

“Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans”**Concept note for a technical session by the Adaptation Committee at the 2025 NAP Expo****Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee**

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 27th meeting, will be invited to take note of the information contained in the concept note and provide further guidance to the secretariat, as appropriate.

1. Background

1. The 10th NAP Expo is to take place from 12 to 15 August 2025 in Lusaka, Zambia. The overall objective of the NAP Expos is to promote the exchange of experiences and foster partnerships between a wide range of actors and stakeholders on how to advance National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). This year’s NAP Expo will focus on “Innovations in the NAP process”. It is taking place in the crucial year in which, according to decision 1/CMA.5, para 59, all Parties are called on to have in place their national adaptation plans, policies and planning processes, with a view to having progressed in implementing them by 2030.

2. Considering the AC’s overall function and ongoing related mandates, the NAP Expo represents an opportune event for it to present itself as a facilitator of enhanced and coherent global adaptation action and to promote its products that may contribute to that.

2. Considerations

3. In designing the technical session it has been allocated for the 2025 NAP Expo, the AC may wish to consider the following ongoing mandates as well as relevant past and present activities:

2.1. Ongoing mandates

- i) A request to the AC, through its NAP Taskforce, and the LEG to continue to include in their reports information on the gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs identified in undertaking their mandated work and on how to address them (decision 7/CP.25, para 3);
- ii) A request to the AC and the LEG to continue to identify the priority gaps and needs of developing countries related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, the progress of each country in this process and any obstacles and challenges faced (decision 9/CP.27, para. 7);
- iii) A request to the AC and the LEG to organize training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs, which could be held in conjunction with the NAP Expo, the Adaptation Forum or other events outlined in their respective work programmes (decision 9/CP.27, para. 9);
- iv) An invitation to the AC, in collaboration with the CGE and the LEG, to support the implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience with technical guidance and training materials thereon (decision 2/CMA.5, para 44);
- v) A decision by the CMA to make use of existing national, regional and global events, including the NAP Expo and the Adaptation Forum of the AC, to showcase the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties (decision 11/CMA.1, para 12).

2.2. Relevant previous and ongoing activities

- i) At the 2022 NAP Expo, the AC, with the support of the NAP task force and in collaboration with the LEG, hosted an event titled “Matching needs with support in formulating and implementing NAPs”.¹ The event provided a platform for showcasing support available to address the gaps and needs as identified by the AC and the LEG in accordance with their mandate,² and for discussing ways to address further gaps and needs in a more coherent and strategic manner;
- ii) In 2023 and 2024, respectively, the AC conducted two parts of a dialogue on addressing developing country Parties’ capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding. The first part was held with the other adaptation-related constituted bodies and the second with a wider range of stakeholders, including representatives of Parties and the support community.³ The second part particularly focused on addressing capacity gaps in translating adaptation priorities and plans into finance and investment strategies, plans and projects. This topic was selected based on the outcomes of the first part of the dialogue, the above-mentioned work to identify and address gaps and needs related to the NAP process as well as on previous work conducted by the AC to address developing country Parties’ capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding;⁴
- iii) At the 2024 NAP Expo, the AC and the LEG conducted training sessions on addressing identified gaps and needs on the following three themes: 1) Accessing funding for implementing NAPs;⁵ Developing and applying monitoring, evaluation and learning tools;⁶ and focusing on vulnerable groups and communities in implementing NAPs;⁷
- iv) In 2022 the AC developed an updated version of its publication “Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans”, originally published in 2015. The update took into account relevant gaps and needs of developing country Parties as identified through the work of the AC and the LEG as described above.⁸ The publication was complemented with an online tool to enhance the user experience and to allow for more flexibility in updating the information.⁹ According to its 2025-2027 flexible workplan, the AC will update the publication and online tool again in 2025, taking into account the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience (decision 2/CMA.5), the updated technical guidelines for the process to formulate and implement NAPs,¹⁰ the evolving landscape of support, identified gaps and needs of Parties, and other relevant findings and developments.

