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# **Adaptation Committee: Boosting region-wide coherence on adaptation**

Regional engagement meeting of the AC,  
Africa Climate Week (ACW)

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**Moderated by Fatema Rajabali, SouthSouthNorth, and Joshua Amponsem, Green Africa Youth Organization**

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Lake Chad room, Kenyatta International Convention Centre,  
Nairobi, Kenya



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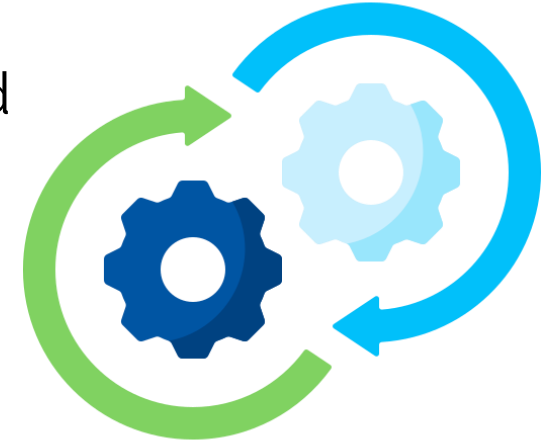
# Opening, objectives and expected outcomes

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Mariam Allam, co-chair of the Adaptation Committee

# I. Introduction: What is the AC?

❖ The **Adaptation Committee (AC)** is a constituted body under the UNFCCC and the **leading body under the United Nations** tasked by governments to provide **coherence and guidance on adaptation**, promoting **synergy** and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks.



❖ Through its decade of work, the AC has provided countries and other relevant stakeholders with **technical expertise on adaptation**, supporting governments to **identify and address gaps and needs**, as well as disseminating relevant information, knowledge, experience and **good practices**.



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# AC areas of work

- ❖ The AC develops **knowledge and technical guidance**, and supports countries in the following areas:
  - ❖ Promoting overarching **coherence on adaptation** - under the Convention and globally
  - ❖ **Awareness-raising, outreach and information sharing** on latest developments on adaptation
  - ❖ Adaptation **planning and implementation**, including:
    - ❖ Gaps and needs related to national adaptation planning and how to address them
    - ❖ Support for adaptation, including finance, technology and capacity-building
    - ❖ Good practices on adaptation
  - ❖ Providing technical support and guidance on **reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress**, including:
    - ❖ Recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries
    - ❖ Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation nationally and globally



# AC recent products (selection)

- ❖ Some of the **recent publications** by the AC include:
  - ❖ [Technical paper on Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and their application](#)
  - ❖ [Technical paper on Technologies for adaptation: innovation, priorities and needs in agriculture, water resources and coastal zones](#)
  - ❖ [Synthesis report on the cost of adaptation - Efforts of developing countries in assessing and meeting the costs of adaptation: Lessons learned and good practices](#)
  - ❖ [Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans](#)
  - ❖ [Information paper on linkages between adaptation and mitigation](#)
  - ❖ [Technical paper on Approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation](#)

Access all AC  
resources here:



## II. Accelerating adaptation action globally

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- The **global momentum on adaptation** is growing as the world is increasingly impacted by climate change:
- UNSG Climate Action Summit 2019 launched the **Call for Action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience** (130 countries, self-governing territories and the European Union + 86 UN and other international organizations).
- UNSG **Acceleration Agenda** presented this year, aims to scale up finance and capacities for adaptation and loss and damage, including developing a road map to double adaptation finance before 2025.
- Processes under UNFCCC culminating at **COP28: first Global Stocktake** (GST), **Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation** (GGA).

# AC upcoming products: Country profiles

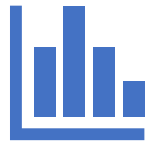
- ❖ The AC is developing country profiles that will showcase the **state of adaptation** in each country of the world
- ❖ The profiles will focus on implemented adaptation actions and be structured along the **adaptation cycle**
- ❖ The information will be based exclusively on **national reports and communications** submitted to the UNFCCC and be presented via an **interactive online tool**
- ❖ As a unique, central access point for information, the tool will enhance the **collective understanding of adaptation**, facilitate the **recognition of adaptation efforts**, stimulate **learning** and **further action** and enable the **tracking of global adaptation progress**
- ❖ Together with the upcoming report on multilateral work on adaptation the profiles will kick off the AC's **new information series on the global state of adaptation**





# AC upcoming products: Work of the multilateral system

- ❖ The **state of adaptation of the multilateral system** will showcase work by major intergovernmental organizations in support of countries' adaptation effort.
- ❖ The 2023 report will include relevant activities by a range of organizations, including the **United Nations, MDBs, and key financial institutions**.
- ❖ Analysis will be conducted along the **adaptation policy cycle, thematic areas, and climate hazards**.
- ❖ The aim of the report is to **illustrate the landscape** of major adaptation support efforts by the multilateral system, **incubate new areas of thoughts** through a forward-looking orientation, and **explore opportunities** for more coherent actions.



