

Thirty years of Adaptation Under the UNFCCC: Updated report by the Adaptation Committee

Draft concept note and annotated outline

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 25th meeting, will be invited to consider the draft concept note and annotated outline for the updated report on *Thirty years of adaptation under the UNFCCC* and provide any additional guidance as needed to inform the preparation of the report.

1. Introduction and background

1. In 2019, the AC published a report titled *25 Years of Adaptation Under the UNFCCC*,¹ which served as an update of an earlier publication, titled *The State of Adaptation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*,² released in 2013. The report was launched at COP 25 through a side event inviting representatives of other adaptation-related constituted bodies to reflect on the history and future of adaptation under the UNFCCC process.³
2. The 2019 edition continues to be a widely consulted document and remains in the AC's top 5 downloaded publications five years after publication. 2024 marks another key milestone, namely 30 years since the entry into force of the Convention, and therefore a timely opportunity to update the publication. In addition, the five years since the publication of the 2019 report have seen significant developments on adaptation in the UNFCCC process, including the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and the conclusion of the first global stocktake.
3. The draft annotated outline in section 2 below provides an overview of the types of updates that will be reflected in the 2024 edition of the report. This list is not comprehensive. In addition, the figures contained in the 2019 report will be updated as needed, and new ones may be added to complement the revised text.

2. Draft annotated outline

4. **Abbreviations and acronyms**
5. **Foreword by the Co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee**
6. **Chapter I: Introduction:** Updates to this brief chapter would include explaining the rationale for and purpose of the update, including in relation to the significance of the UNFCCC's 30-year milestone, and a short overview of the structure and content of the revised report.

¹ Available at

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC_25%20Years%20of%20Adaptation%20Under%20the%20UNFCCC_2019.pdf

² Available at

https://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/cancun_adaptation_framework/adaptation_committee/application/pdf/ac_2013_report_high_res.pdf

³ See <https://unfccc.int/event/25-years-of-adaptation-under-the-unfccc>

7. **Chapter II: The adaptation challenge:** This chapter will be updated to include findings from the sixth assessment cycle of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the World Meteorological Organization's State of the Climate 2023, the 2023 Adaptation Gap Report, and other relevant findings highlighting the state and urgency of adaptation action.

8. **Chapter III: Evolution of adaptation under the UNFCCC:** This chapter will reflect specific examples of key developments on adaptation under the UNFCCC process since 2019, including the work related to the global goal on adaptation (i.e. the Glasgow Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation, the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, and the UAE – Belém work programme on indicators); adaptation in the first global stocktake; relevant updates from constituted bodies and their recent technical work related to adaptation; the landscape of reporting and communications documents related to adaptation and any insights that can be gained from the latest nationally determined contributions, submissions of adaptation communications, and other documents; and the establishment of the fund for responding to loss and damage.

9. **Chapter IV: Multilateral, international, regional and national organizations and stakeholders advancing adaptation:** Updates to this chapter will include advances made in the broader landscape of adaptation action, including, for example, the Early Warnings for All initiative; the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; the United Nations Secretary-General's Adaptation Pipeline Accelerator; the mid-term reviews of the sustainable development goals and the Sendai Framework, and more. Updates to this chapter may also draw on the discussions at the 2024 Adaptation Forum, as appropriate.

10. **Chapter V: Looking ahead:** This chapter will be revised to reflect key upcoming milestones that are relevant to adaptation expected in the coming years, including the UAE – Belém work programme, assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, the new collective quantified goal on climate finance, increasing regional work on adaptation, and the second global stocktake.

3. Next steps

11. The preparation of the report will proceed according to the following approximate timeline:

- a) June 2024: First draft circulated to the AC for consideration and review.
- b) August 2024: Second draft circulated to the AC for consideration and review.
- c) September 2024 (AC 26): Third draft circulated to the AC for final review and approval.
- d) November 2024 (COP 29): Report launched with communications campaign and, if appropriate, an associated event.

12. At AC 25, the AC may wish to take note of the information contained above and provide the secretariat with any additional guidance as needed to proceed with the drafting of the report.

Documentation information

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0.1.0	01 March 2024	AC 25 The AC is invited to take note of the information contained in this document and provide further guidance as needed.

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