

Adaptation Committee

Achievements and plans for the future

Adaptation Committee side event at COP 21

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The Adaptation Committee is the overall advisory body on adaptation under the Convention established COP 16 in 2010

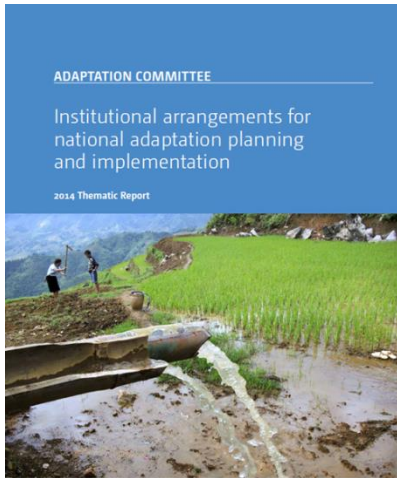
It promotes adaptation through five functions:

1. Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties
2. Sharing information, knowledge, experience and good practices
3. Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks
4. Providing information and recommendations on finance, technology and capacity-building
5. Considering information on the monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received.

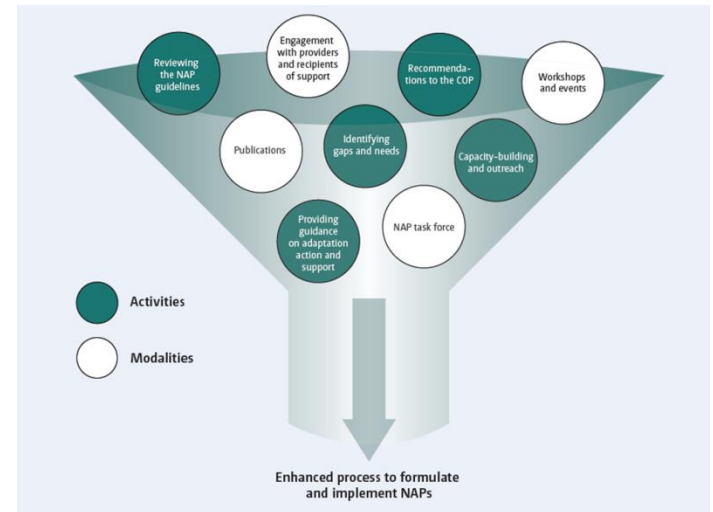


AC's key activities during 2012-2015 on providing technical support and guidance on adaptation action

Process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs)

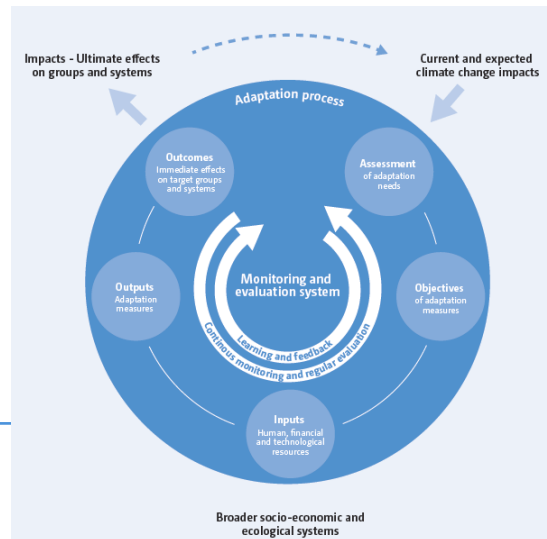


Institutional arrangements for national adaptation planning and implementation



Promotion of livelihoods and economic diversification

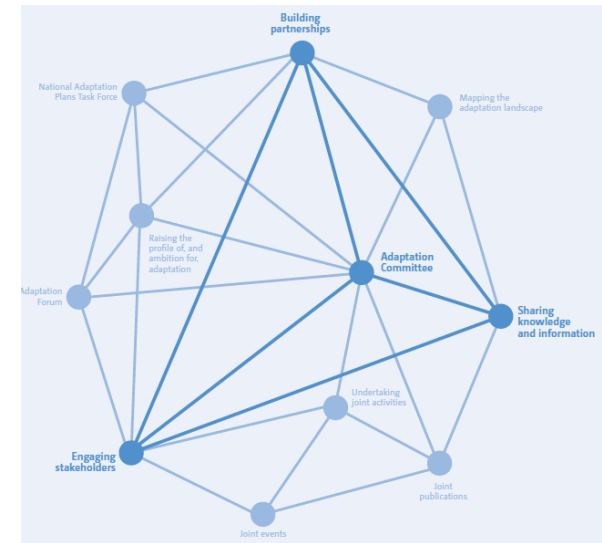
Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation



