

2018 Adaptation Forum

“Integrating climate change adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction”

Tuesday, 19 June 2018, 14h15 - 16h00, Room 2.64

Concept note

1. Introduction

1. The focus of the Adaptation Committee’s (AC’s) 2018 Adaptation Forum is on the topic of “Integrating climate change adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)”, noting that this topic is broad enough to accommodate additional focus areas, such as the perspective of small islands and long-term adaptation planning. This is building on the discussions from the 2017 Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A), which also focused on this topic.¹
2. The Forum will be held as a session of the 2018 Adaptation Futures conference, taking place from 18-21 June in Cape Town, South Africa.

2. Background

3. On the basis of the technical expert meeting that the AC conducted in the context of the TEP-A in May 2017, a technical paper was issued, summarizing the discussions in the following six key messages:
 - a) Integrating adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework can be very beneficial for building resilience comprehensively across societies. While maintaining the autonomy of each of the post-2015 frameworks, improved coherence of action to implement the three frameworks can save money and time, enhance efficiency and further enable adaptation action;
 - b) There are many opportunities to support further policy integration between adaptation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction, owing in part to the common themes, scopes and objectives of the three global agendas. Both “resilience” and “ecosystems” can act as core concepts for motivating such integration. Actors, including state and non-state, operating across multiple sectors and scales ranging from local to global, can facilitate policy coherence, and vulnerable people and communities can benefit from and initiate effective bottom-up, locally driven solutions that contribute to multiple policy outcomes simultaneously;
 - c) Unprecedented levels of coordination and coherence will be needed. Building the capacity for it will help to clarify roles and responsibilities and to encourage partnerships among a wide range of actors;

¹ For more information on the technical examination process on adaptation, and in particular the 2017 technical expert meeting, see <http://tep-a.org/technical-expert-meetings-on-adaptation/2017-2/agenda-technical-expert-meeting-on-adaptation-2017/>

- d) The availability of data, including climate and socioeconomic data, and their resolution remain a challenge, especially in Africa. Better data management, more informed policymaking and capacity-building are also needed;
- e) Adequate, sustainable support for adaptation efforts from sources public, private, international and national alike is crucial. Accessing finance and technology development and transfer and capacity-building support is also critical, particularly for developing countries;
- f) The process to formulate and implement NAPs can effectively support the implementation of enhanced adaptation action and the development of integrated approaches to adaptation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction, thanks in part to its demonstrated success as a planning instrument, the resources available for its support, and its iterative nature and flexible, nationally driven format.

3. Objective

4. The 2018 Adaptation Forum will further elaborate on some of the key messages noted above, adding an additional perspective from the audience of the Adaptation Futures conference, i.e. experts from the research, science and practitioners' communities.

4. Guiding questions






5. The AC recommended the following questions to guide the discussion at the 2018 Adaptation Forum:



- **Overarching (to be addressed by all):** In your experience, how can coherence be improved in the long term between the three post-2015 frameworks? "Resilience" or "resilient ecosystems" can act as core concepts for motivating integration. What is your experience with this and are there other concepts that could be motivators?
 - **Focus on capacity building:** Significantly enhanced levels of coordination and coherence will be needed. Building the capacity for it will help to clarify roles and responsibilities and to encourage partnerships among a wide range of actors. What would effective capacity building look like, in particular for vulnerable groups and regions?
 - **Focus on data management and interpretation:** The availability of data, including climate and socioeconomic data, their resolution, interpretation and user-friendly presentation remain a challenge, especially in Africa and small island developing states. How could better data management and interpretation, more informed policymaking and capacity-building be stimulated?
 - **Focus on NAPs:** How can the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans effectively support the implementation of enhanced adaptation action and the development of integrated approaches to adaptation, sustainable development and DRR? What are your experiences?

5. Format and agenda

6. The forum will have a duration of 1hr 45 min. It will be kick-started by an insightful case study, followed by a moderated panel discussion, where each panellist will focus on one guiding question. Panellists are free to touch upon the other questions too if so desired. The link between all interventions should be the overarching question "In your experience, how can coherence be improved in the long term between the three post-2015 frameworks?".

7. After a short round of clarifying questions from the audience, the panellists are free to join the audience and participate in a following general discussion.

Time	What	Who
		Rapporteur: Cecilia da Silva Bernardo, Member, Adaptation Committee 
5 min	Welcome, opening and framing of the Adaptation Forum	Moderator: Musonda Mumba 
10 min	Overview of the work of the Adaptation Committee	Chair: Pilar Bueno, Co-Chair, UNFCCC Adaptation Committee 
4 min	Video: Key messages on the topic of integrating adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai framework on Disaster Risk Reduction	Link
10 min	Case study presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overarching guiding question 	Ms. Aisha Khan, Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change (CSCCC) 
30 min	Panel discussion:	Moderator and 3 panellists
(10 min each)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guiding question on capacity building 	Panellist 1: Ms. Bettina Koelle, Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre 
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guiding question on data management and interpretation 	Panellist 2: Mr. Tufa Dinku, Lead, Enhancing National Climate Services (ENACTS) initiative, International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI) (Columbia University)

		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guiding question on NAPs 	<p>Panellist 3: Mr. Raul Alfaro-Pelico, World Bank - Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR)</p> 
10 min	Short questions for clarification. Panellists then join the audience	Audience, panellists and moderator
30 min	Moderated general discussion	Audience and moderator
5 min	Closing	Moderator, Chair

6. Outcomes

8. Outcomes will be captured in the annual report of the AC to the COP and, possibly, through outreach material such as a policy brief, a blog or a video, should recording be available.