

## Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans

### Advanced concept note on the next update

#### Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 29th meeting, will be invited to consider the information and next steps contained in this note and its annex and provide further guidance, as appropriate.

### I. Background

1. In 2015 the Adaptation Committee published the thematic report “Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans” (NAP process). The report provided an overview of financial, technological and capacity building support as well as support in the form of guidance, information and knowledge from multilateral and bilateral channels of support available for developing countries that undertake the NAP process.
2. In 2022, the AC, through its NAP task force (NAP TF) and with the support of the secretariat, produced an update of the 2015 report, updating the information and expanding the categories of support covered.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the publication was complemented by an online information source which allows for more frequent and flexible updates of the information.<sup>2</sup>
3. As part of its 2025–2027 flexible workplan, the AC decided to periodically update the online resource, starting in 2025, and in collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and other constituted bodies, as appropriate.
4. At AC 27, the AC considered a draft concept note for the update and decided to take into account additional feedback from AC members and the NAP TF intersessionally for advancing the concept and to continue considering how to involve external experts and organizations in order to enhance the quality of the online resource. It also decided to present the current online resource (as updated in 2022) at the 2025 NAP Expo, and seek feedback from participants on how it could be improved with a view to taking this information into account at AC 28. It also requested the secretariat to prepare a zero draft of the 2025 update, including placeholders on feedback from the NAP TF and the NAP Expo session, for consideration by the AC at its 28th meeting.
5. AC 28 considered the zero draft of the planned update and the feedback received from participants of the NAP Expo session and agreed to update the information of the online resource within its current [2022] scope. It also requested the secretariat to prepare a revised document for the AC’s consideration, including on the scope of the next update.

<sup>1</sup> 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>.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/napsupport>.

6. The draft update of the online resource within its 2022 scope is contained in document AC29/INF/7A.

## II. Consideration of relevant mandates

7. The AC may wish to consider the following relevant mandates which may guide the next update of the online resource:

(a) Decision 2/CMA.5, paragraph 47, in which the CMA requested the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) to update the technical guidelines for the national adaptation plan process, reflecting the provisions of this decision as well as the best available science, including the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the updated technical guidelines have been published in August 2025)<sup>3</sup>

(b) Decision 3/CMA.6, paragraph 16, through which the CMA noted that national adaptation plans are one of the important channels via which the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5 could be achieved;

(c) Decision 8/CP.30, paragraph 17, through which the COP noted the gaps and needs referred to in the 2024 synthesis report by the secretariat on progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including in terms of the provision of adequate and predictable finance, technology transfer and capacity-building support, and in relation to access to adequate data on downscaled and localized climate scenarios for use in impact, vulnerability and risk assessments, and to tools for collecting and assimilating national data on climate variables and on socioeconomic risks and vulnerabilities and for designing adaptation actions to address medium- and long-term needs;

(d) Decision 8/CP.30, paragraph 18, in which the COP requested the AC and the LEG, in line with their respective mandates, to enhance their work on addressing the gaps and needs referred to in paragraph 17 above and to include information thereon in their annual reports to the relevant governing body or bodies.

## III. Objective of the next update

8. Despite the availability of existing resources, many countries continue to face challenges in identifying, accessing and navigating the evolving landscape of support for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans. These challenges are further compounded by new expectations arising from recent mandates, including those related to the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience. The planned update aims to address these challenges by providing a structured overview of the growing landscape and by allowing for dynamic updates over time.

9. The proposed update also aims to transition from a primarily supply-driven compilation of support towards a more user-oriented resource, including by tailoring its structure and functions to different user needs and by introducing additional interactive components.

## IV. Approach and draft outline of the next update

10. Taking into account the discussions and written inputs received at AC 28, as well as the provisions contained in relevant COP and CMA mandates, the following revised modular approach for updating the online resource is proposed for the AC's consideration at AC 29.

---

<sup>3</sup> The updated technical guidelines for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans are available at <https://unfccc.int/national-adaptation-plans#NAPguidelines>.

Phase 1 will focus on a set of priority enhancements to ensure alignment with recent mandates and to address key gaps and needs identified by Parties, while additional elements may be included subject to available resources.

(a) **Phase 1 – 2026 (see draft outline in the annex):**

(i) Include information on support available for adaptation planning and implementation in line with the UAE Framework’s thematic and dimensional targets as contained in paragraph 9 and 10 of decision 2/CMA.5 and with a view to achieving the Global Goal on Adaptation as established in Art.7.1 of the Paris Agreement and noting the gaps and needs outlined in paragraph 7 (c) above;

(ii) Include, to the extent possible, information on support available for incorporating cross-cutting considerations into national adaptation planning and implementation as referred to in paragraphs 13 and 14 of decision 2/CMA.5;

(iii) Expand the section on finance to include additional support available for enhancing countries’ capacities to access available and relevant channels of adaptation finance (e.g. support for assessing the costs of adaptation, conducting economic analyses of adaptation projects, building the capacity for direct access and access for subnational actors, the development of adaptation investment strategies and plans and resource mobilization strategies, the formulation of project and programme proposals, among others);

(iv) Include, to the extent possible, information on support channels available at and relevant for the regional and sub-national levels;

(v) Include a link to the AC’s Interactive Portal on the State of Adaptation Action by Parties as a means towards facilitating peer learning and exchange of experience;

(vi) Introduce interactive modules, including tagging and filtering options for different user categories and needs.

