

The Adaptation Committee

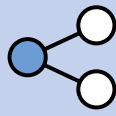
Promoting enhanced, coherent action on adaptation under the UNFCCC

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

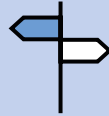
The AC work is centred around five core functions:



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



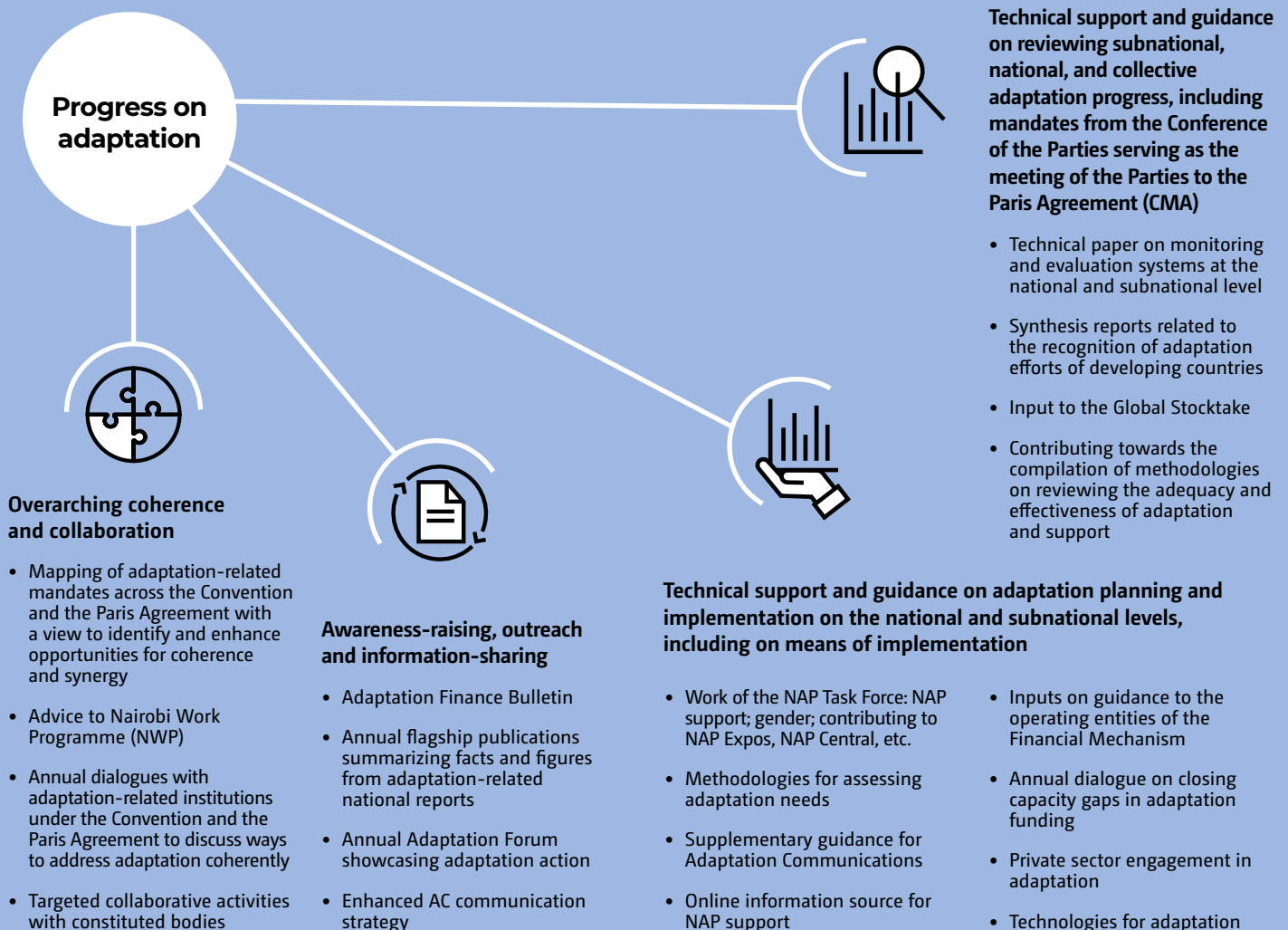
Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties (COP)



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:



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 [Adaptation Finance Bulletins](#) 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 [capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding](#) and started work on a second synthesis report on assessing and meeting adaptation costs.



Addressing climate hazards

Countries have used many approaches to reduce exposure and vulnerability to climate hazards. The AC published a [synthesis report examining how developing countries address climate hazards](#), and the report will contribute to recognizing their efforts.



Implementing the Paris Agreement

The AC has a transparent and inclusive approach 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](#).



Adopting a new workplan

The AC agreed on its [flexible workplan for 2022–2024](#), 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.



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 [AC NAP task force](#), but also in its [collaboration with - and providing advice to - NWP partners](#), and the valuable interaction with observers to the AC's regular meetings.