

Summary of the work of the constituted bodies during the first half of 2021

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Informal Dialogue with the constituted bodies

Convened by the Presidencies and the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies

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Name of constituted body: Adaptation Committee

Relevant links on the UNFCCC website:

- Constituted Body Page: <https://unfccc.int/Adaptation-Committee>
- Workplan: <https://unfccc.int/documents/218221>
- Recent reports of the constituted body to the relevant governing and/or subsidiary body:
 - o 2019: [FCCC/SB/2019/3](#), [overview infographic](#)
 - o 2020: [FCCC/SB/2020/2](#), [overview infographic](#), [overview video](#)
 - o 2021: to be issued before COP 26

Last meeting: 16-19 March 2021

Next meeting: 7-10 September 2021

Highlights of work undertaken in the first half of 2021:

- Established in 2010, the Adaptation Committee (AC) is the United Nations' premier expert body addressing climate change adaptation. Its goal is to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention.
- Throughout its work, coherence and collaboration have been priorities for the AC. This is reflected not only in its work with other constituted bodies through its taskforce on national adaptation plans, but also in its collaboration with the Nairobi work programme.
- Adaptation finance and support remains a priority for the AC. The AC is finalizing an information note on capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding; working on a comprehensive online information resource on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs; and it agreed to focus a synthesis report, to be published in 2022, on the broad theme of assessing and meeting adaptation costs. This synthesis report intends to contribute to recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, which also responds to a mandate from the CMA.
- Building on its previous work on the topic of monitoring and evaluation of adaptation, the AC is preparing to host an event in the second half of 2021, to be followed by a technical paper featuring case studies of monitoring and evaluation systems from the national, regional, and transboundary level.
- Regarding the status of the AC's work on the CMA mandates, the AC has been applying a transparent and inclusive approach, inviting inputs and active exchanges on a number of themes.
- Responding to the task of considering approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation, and to reflect the outcome of this consideration in its 2021 annual report, the AC produced a draft technical paper that reviews relevant literature, presents examples of existing systems for reviewing adaptation progress at different levels, and reflections on recurring themes, overarching considerations, and potential methodologies. The AC is now in the process of designing next steps to build on this work and continue its consideration of this issue with interested Parties and stakeholders, which included hosting a related webinar in May 2021. The AC has further been invited by the current and incoming

Presidencies to contribute to related events held during the 2021 regional climate weeks, held between May and July this year.

- On the AC's mandate to develop draft supplementary guidance for Parties to use on a voluntary basis in communicating adaptation information, the AC has developed an outline and is currently working towards completing a full draft. The AC has contacted the IPCC in the course of completing this work, sharing its plans and timelines. The AC will host a webinar around the end of June this year, to hear the views and experiences of Parties, practitioners, and other stakeholders, which will in turn inform the AC's approach to completing this work.
- Regarding methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, the AC, in collaboration with the LEG, partner organizations of the NWP, and other relevant stakeholders, launched a pilot inventory containing such methodologies last year. The inventory is still open for new entries. In addition, the AC has received submissions from Parties and organizations that will, along with the inventory, and with engagement of IPCC Working Group II, as appropriate, be the basis for a technical paper that the AC is preparing for consideration by the SBSTA in November 2022.
- On the compilation of methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, the AC and the LEG have been compiling such methodologies and other technical reports and documentation in this area. While continuing this work, they are now exploring further avenues for taking this task forward, including by working more closely with the SCF.
- Regarding the global stocktake, the AC, along with other constituted bodies, has been invited to prepare a synthesis report in its area of expertise as an input to the stocktake. In 2020, the AC began considering the scope of its report, produced a draft annotated outline, and initiated discussions with other constituted bodies to ensure that their various synthesis reports complement, rather than duplicate, one another. Building on this foundation, the AC will continue working towards completing its report by February 2022.
- Overall, the AC firmly grounds its work in the belief that effective adaptation action must be gender-responsive and participatory. It therefore agreed to apply a gender lens to all aspects of its work and makes sure to include the perspective of knowledge of vulnerable groups, including local and indigenous peoples.