

12th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 7 (c)

Overview of existing partnerships providing technical support on adaptation

Draft overview of the landscape of existing platforms providing technical support to developing country Parties on adaptation

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I: Introduction and background

❖ Definition of technical support

- Individualized and/or customized assistance to a developing country Party encountering a technical problem or challenge at national and/or subnational level, in response to a specific request from a government.
 - ✓ Expert assistance
 - ✓ Financing
 - ✓ Help desk
 - ✓ Customized information and knowledge products
 - ✓ Customized webinars
 - ✓ In-person customized training.



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❖ Criteria used to select platforms

- Be **more than a knowledge portal** that provides information, technical reports, policy briefs, guidance material, reports on tools/methods, or information on training opportunities and events;
- Provide focused, **custom-tailored services** to broker, facilitate or directly provide technical support, specifically or primarily, in the area of climate change **adaptation**;
- Provide technical support for **multiple developing countries**, specifically or primarily, to national governments or subnational governments;
- Provide **demand-driven technical support**, responding to a specific challenge or request from a national or subnational government.



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Based on the Cancun Adaptation Framework:

- ❖ 17 areas of technical support
 - E.g. access to financial resources; climate data, information and observations; climate scenarios; impact and vulnerability assessments; implementation/project impact assessment; planning and prioritization; technology transfer...
- ❖ 21 sectors of technical support
 - E.g. agriculture; coastal area/zones; disaster risk reduction; ecosystem-based adaptation; food security; gender; health; human settlements; tourism; water resources...



II: Summary

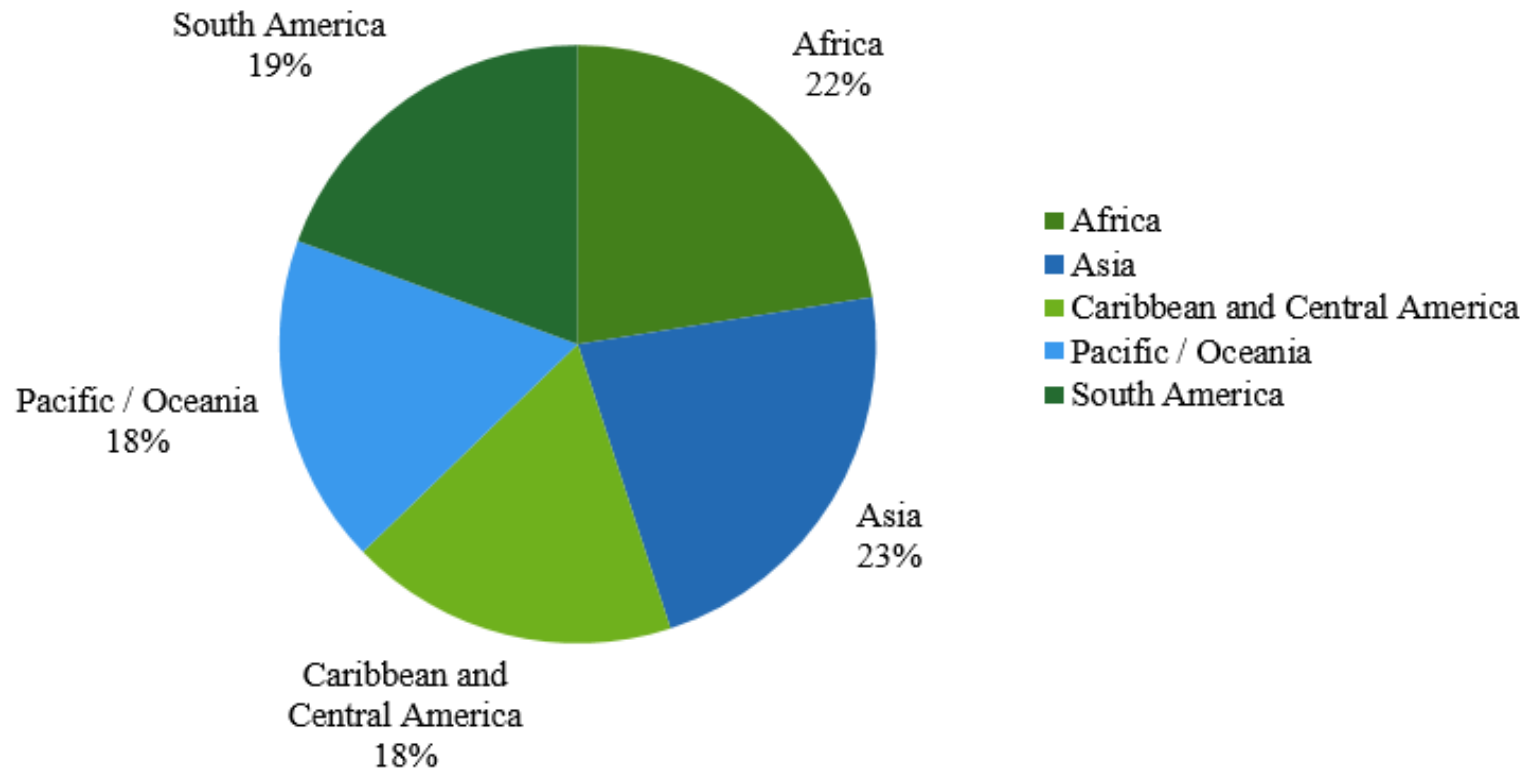
Type of host organization, partnership, and membership of platforms