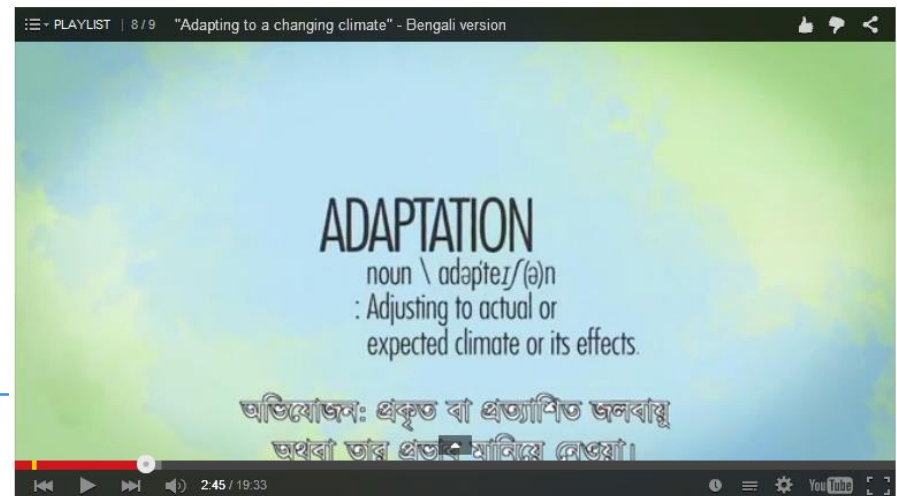
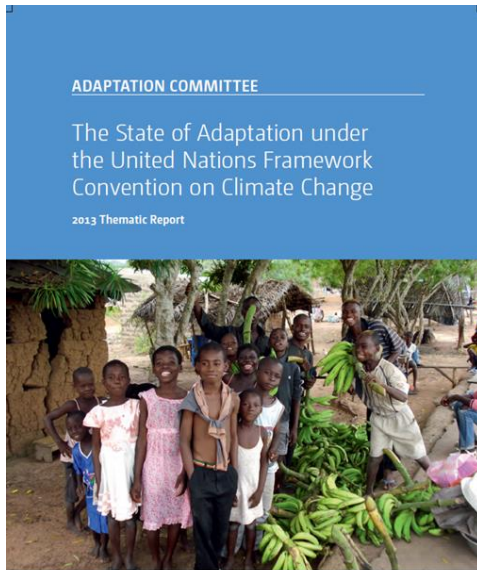
AC's key activities during 2012-2015 on awareness-raising, outreach, and sharing of information

Promoting coherence and collaboration through:

- Building partnerships and undertaking joint activities
- Engaging stakeholders
- Sharing knowledge and information



Raising the profile of, and ambition for, adaptation



AC 2015 publication: Overview of the AC work 2012-2015



The publication highlights the AC's achievements to date and plans for the future.

The publication particularly informs on how the AC:

1. Provides technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action and means of implementation
2. Promotes coherence and collaboration
3. Plans to sustain and enhance the momentum

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AC 2015 publication: Available support for the NAP process



The publication provides a snapshot of available support under the Convention and also touches upon additional support provided by multilateral, regional and bilateral institutions.

Information clustered along:

1. Guidance and resources
2. Financial support
3. Support for technical and institutional capacity
4. Technological support
5. Systematic observation, science and climate services
6. Knowledge and information provision and sharing

AC expresses its gratitude for contributions from relevant bodies

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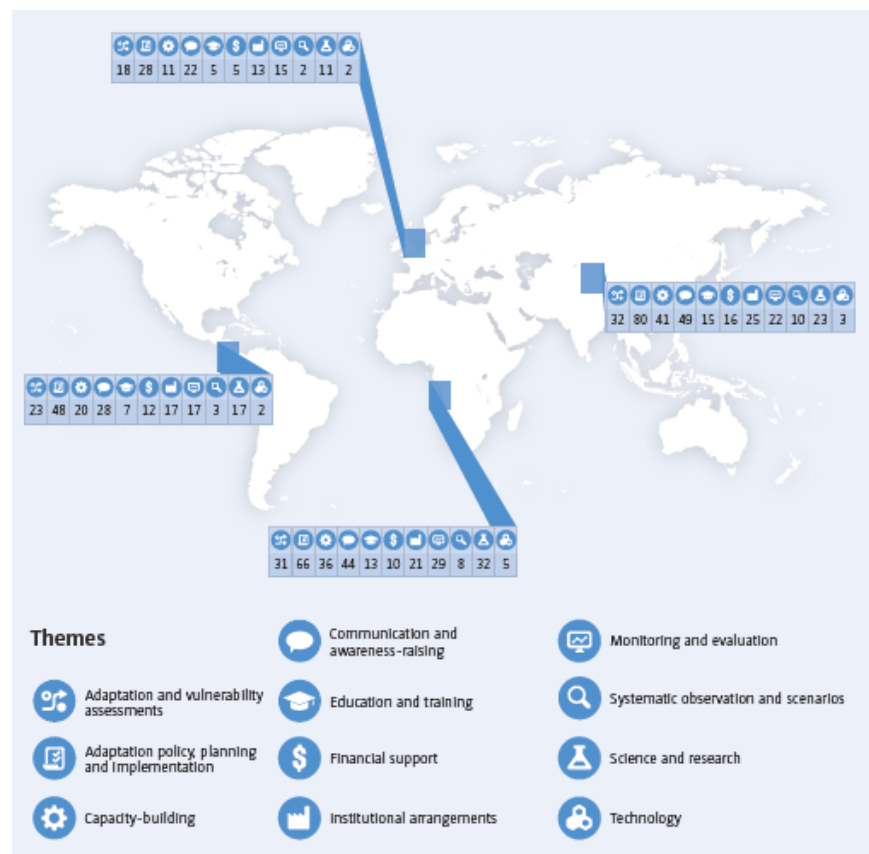
AC's focus on technical support and capacity-building