(b) **Phase 2 – 2027 (subject to the availability of resources)**

(vii) Include a translation tool with a view to making the information available in different languages;

(viii) Include additional interactive functionalities, such as AI tools allowing for dynamic updates, chatbot functions, and options for creating user accounts.

## **V. Engagement of external experts and entities**

11. The AC may wish to adopt a structured approach to engaging external experts and entities in the update with clearly defined roles:

(a) Organizations and entities featured in the 2022 version of the online resource to validate and update information and provide additional support opportunities;

(b) Selected lead organizations for each UAE Framework’s thematic area to recommend relevant support channels and programmes within their areas of expertise.

## **VI. Next steps**

12. The AC, at its 29th meeting, may wish to:

- (a) Request the secretariat to develop a first draft of the next update of the online resource, taking into account the elements outlined in phase 1 of the proposed modular approach for updating the resource;
  - (b) Provide guidance on the engagement of external experts and organizations;
  - (c) Consider the role of the NAP task force in the update process;
  - (d) Agree on a timeline for the development and delivery of the update.
-

## Annex

### Draft outline of the next update of the online resource on navigating the support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs

---

#### *Content of the updated 2022 version of the online resource*

##### **Guidelines**

- Updated NAP technical guidelines
- Supplements

##### **Information and knowledge**

###### ❖ Under the Convention

- SoA portal
- NWP
- NAP Central
- NAP Expo
- AKP
- CB Portal
- TT:Clear
- CTCN Portal

###### ❖ Outside the Convention

- NAP Trends
- GAN
- WASP

##### **Systematic observation, science and climate services**

###### ❖ Under the Convention

- Research dialogue

###### ❖ Outside the Convention

- WMO
- WCRP
- National and regional climate centres
- GFCS
- IPCC
- C3S
- GCOS
- GEO
- Future Earth
- WCSP
- Other national and regional climate service providers

##### **Capacity-building and technical support**

###### ❖ Under the Convention

- AC
- LEG

#### *New information to be included in the next update*

##### **Support available for adaptation planning and implementation in line with the UAE Framework's thematic targets**

- Water & sanitation
- Agriculture, food and nutrition
- Health
- Ecosystem & biodiversity
- Infrastructure and human settlements
- Poverty eradication and livelihoods
- Cultural heritage

##### **Support available for adaptation planning and implementation in line with the UAE Framework's dimensional targets**

- IVR assessments, multi-hazard early warning systems, climate services, including support for accessing data on downscaled and localized climate scenarios and tools for collecting and assimilating national data on climate variables and on socioeconomic risks and vulnerabilities
- Planning
- Implementation
- MEL

##### **Support available for incorporating cross-cutting considerations into national adaptation planning and implementation as referred to in paragraphs 13 and 14 of decision 2/CMA.5**

- Gender
  - Participatory, transparent and human rights approaches
  - Intergenerational equity and social justice
  - Vulnerable ecosystems, groups and communities
  - Children, youth and persons with disabilities
  - Science-based indicators, metrics and targets
  - Traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, local knowledge systems
  - Ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions
  - Locally-led and community-based adaptation
  - Disaster risk reduction
  - Intersectional approaches
  - Private sector engagement
  - Maldaptation avoidance
-

---

**Content of the updated 2022 version of the online resource**

- PCCB
- CGE
- ❖ Outside the Convention
  - Multi-and bilateral organizations
  - UN4NAPs
  - Regional centres and networks
  - NDAs, NDEs and focal points
  - Implementing entities
  - NAP Global Network
  - GCA

**Technology development and transfer**

- ❖ Under the Convention
  - TEC
  - CTCN
- ❖ Outside the Convention
  - WTO
  - UNIDO
  - UNEP CCC
  - UNOSSC
  - UN Technology Bank for LDCs

**Finance**

- ❖ Under the Convention
  - GCF
  - LDCF
  - SCCF
  - AF
- ❖ AF Outside the Convention
  - Domestic
  - Multilateral
  - Bilateral
  - Private

**New information to be included in the next update**

- Recognition of adaptation co-benefits
- Sustainable development

**Support available for enhancing countries' capacities to access available and relevant channels of adaptation finance**

Support available for, among others,

- Adaptation costing
- Economic analyses of adaptation projects
- Capacity-building for direct access and access for sub-national actors
- Formulation of project and programme proposals
- Development of adaptation investment strategies and plans
- Resource mobilization strategies

**Support available at and relevant for the regional and sub-national levels**

**Support available for designing adaptation actions to address medium- and long-term needs**

**Information on country experiences**

- Link to the AC's Interactive Portal on the State of Adaptation Action by Parties

---

**Documentation information**

<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
0.4.0	9 April 2025	AC 29 This concept note including its next steps is for consideration by the AC.

Keywords: National adaptation plans, Means of implementation, Adaptation, Resilience

---