

## Adaptation Committee 2025

### 2026 Synthesis Report on Recognizing the Adaptation Efforts of Developing Country Parties

#### Concept note

#### Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 27th meeting, will be invited to consider the information and next steps contained in this note and provide further guidance, as appropriate.

## 1. Background

1. In line with decision 11/CMA.1, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) requested the UNFCCC secretariat, under the guidance of the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to prepare biennial synthesis reports starting in 2020. These reports are intended to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, focusing on specific adaptation themes, lessons learned, and good practices.
2. To date, three synthesis reports have been prepared:
  - a) 2020: How developing countries are addressing hazards;
  - b) 2022: Assessing and meeting the costs of adaptation;
  - c) 2024/25 (in preparation): Institutional arrangements and stakeholder engagement.

## 2. Purpose of this Note

3. This concept note aims to inform the Adaptation Committee at its 27th meeting (AC27) on possible themes and scope for the fourth synthesis report to be issued in 2026, thereby continuing this important work.
4. This note is intended to:
  - a) **Propose and describe possible themes** for the 2026 synthesis report;
  - b) Propose a roadmap for the preparation and delivery of the report;
  - c) Highlight collaboration opportunities with relevant stakeholders, including the LEG and other constituted bodies under the Convention, research organizations, and national institutions.
5. The expected outputs and outcomes of the 2026 synthesis report includes emphasizing its role in recognizing and showcasing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties. The report will provide evidence-based documentation of good practices, enabling conditions, and lessons learned, thereby enhancing visibility, informing policy, and supporting international cooperation. It will also contribute to global processes under the Paris Agreement, such as the Global Goal on Adaptation and the second Global Stocktake, while fostering peer learning and knowledge exchange among countries and stakeholders.

### 3. Possible themes for the 2026 Synthesis Report

6. The fourth synthesis report presents an opportunity to further deepen the global understanding of the diverse, innovative, and context-specific adaptation efforts undertaken by developing countries. The following themes are proposed:

7. **Option 1: Enabling adaptation by private actors**

8. This theme would explore how developing countries are mobilizing and enabling private sector engagement in adaptation through the use of economic and policy instruments, including:

- a) Regulatory frameworks for climate-resilient investments;
- b) Risk-sharing and risk transfer mechanisms (e.g., insurance, public-private partnerships);
- c) Incentives, subsidies, and fiscal reforms (e.g., taxes, tariffs, and pricing reforms);
- d) Financial de-risking tools and guarantees;
- e) Capacity-building for private sector actors and entrepreneurs in adaptation-related sectors.

9. This theme aligns closely with efforts to mobilize non-State actors, enhance innovation, and leverage blended finance in the adaptation space.

10. **Theme 2: South-South and regional collaboration on adaptation**

11. This theme would explore how developing countries are leveraging regional institutions, frameworks, and bilateral or multilateral cooperation for:

- a) Capacity-building and peer learning;
- b) Knowledge-sharing platforms and regional data systems;
- c) Joint adaptation planning and transboundary resilience initiatives;
- d) Coordination under regional adaptation frameworks (e.g., regional climate centres, intergovernmental forums).
- e) Such collaboration is critical to addressing shared climate risks and achieving the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) in a regionally coherent manner.

12. **Theme 3: Strengthening reporting and data systems for adaptation**

13. This theme would explore efforts by developing countries to build and institutionalize adaptation monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) systems, in line with the enhanced transparency framework and the Global Stocktake (GST1) outcomes. Focus areas may include:

- a) Development of national adaptation indicators;
- b) Integration of traditional and scientific knowledge in MEL systems;
- c) Strengthening national statistical systems and data-sharing platforms;
- d) Capacity-building for evidence-based policymaking and iterative learning.

14. This theme supports enhanced reporting and recognition of adaptation efforts, and would be closely aligned with work under the GGA framework and UNFCCC reporting tools, such as adaptation communications and NAPs.

15. **Theme 4: Advancing adaptation through science, education, and technology collaboration**

16. This theme would highlight the role of science, technology, and education in enabling adaptation, including:

- a) National and regional research agendas on climate risk and adaptation;
- b) Integration of adaptation into national education curricula and vocational training;
- c) University, think-tank, and innovation hub partnerships for locally led adaptation solutions;
- d) Use of emerging technologies (e.g., geospatial analysis, AI, climate modelling) to inform decision-making.

17. This theme is in line with Article 11 of the Paris Agreement on capacity-building and promotes systemic approaches for long-term adaptation transformation.

18. **Theme 5: Other relevant or combined themes as determined by the Adaptation Committee**

19. Recognizing the evolving and cross-cutting nature of adaptation efforts, this theme would offer the flexibility for the Adaptation Committee to:

- a) Propose an alternative theme that reflects emerging adaptation priorities or opportunities stemming from global or regional processes (e.g., GST, GGA framework);
- b) Combine elements from multiple themes proposed above to better reflect the integrated nature of adaptation planning, implementation, and support;
- c) Highlight thematic areas raised by developing country Parties, regional groups, or key stakeholders during consultations.
- d) This option ensures that the synthesis report remains responsive to new developments, Party-driven needs, and ongoing negotiations and scientific assessments.

#### 4. Next steps

20. The AC may wish to:

- a) **Consider and agree a theme** for the 2026 synthesis report;
- b) **Request the secretariat** to initiate the development of a **methodological framework and outline**, including:
  - i) Key research questions;
  - ii) Modalities for stakeholder engagement;
  - iii) Approach for identifying and compiling case studies;
  - iv) Linkages with global adaptation frameworks and ongoing processes (e.g., GGA framework, GST, NAPs, adaptation communications);
- c) **Invite the secretariat to present preliminary findings and methodology** at AC28 (2025);
- d) **Review a first draft** of the report at AC29 (2026);
- e) **Finalize the synthesis report** at AC30 (late 2026) for publication and presentation to the CMA.

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