Activities during 2012-2015

- Overview of support provided by international and regional centres and networks to developing countries
- Dialogue and recommendations on the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including through its NAP-task force

Planned activities during 2016-2018

- Address gaps through a partnership platform with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks to scale-up technical support to developing countries.
- Continue engagement on the NAPs



AC's focus on providing technical support and guidance on technology

Activities during 2012-2015

- Collaboration with TEC and CTCN on policy briefs on technology for adaptation in the agriculture and water sectors, including through a joint workshop

Planned activities during 2016-2018

- Provide guidance to countries on how to align their technology needs assessments with the process to formulate and implement NAPs.



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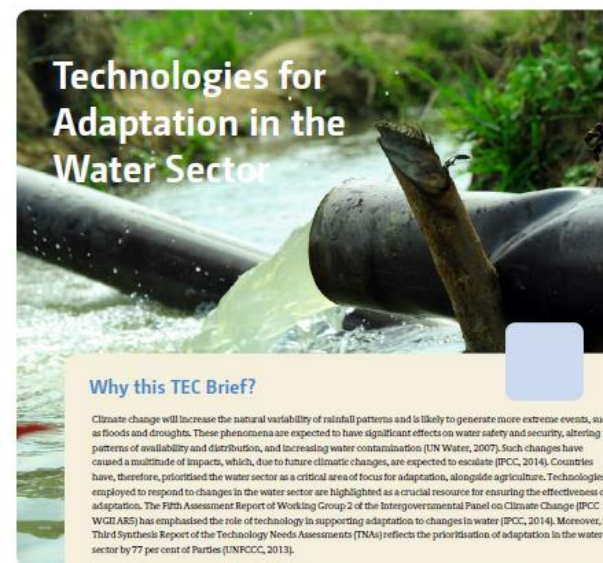


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Why this TEC Brief?

Climate change will increase the natural variability of rainfall patterns and is likely to generate more extreme events, such as floods and droughts. These phenomena are expected to have significant effects on water safety and security, altering patterns of availability and distribution, and increasing water contamination (UN Water, 2007). Such changes have caused a multitude of impacts, which, due to future climatic changes, are expected to escalate (IPCC, 2014). Countries have, therefore, prioritized the water sector as a critical area of focus for adaptation, alongside agriculture. Technologies employed to respond to changes in the water sector are highlighted as a crucial resource for ensuring the effectiveness of adaptation. The Fifth Assessment Report of Working Group 2 of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC WGLARS) has emphasized the role of technology in supporting adaptation to changes in water (IPCC, 2014). Moreover, the Third Synthesis Report of the Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) reflects the prioritisation of adaptation in the water sector by 77 per cent of Parties (UNFCCC, 2013).

The Technology Executive Committee (TEC) recognises the need for appropriate policies to support countries in employing technologies for adaptation, in order to meet the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate



AC's focus on providing technical support and guidance on finance

Activities during 2012-2015

- Stocktaking of gaps and needs through workshops, dialogues and analyses of submissions and recommendations to enhance financial support for the NAPs, including through the LDCF, SCCF and the GCF



Planned activities during 2016-2018

- Support the development of national adaptation financing frameworks by collecting lessons learned and good practices from national implementing entities of funds, programmes and initiatives, including as they relate to enabling environments, institutional arrangements and long-term financial strategies



- In light of past and planned activities of the Adaptation Committee:
 - Which additional activities should the Adaptation Committee undertake and through which modalities to enhance the provision of finance, technology and capacity-building?
 - How can collaboration between the Adaptation Committee and other bodies be enhanced and around which activities in order to enhance the provision of finance, technology and capacity-building?



Thank you

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