# The Adaptation Committee

### Promoting enhanced, coherent action on adaptation under the UNFCCC

The Adaptation Committee (AC) is the principal body under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) providing expert guidance on adaptation and ensuring that adaptation is addressed coherently under the UNFCCC process

#### The AC work is centred around five core functions:



Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks



Sharing relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices



Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties



Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties (COP)



Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received

The AC is currently composed of 10 women and 6 men with a diversity of experience and knowledge relevant to adaptation to climate change. It engages with, and draws on the expertise of, relevant intergovernmental, international, regional, national and subnational organizations, centres and networks, the private sector and civil society, in undertaking its work. It applies a gender-responsive, participatory and inclusive approach, and includes the perspective and knowledge of local and indigenous peoples in all of its activities.

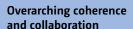
The AC's flexible workplan for 2022-2024 is designed to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner throughout the adaptation cycle. This is an outlook of the committee's key activities for the coming three years:

## Progress on adaptation



Technical support and guidance on reviewing subnational, national, and collective adaptation progress, including mandates from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA)

- Technical paper on monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level
- Synthesis reports related to the recognition of adaptation efforts of developing countries
- Input to the Global Stocktake
- Contributing towards the compilation of methodologies on reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support



- Mapping of adaptation-related mandates across the Convention and the Paris Agreement with a view to identify and enhance opportunities for coherence and synergy
- Advice to Nairobi Work Programme (NWP)
- Annual dialogues with adaptation-related institutions under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to discuss ways to address adaptation coherently
- Targeted collaborative activities with constituted bodies



### Awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing

- Adaptation Finance Bulletin
- Annual flagship publications summarizing facts and figures from adaptation-related national reports
- Annual Adaptation Forum showcasing adaptation action
- Enhanced AC communication strategy

## implementation on the national and subnational levels, including on means of implementation

#### Work of the NAP Task Force: NAP support; gender; contributing to NAP Expos, NAP Central, etc.

Technical support and guidance on adaptation planning and

- Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs
- Supplementary guidance for Adaptation Communications
- Online information source for NAP support
- Inputs on guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
- Annual dialogue on closing capacity gaps in adaptation funding
- Private sector engagement in adaptation
- Technologies for adaptation

# AC highlights in 2021

Despite the challenges and restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the AC has continued moving forward on its technical work and achieved milestones in implementing its 2019-2021 workplan



## Focusing on data for adaptation

Effective adaptation requires the use of different categories of data which are increasingly available in various forms and at different scales. Gaps and challenges remain, but opportunities exist to enhance the provision and use of such data. The AC issued a technical paper on adaptation-related data at different spatial and temporal scales, based on its work conducted in 2020.



# Focusing on adaptation finance and support

Adaptation finance and support remain a priority for the AC. This includes periodic <u>Adaptation Finance Bulletins</u> and an upcoming online resource to help navigate the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs. The AC finalized an information note on <u>capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding</u> and started work on a second synthesis report on assessing and meeting adaptation costs.



#### Implementing the Paris Agreement



### Addressing climate hazards

Countries have used many approaches to reduce exposure and vulnerability to climate hazards. The AC published a <u>synthesis report examining how developing countries address climate hazards</u>, and the report will contribute to recognizing their efforts.

in addressing all mandates from the CMA entailing inputs and exchanges on adaptation communications, assessing adaptation needs, adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, recognizing adaptation efforts, and its forthcoming synthesis report as input to the global stocktake. The AC also issued a detailed technical paper on approaches to reviewing overall progress towards achieving the global goal on adaptation.

The AC has a transparent and inclusive approach



## Adopting a new workplan



Working together towards enhanced adaptation action

Coherence and collaboration are priorities for the AC. This is reflected not only in its work with other UNFCCC constituted bodies, including through the <u>AC NAP task force</u>, but also in its collaboration with - and providing advice to - <u>NWP partners</u>, and the valuable interaction with observers to the AC's regular meetings.

The AC agreed on its <u>flexible workplan for 2022–2024</u>, which aims to enhance work on promoting coherence and collaboration; awareness-raising, outreach and information-sharing; providing technical support and guidance on adaptation planning and implementation at the national and subnational level; and reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress.