

11th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 10(a)
Adaptation Forum

Bonn, Germany, 7 to 10 March 2017



I: Introduction and background

Since its inception in 2012, the AC has had on its workplan the periodic organization of an Adaptation Forum to raise the profile of adaptation.

Three such fora so far:

1. Warsaw, 2013, on the sidelines of COP 19 “*Adapting to a Changing Climate*”. Output: Successful video documentary advocating the importance of adaptation to climate change globally.
2. Panama City, 2015, in conjunction with the Forum of the Global Adaptation Network. Focus: Building partnerships and strengthening regional adaptation networks.
3. Rotterdam in 2016, in the context of the Adaptation Futures conference. Focus: Adaptation under the UNFCCC after the Paris Agreement.



II: Summary

Current AC workplan: “AC to hold an Adaptation Forum, as appropriate, seeking synergy or in conjunction with the high-level event.”

Experience from COP 22 in Marrakesh:

- The AC’s influence on the organization of the high-level event is limited;
- It was generally felt that the high-level event was not especially successful in, and not the best forum for, raising the profile of adaptation.

Current situation: AC has:

- No resources to organize a large Forum;
- No offers to host or to collaborate.



III: Next Steps

AC 11 will be invited to consider:

- If and when it would like to conduct the next Adaptation Forum
- Which modality may best be suited to ensure added value, looking at:
 - Overall volume of meetings and conferences on climate change adaptation organized under and outside the UNFCCC, including those already planned for 2017;
 - Resource constraints

