OECD Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation  
(Draft Mandate)

The OECD Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation, hereafter TFCCA, will assist the OECD Secretariat in scoping future directions for work on adaptation to climate change. It will facilitate delivery of related projects for the Environment Policy Committee’s Working Parties on Climate, Investment & Development (WPCID) and on Biodiversity, Water & Ecosystems (WPBWE) to advance countries’ policy agendas in support of strengthening their resilience to climate change and climate variability.

Objectives

1. The objectives of the TFCCA are to:
   a. Provide a platform for a focused discussion and advice on relevant outputs under the OECD’s Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) on resilience and adaptation to climate change and climate variability;
   b. Provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge on the latest research and country practices on adapting to a changing climate;
   c. Identify and advise on the future development of data and indicators that can assist countries in assessing, benchmarking and monitoring progress in implementing national adaptation policies.

Working methods

2. In order to achieve these objectives, the TFCCA will:
   a. Meet between 11th February 2020 and the 11th of February 2022 (ideally back-to-back with meetings of WPCID or WPBWE or other relevant EPOC bodies);
   b. Advise EPOC and its working parties on ongoing research on (i) the arising climate risks and their expected social (distributional), economic and environmental impacts; (ii) measures that strengthen resilience effectively and efficiently; and (iii) the financing of such measures by private and public stakeholders;
   c. Support EPOC and its working parties in the development of guidance on climate change adaptation, which in turn can support countries’ advancements in implementing their climate resilience agendas
   d. Map policies and practices and develop indicators that enable cross-country monitoring and comparisons with a view to enhancing the OECD’s set of environmental indicators

Composition

3. A range of stakeholders, across different ministries and levels of government, scientific advisors as well as private stakeholders are invited to contribute to the TFCCA on an ad hoc basis. While the TFCCA brings together lead agencies in charge of climate change adaptation within governments, sectoral representatives, such as from land-use planning, forestry services, tourism, agriculture, health or transport, are invited if and where relevant.