

Introduction to the Adaptation Committee

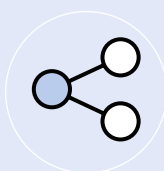
Promoting enhanced, and coherent action on adaptation under the UNFCCC

Established in 2010, the Adaptation Committee (AC) is the main body under the UNFCCC, working to drive forward coherent action on adaptation by providing expert guidance, enhancing outreach, and supporting the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

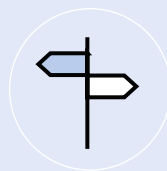
The work of the AC is centred around five core functions:



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



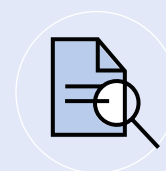
Sharing relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices



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's 2022-2024 flexible workplan can be found here



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AC highlights in 2023

Throughout 2023, the AC promoted the coherent implementation of enhanced action on adaptation, including at the regional and multilateral levels.

Disseminating information communicated by Parties:

- The AC is preparing information on the state of adaptation action by Parties through interactive online country profiles, which will be regularly updated on the basis of information communicated by Parties.



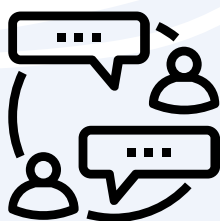
Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement:

- The AC conducted a series of regional events in Asia Pacific (Songdo, Republic of South Korea), Africa (Nairobi, Kenya), Middle East and North Africa (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia), and Latin America and the Caribbean (Panama City, Panama). These four regional events were designed to promote coherence in adaptation action, enhance collaboration with regional and international organizations, and foster region-wide and transboundary synergies in line with global adaptation efforts. A tailored 'Setting the Scene' segment on the ongoing work of the AC, GGA, GST, and IPCC by the high-level speakers was a highlight of the events. Over 145 organizations participated, highlighting the value of regional platforms.
- The AC continues to engage with other adaptation-related constituted bodies, including through the work of its NAP Task Force, to further enhance action on adaptation. This included collaborating on a Dialogue to address developing countries' capacity gaps to access adaptation funding.



Providing technical support and guidance:

- The AC launched a technical paper on the development and application of monitoring and evaluation systems at the national and subnational level, summarizing challenges and opportunities. Building on this work and inputs from countries and experts, the AC works with partners on a publication to provide technical support and guidance to establish or strengthen monitoring, evaluation and learning for NAPs.
- The AC, LEG and SCF worked on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support as part of the global stocktake.




Sharing relevant information:

- The AC contributed to the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation, including by participating in its sixth workshop. It also provided inputs to the third meeting of the technical dialogue of the first global stocktake.


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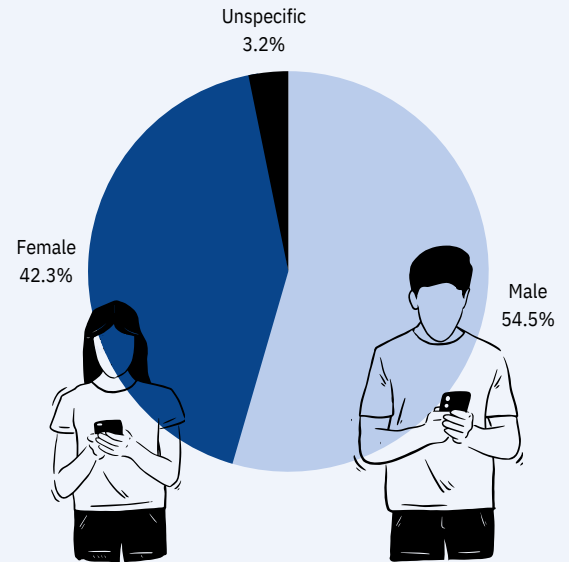
Spotlight on Gender

In 2023 the AC worked with its NAP task force to produce a policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned in prioritizing and incorporating gender-responsiveness into adaptation action, taking into consideration different national circumstances and cultural values. The AC has agreed to incorporate consideration of gender into all its activities. In 2023, this included:

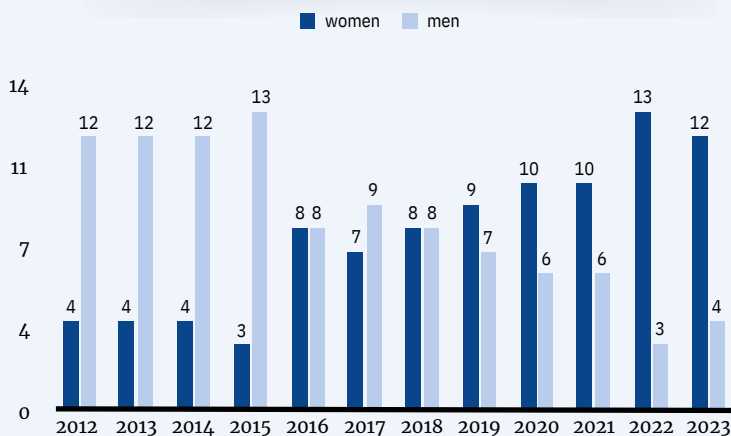
The AC's 2023 regional workshops highlighted as a priority the need to further enhance gender-responsiveness of NAPs and as part of regional, transboundary and multi-country adaptation efforts



The interactive country profiles will include information on whether and how the country has implemented gender-responsive adaptation strategies and actions



Active followers of the UNFCCC Adaptation Exchange on Facebook by gender



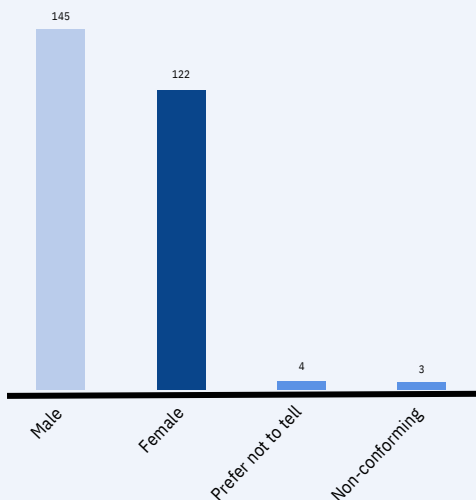
Number of women and men on the Adaptation Committee over time

The AC contributed to a dialogue among the Chairs of constituted bodies on progress in integrating a gender perspective into the constituted bodies' processes



The paper prepared jointly by the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, showcases how gender considerations have over time become an important factor in determining the effectiveness of adaptation

The paper on monitoring and evaluation (M&E) notes gender as a key theme that countries frequently prioritize when developing adaptation M&E systems. Several recognize the importance of gender-disaggregated data and impact assessments to understand the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change and adaptation efforts



Respondents to the Adaptation Committee's audience assessment survey by gender