Type of host organization	Total number	Implementing partners		Membership-based	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
NGOs	19	19	-	10	9
IGOs	9	8	1	8	1
UN affiliated	16	14	2	9	7
National/public entity	1	1	-	-	1
Total number of platforms	45	42	3	27	18



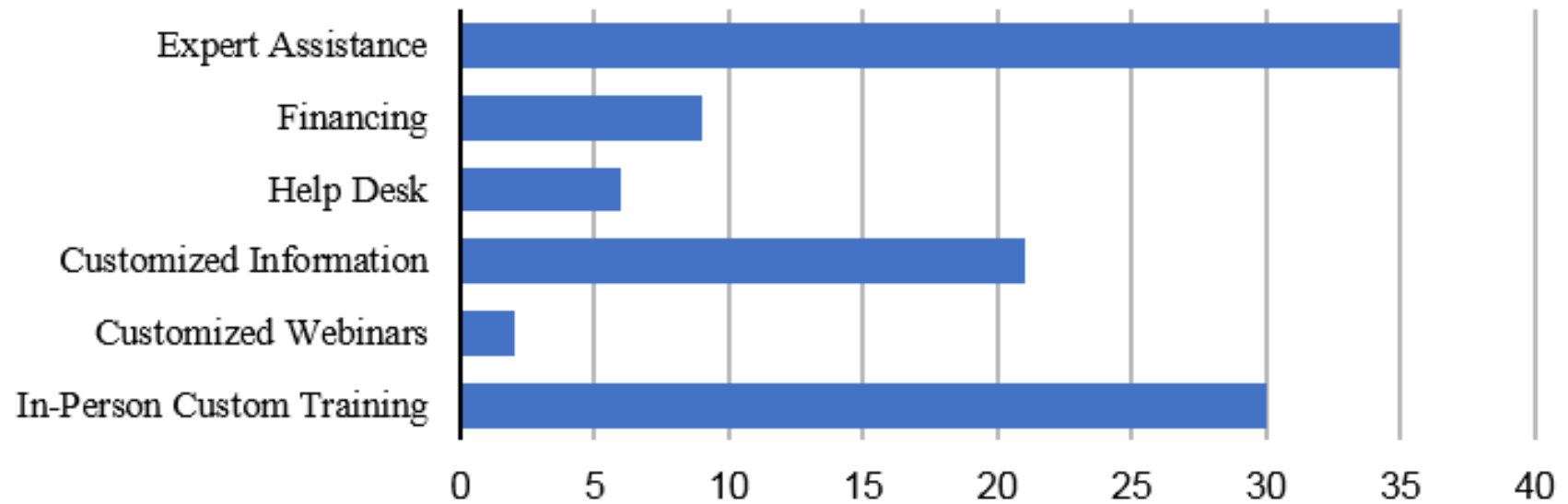
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Geographic coverage by world region