¹ The event page is available at <https://napexpo.org/2022/sessions/plenary-session-5-2-1-matching-needs-with-support-in-formulating-and-implementing-naps-ac-leg/>.

² Previous work by the AC and the LEG is available at the following links: <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/national-adaptation-plans-naps/gaps-and-needs-related-to-the-naps/>; [AC/2019/23](https://unfccc.int/2019/23); [AC/2020/8](https://unfccc.int/2020/8).

³ Information on the first part of the dialogue is available at <https://unfccc.int/event/ac-dialogue-capacity-gaps-access-adap-fund-part1>. Information on the second part of the dialogue is available at <https://unfccc.int/event/ac-dialogue-gaps-accessing-adaptation-funding-part2>.

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/documents/302884>.

⁵ More information on the session and related training material is available at <https://expo.napcentral.org/2024/sessions/training-naps-accessing-funding-for-implementation/>.

⁶ More information on the session and related training material is available at <https://expo.napcentral.org/2024/sessions/developing-applying-mel-tools/>.

⁷ More information on the session and related training material is available at <https://expo.napcentral.org/2024/sessions/focusing-on-vulnerable-groups-and-communities-in-implementing-naps/>.

⁸ The updated version of the publication is available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/resources/publications/navigating-the-landscape-of-support-for-the-process-to-formulate-and-implement-national-adaptation>.

⁹ The online tool is available at <https://unfccc.int/napsupport>.

¹⁰ The LEG is planning to publish the updated guidelines prior to the 2025 NAP Expo. Further information is available at <https://unfccc.int/updates/naps-technical-guidelines>.

3. Objective of the session

2. Considering the ongoing mandates and activities and related findings, the AC, with the support of its NAP task force, is planning to hold a session on “Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans” at the 2025 NAP Expo.

3. The objectives of the session are to

- i) Provide technical guidance and training to experts and trainers on navigating the landscape of support for NAPs, based on the AC’s publication and online tool and their planned updates, particularly in the context of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and the updated technical guidelines for the process to formulate and implement NAPs (see above);
- ii) Present good practice examples on the provision of selected forms of support, serving as a way to recognize adaptation efforts of developing country Parties and to facilitate peer learning among Party representatives;
- iii) Seek feedback from participants on the publication and online tool and their planned updates as well as on potential needs for additional forms of guidance and training;
- iv) Provide visibility and disseminate resources by the AC and its NAP TF.

4. Presenters and contributors

4. The following presenters and contributors will be invited to assist in conducting the session, subject to their physical presence at the NAP Expo:

- i) AC members and representatives of the NAP task force to present different parts of the publication and online tool and their planned updates;
- ii) Representatives of Parties, adaptation focal points and providers of support to present specific good practice examples on selected forms of support.

5. Proposed agenda and setting

5. The suggested setting would allow for 30–50 participants in a class-room style or roundtable setting.

6. **Proposed agenda:**

Time	Content	Speaker
PART 1 – Welcome and introduction		
10 mins	Welcome and introduction to the session	AC member
PART 2 – Technical guidance and training on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including good practice examples		
40 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of available NAP support based on the “Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans” publication and online tool • Strategic outlook to support available for NAPs in the context of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and the updated guidelines for NAPs 	AC members, NAP Taskforce members, representatives of providers of support, as available
20 mins	Good practice examples on the application of available support for specific aspects of the NAP process	Representatives of countries and providers of support
PART 3 – Feedback and closing		
15 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive discussion with participants on the value of the AC’s publication and online tool on the landscape of support for NAPs and the planned updates 	AC member, all participants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of potential needs for additional forms of guidance and training <p><i>Participants could be asked to provide written feedback via Mentimeter or on paper subject to the session's setting</i></p>	
5 mins	Wrapping up and closing	AC member

6. Next steps

7. The AC may wish to take note of the following next step and provide further guidance, as needed, at AC 27:

- Secretariat to start planning the technical session based on this concept note, and in collaboration with the NAP task force, taking into account the AC's further guidance on the planned 2025 update of the online tool on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, as received at AC 27.

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