

27th meeting of the Adaptation Committee



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Agenda item 6

Potential Activities in the Area of Adaptive Capacity Assessment

Concept Note – AC27/CN/6

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Presenter: AC member

I. Introduction and background

- Adaptive capacity is critical for planning, implementing, and tracking adaptation.
- AC26 emphasized the need to strengthen work in this area.
- AC27 is invited to provide further guidance based on draft options.
- The concept is referenced in IPCC reports and key for the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA).

II. Why Focus on Adaptive Capacity?

- Enables systems and communities to respond to climate risks and variability.
- Under-assessed due to its complexity and context-specific nature.
- Clarifying this concept helps improve NAPs, adaptation communications, and resilience tracking.

III. Current gaps in methodologies

- No standardized approach across contexts or scales.
- Existing assessments lack coherence between local and national levels.
- Insufficient attention to governance, equity, and participation.
- Data and forward-looking capacity remain limited.

IV. Proposed Activities for the AC

1. Technical review and mapping:

- Map existing methodologies and tools, including regional relevance.

2. Conceptual clarification note:

- Develop a guidance note with indicators and examples.

3. Case documentation:

- Collect case studies of effective, inclusive assessments.

4. Knowledge exchange:

- Hold a targeted webinar with IPCC, PCCB, and others.

5. Collaborate with other bodies:

- Engage LEG, PCCB, and NWP to align on indicators and priorities.

V. Next steps – the AC may wish to...

- 1) **AC27:** Confirm scope and initial activities
- 2) **Q3 2025:** Organize knowledge-sharing webinar
- 3) **Q3–Q4 2025:** Conduct technical mapping review
- 4) **By AC28:** Prepare a guidance concept note
- 5) **Ongoing:** Coordinate with partners (LEG, PCCB, NWP)
- 6) **2026 (optional):** Explore regional or thematic workshop