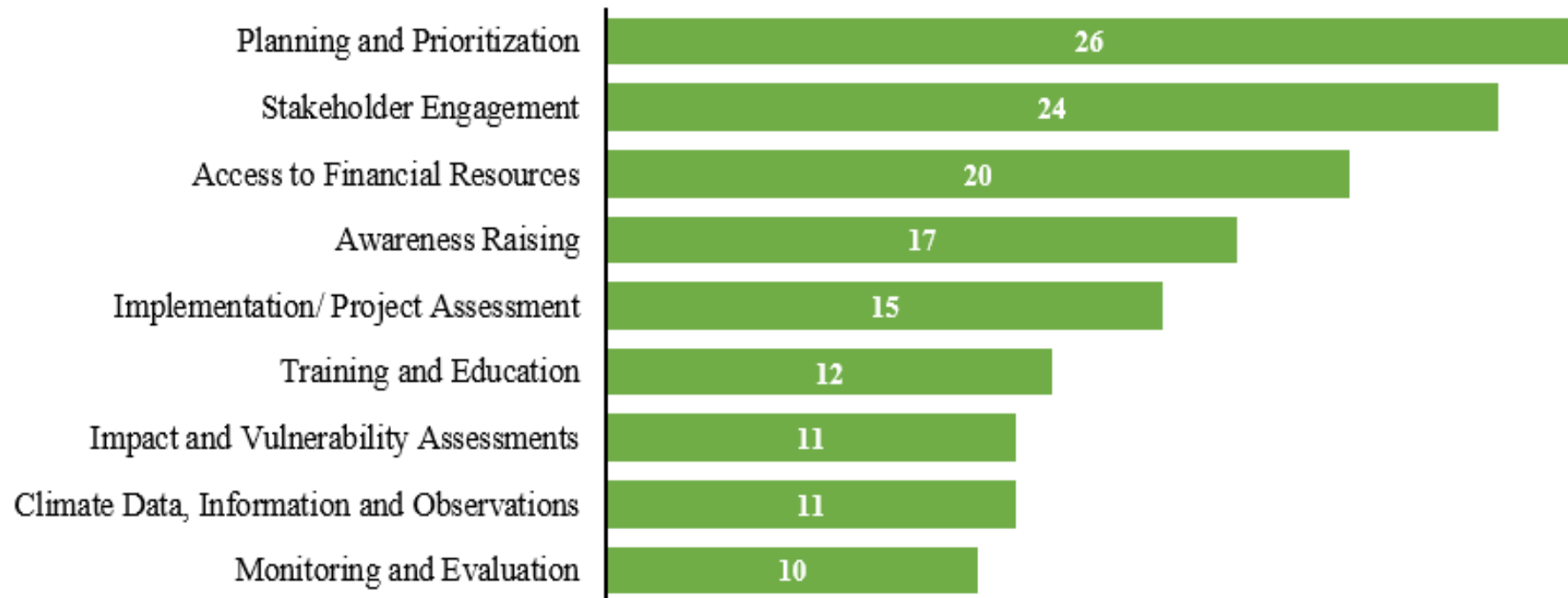
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Number of platforms per modality of technical support



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Number of platforms per area of technical support



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Sector coverage by number of platforms

16 - 19 Platforms covering	11- 15 Platforms covering	6 -10 Platforms covering	1 - 5 Platforms covering
Adaptation Finance (19) Water resources (19) Disaster Risk and Reduction (17) Agriculture (16)	Human Settlements (15) Urban Resilience (14) Energy (13) Gender (13) Coastal Area / Zones (11)	Infrastructure (10) Food Security (10) Community-based adaptation (9) Ecosystem-based adaptation (8) Health (8) Biodiversity (6) Freshwater Fisheries (6) Ecosystems (6)	Heavy Industry (3) Tourism (2) Services (1) Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge (1)



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❖ Request processes:

- Ad-hoc requests from national and subnational governments (5);
- Ad-hoc requests from platform members only (11);
- Requests in the framework of an approved project with(in) the platform/mechanism (15);
- Request in the framework of existing partnerships/collaboration between the platform or host organization and a given government (14)



II: Summary

Conclusions of the report:

- ❖ Many initiatives providing technical assistance to respond to the adaptation needs of developing country Parties both at national and subnational levels;
- ❖ **A new global platform is not needed.**
- ❖ More clarity in information from host organizations could add value, help coordination and cooperation between organizations, which would in turn help prevent duplications and address gaps.



III: Next Steps

Next steps suggested in the report:

- ❖ Requesting the secretariat to make this document, along with the overview referred to in annex 2 available in a user-friendly format on the Adaptation Knowledge Portal;
- ❖ Inviting other existing platforms that are not contained in the list and that however match the established criteria to request to be included therein;
- ❖ Inviting organizations that are listed in the mapping to regularly update the information provided in the Excel file/online version;
- ❖ Requesting the AC, NWP partner organizations and the CTCN to widely promote the overview once it is available.

