

The Adaptation Committee

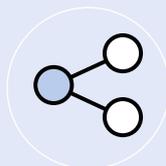
Promoting enhanced, coherent action on adaptation under the UNFCCC

The Adaptation Committee (AC) is the principal body under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) providing expert guidance on adaptation and ensuring that adaptation is addressed coherently under the UNFCCC process.

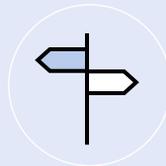
The work of the AC is centred around five core functions:



Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks



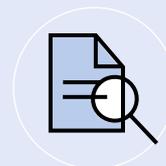
Sharing relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices



Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties



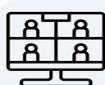
Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties (COP)



Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received

The AC is committed to carrying out its work in a transparent and inclusive manner. This involves consistent and proactive engagement with various stakeholders within and outside the UNFCCC process. Such engagement helps the AC ensure that its products reflect various viewpoints and insights from a wide range of experts. This, in turn, strengthens the quality of the work of the AC. Here are some examples from 2022:

Expert and observer engagement



NAP Task Force

The NAP Task Force – which comprises representatives of the AC, the AF, the GCF, the GEF, the LEG, the SCF and the TEC – met twice in 2022. During these meetings, it agreed on its flexible workplan for 2022-2024. Its future work will include, for example, the preparation of a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned in prioritizing and incorporating gender-responsive adaptation action.



Collaboration with the IPCC

The AC, the IPCC secretariat and Working Group II authors have been interacting regularly over the years through informal meetings, meetings hosted by the SBSTA Chair, written updates after relevant AC meetings, and more. Interactions between 2019 and 2022 on the work included:

- » Three updates from the secretariat to the IPCC secretariat following sessions of UNFCCC governing bodies
- » Eight letters and official emails between the AC and the IPCC secretariat
- » Two in-person meetings between AC members and IPCC representatives
- » Two conference calls between AC members and IPCC representatives
- » Two AC webinars and expert meetings with IPCC participation
- » One written review by IPCC experts
- » A number of informal calls and emails



Observer engagement

The AC promotes active observer participation in its work. Observers provide additional experience and expertise that inform the discussions. Their engagement is critical to furthering the work of the AC and achieving its objectives. Observer engagement is welcomed at each AC meeting, at AC events, and intersessionally through calls for submission and voluntary inputs.

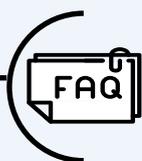
AC highlights in 2022

Throughout 2022, the AC continued to lead on adaptation and supported the Parties in an effective, comprehensive and coherent manner with a view to enhancing adaptation action and support.



Implementing the Paris Agreement

The AC helps Parties to comply with the Paris Agreement. In this regard, it published the [Draft supplementary guidance for voluntary use by Parties in communicating information in accordance with the possible elements of an adaptation communication](#), to assist Parties to report information on adaptation while reducing duplication and benefitting from synergies with other arrangements. The AC also contributed to the technical assessment of the first global stocktake through a [synthesis report](#) on experiences and opportunities of adaptation action and support.



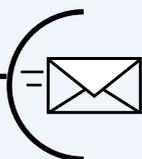
Adaptation planning, action and support

The AC facilitates adaptation planning, action and support through its activities and publications, such as the recent technical paper on [Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and their application](#) that showcases good practices for assessing adaptation needs. The AC also published the [Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans 2022 overview](#), complemented by an [online tool](#), to assist all stakeholders to identify adaptation-related assistance options.



Working together towards enhanced adaptation action

The AC engaged a large pool of experts and relevant institutions to enhance its performance and boost collaboration. It initiated a [dialogue with other adaptation related constituted bodies](#) to identify potential areas of coordination and bolster the synergy of work on adaptation under the UNFCCC. The theme of the first dialogue was support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to the formulation and implementation of NAPs.



Awareness-raising and information-sharing

The AC undertook several activities to raise the profile of adaptation and promote its implementation. AC outreach products and information events, such as the SB 56 event entitled "[Shaping the future of climate adaptation](#)" are available on the [AC webpage](#) and are widely disseminated through social media channels.

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