should include:
 - Equity and principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities under the convention.
 - Establish new, additional and predictable financial resources that are supported by appropriate institutional mechanism.
 - Promote coherence in a way that adaptation issues are addressed under the UNFCCC.
 - Build access to means of implementation including finance, technology, capacity building, and knowledge sharing for adaptation at national, sub regional, regional and international levels.
 - Implementation of Adaptation actions should take into account diverse and specific characteristics of different levels of vulnerability assessments including gender sensitivity as integral part of adaptation actions.
 - Cover full costs of technology for stand alone adaptation projects.

II. Institutional Mechanism

- Appropriate institutional mechanisms at national, sub regional, regional and international level for adaptation should be established with an executive board responsible to Conference of Parties for the management, delivery and easy access of resources. The executive board should be supported by an advisory body that will assist the board on issues related to methodologies, provide

guidance on additional costs, and for establishing templates and matrices for project design reflecting sector specific characteristics. A secretariat to support the operations of the arrangements and a trustee for managing and disbursing funds will be required to be incorporated within this institutional arrangement.

III. Means of Implementation

- The financial resources for enhanced adaptation action should be adequate, agreed full costs, predictable, timely and stable with provisions of direct, simplified and expeditious access to developing country Parties.

IV. Implementation of adaptation actions

- The adaptation actions should inter alia include, enabling activities, activities related to reducing vulnerabilities, rehabilitation and compensation for loss and damage, resilience building through Adaptation projects and programmes; Adaptation technologies; Insurance; and mainstreaming adaptation in the national developmental programmes. This should also include activities such as capacity building, learning by doing and knowledge sharing.

V. Risk and Insurance

- Assessment of risks associated with climate change is the fundamental requirement for devising adaptation plans to combat climate change. For addressing climate change risks, insurance mechanisms in the nature of crop insurance, flood insurance and other insurances as per the adaptation requirements need to be included.

VI. Monitoring and Feedback

- An appropriate monitoring and feed back mechanism should be established to ensure full implementation of developed country Parties under the Convention.