

1st Meeting of the OECD Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation

AGENDA

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■ Overview

The OECD Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation (TFCCA) meets as part of the OECD's Working Parties on Climate, Investment & Development as well as on Biodiversity, Water & Ecosystems; both are part of the OECD Environment Policy Committee. The objective of the TFCCA is to assist the OECD Secretariat in delivering projects for the Environment Policy Committee to advance countries' policy agendas in support of strengthening their resilience to climate change and climate variability. The TFCCA seeks to promote concrete solutions and develop policy guidance on climate change adaptation. This work will be informed by policy analysis, the collection of data and the development of indicators, carried out as part of the Environment Policy Committee projects. The results can inspire national policies on adaptation and facilitate the assessment and monitoring of progress in implementing countries' climate change adaptation agendas.

This first meeting of the TFCCA seeks to:

- Familiarise countries with the TFCCA and give them the opportunity to discuss their views of the tasks that will be undertaken by it;
- Discuss and agree on the TFCCA's mandate;
- Showcase the value of the TFCCA in generating information and ideas that can inspire countries' climate change adaptation policies;
- Discuss opportunities for relevant work, in the context of the Environment Policy Committee's programme of work for 2019-20 and 2021-22.

09:15-09:30 **Welcome and opening Remarks**

Speakers **Simon Buckle**, Head of the OECD's Climate, Biodiversity & Water Division, Meeting Chair

The OECD Secretariat will welcome participants and provide the rationale for the creation of the OECD Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation (TFCCA). Some background on climate change adaptation as part of the OECD's past and future work programmes will be provided. Objectives for the first meeting will be laid out.

09:30-11:00 **Horizon scanning: the future of climate change adaptation**

This session seeks to shed light on selected issues in climate change adaptation that may be increasingly well understood by academic researchers, but whose policy relevance is only just emerging. It aims at informing countries' continuous progress and advancements in their adaptation policy agendas.

Note: This session is proposed as a recurrent session for the TFCCA, in which emerging issues are presented for discussion.

Speakers **"The future of climate change adaptation: reflections on the 1.5°C report on the impacts of global warming"**, Prof. Daniela Jacob, Director, Climate Service Center Germany, Helmholtz-Zentrum

"The impact of climate change on climate extreme events: the case of wildfires", Prof. Stefan Doerr, University of Swansea.

"The implications of climate extreme events for infrastructure development" Stephane Hallegatte, World Bank Climate Change Group

Questions for discussion

The following questions are proposed for discussion:

- How do these issues resonate with concerns or priorities in your own country or organisation?
- How do climate extreme events affect policies, investments and other initiatives, at local, national, global or corporate level?

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-12:30 Roundtable discussion on climate change adaptation priorities. First round:

Speakers All delegates

In this session, the Chair will invite all delegates to present their countries' (or organisations') ongoing adaptation engagements as well as the key challenges that countries may face in accelerating the implementation of their national adaptation plans or strategies. The objective of the discussion is to get a comprehensive understanding of the ongoing priorities and stumbling blocks that may inhibit the pace of implementation and success of interventions.

Note: each delegate has a maximum of 5 minutes for her/his intervention.

Questions for discussion

The roundtable discussion seeks for each delegate to react to the following questions:

- *What are the ongoing adaptation priorities identified by your country or the organisation you are representing?*
- *Where does your country or organisation stand in implementing those priorities (such as, but not only restricted to, those spelled out in the national adaptation plan)? What are the main gaps?*
- *How can the OECD TFCCA best reinforce and support country efforts?*

12:30-13:45 Lunch Break

13:45-14:45 Roundtable discussion on climate change adaptation priorities. Second round

Speakers All delegates

The Roundtable continues.

The Secretariat will cluster issues around a subset of challenges, which have been reported by the delegates. Delegates will be invited to comment on this attempt.

14:45-15:45 Recent OECD work on climate change adaptation

Objectives This session will provide insights into selected projects the OECD has been leading on climate change adaptation. The objective is to showcase the type of work the OECD has and can conduct in support of the TFCCA's objectives. A general overview will be supplemented by a couple of highlights from selected topics outside of the Environment Directorate. This will inform the discussion in the following session on the future work on adaptation as part of the OECD's program of work 2021-22.

Speakers **"Key insights from recent and ongoing OECD work on climate change adaptation"**, Catherine Gamper, OECD Environment Directorate

"The economic impact of climate change on agriculture", Guillaume Gruère., OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate

"Financial protection of climate change risks", Mamiko Yokoi-Arai, OECD Directorate for Financial Affairs

Questions for discussion

The following questions are proposed for discussion:

- How can OECD work best inform domestic and international discussions on adaptation?
- What are the most appropriate ways to communicate the results of this work to your respective constituencies?

15:45–16:15 *Coffee break*

Objectives In this session the OECD Secretariat will present the adaptation projects tentatively proposed for the future programme of work of the OECD's Environment Policy Committee (2021-2022). Linkages to adaptation-related deliverables proposed in other OECD committees will be highlighted.

The TFCCA delegates play a key role in advising the OECD Environment Policy Committee and its Working Parties on the adaptation work priorities. The results of this discussion will be reported back to the Working Party on Climate, Investment and Development, to take place on 12-13 February 2020.

The Chair will provide an overview of the process underlying the development of the EPOC work programme so that delegates understand when and how they can interact with their country colleagues in the process.

Speaker Catherine Gamper, OECD Environment Directorate

Questions for discussion The following questions are proposed for discussion:

- What adaptation-related policy areas are of utmost importance for your country and the international community?
- What **type** of OECD projects are of the greatest interest for you: thematic projects with a policy or economics angle and general policy recommendations; country-specific analyses and recommendations; adaptation in the context of other policy areas; support for the design and/or implementation of country-specific reforms or strategies; or others?
- On the country-focused work, is there interest in conducting national adaptation policy dialogues?

Document *Draft proposed work programme for the OECD's Environment Policy Committee.*

17:15-17:45 **Mandate of the OECD's TFCCA**

Objectives In this session the Chair will invite participants to discuss the mandate as well as the possible tasks to be undertaken by the TFCCA.

Questions for discussion

The following questions are proposed for discussion:

- Does the mandate reflect the role you would like the TFCCA to have? If not, what do you propose to add or change in the mandate?
- What type of outputs would you like to see by the TFCCA over the course of the next two years?
- What format would you suggest the TFCCA to have?

Document *Draft proposed mandate of the OECD TFCCA*

17:45-18:00 **Concluding remarks**

Objectives The Chair will provide concluding remarks, which will include a summary of the next steps to be undertaken by the TFCCA.

18:00 **Cocktail**