# III. Objective of this meeting

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- ❖ This year, the **AC** is working towards launching **longer-term work** aimed at **enhancing coherence** across the intergovernmental architecture to support more **ambitious worldwide adaptation** action and collaboration.
- ❖ A number of specific activities are planned by the AC to this end, culminating in the upcoming 2023 **Adaptation Forum** (October 2023).
- ❖ This **meeting at the ACW** is the second in a series of regional engagement events and aims to foster a **collaborative approach** towards **region-wide and transboundary adaptation** action and support.



## IV. Expected outcomes

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- ❖ Enhance a **common understanding** of the ongoing **region-wide and transboundary adaptation** efforts in the **Africa** region.
- ❖ Explore **solutions, areas for collaboration, pathways towards stronger synergies, and opportunities to address gaps and needs** aligning with the global adaptation agenda and ways in which the AC can support these efforts.
- ❖ Facilitate the **dissemination and exchange of information** between relevant stakeholders.
- ❖ Feed into the **global longer-term work** catalyzed under the **Adaptation Forum**.



# V. Agenda

## Day 1: 5 September (14:00 to 18:00 GMT+3)

14:00 - 14:30

Welcome and opening remarks

- Objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting
- Brief presentation of the AC and its relevant work.

14:30 - 15:25

What are the adaptation priorities in the area, and which multi-country and region-wide adaptation solutions and projects exist?

- 15-20 min. targeted and focused presentations from organizations on regional priorities and their relevant projects in the region.
- Moderated discussion.

15:25 - 15:45

What are the existing windows of support for regional action on adaptation? (Part I)

- 15-20 min. targeted and focused presentations from funds and development banks on their relevant projects and funding opportunities in the region.

15:45 - 16:15

- Coffee break

16:15 - 16:50

What are the existing windows of support for regional action on adaptation? (Part II)

- Moderated discussion.

16:50 - 17:50

Exploring the landscape of adaptation action and support: understanding and leveraging available resources and success stories

- Are there any regional or transboundary adaptation projects and support opportunities that were not mentioned?
- What are examples of successful inter-agency or multistakeholder regional projects? What were the keys to success and how can these strategies be replicated?
- What are the existing resources for collaboration, and how can they be leveraged to scale up adaptation regionally?

17:50 - 18:00

Closing of Day 1

- Summary of the discussions and presentation of the agenda of Day 2.



# V. Agenda

## Day 2: 6 September (09:00 to 13:00 GMT+3)

09:00 - 09:10

Opening of Day 2

- Recapitulation of key points from Day 1
- Presentation of a preliminary mapping of regional adaptation efforts.

09:10 - 09:50

Identifying the remaining gaps and needs

- What are the region-wide and/or transboundary adaptation gaps and needs that are not met by existing efforts?
- What can be done to fill those gaps, and by whom?

09:50 - 10:30

Recognizing opportunities for strengthening coherent implementation and support

- Are there any areas that could benefit from further cooperation to increase efficiency?
- How can synergies be enhanced in these areas?

10:30 - 11:00

- Coffee break

11:00 - 12:10

Co-designing solutions aligned with global efforts

- What [additional] modalities for collaboration can be suggested?
- What are good examples of joint adaptation projects in other regions or scales that could be replicated in Asia-Pacific?
- What are good examples of collaboration in other areas that could be replicated in the adaptation space?
- What other solutions can be implemented?
- How do regional adaptation efforts align with global processes and directives (e.g. UNFCCC process [GGA, GST, etc.], funds and development banks global strategies, other multilateral processes [e.g. CBD, UNCCD, etc.]?)
- How can these links be strengthened for increased coherence and efficiency?

12:10 - 12:50

Next steps

- What are the next steps that participating organizations and stakeholders can take to strengthen coherent implementation and collaboration?

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Closing

- Overview summary and next steps in the AC longer-term work to enhance collaboration on adaptation.





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# Presenters

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## **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Secretariat**

- Ermira Fida, Deputy Executive Secretary

## **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction**

- Roberto Schiano Lomoriello, Program Management Officer

## **Conservation International**

- Seif Hamisi, Africa Rangelands Director

## **United Nations Children's Fund**

- Cindy Kushner, Climate Resilient Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and Focal Point for Climate, Energy and Environment





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**What are the existing windows of support for regional action on adaptation?**

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## Adaptation Fund

- Mahamat Assouyouli, Senior Climate Change Specialist

## The World Bank

- Nfamara Dampha, Senior Climate Change Consultant, Lead, Adaptation and AFOLU

## United Nations Capital Development Fund

- Sophie de Coninck, Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL) Global Manager



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# Guiding questions:

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2. Can you share examples of successful inter-agency or multistakeholder regional projects? What were the keys to success and how can these strategies be replicated?
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**Closing of day 1**

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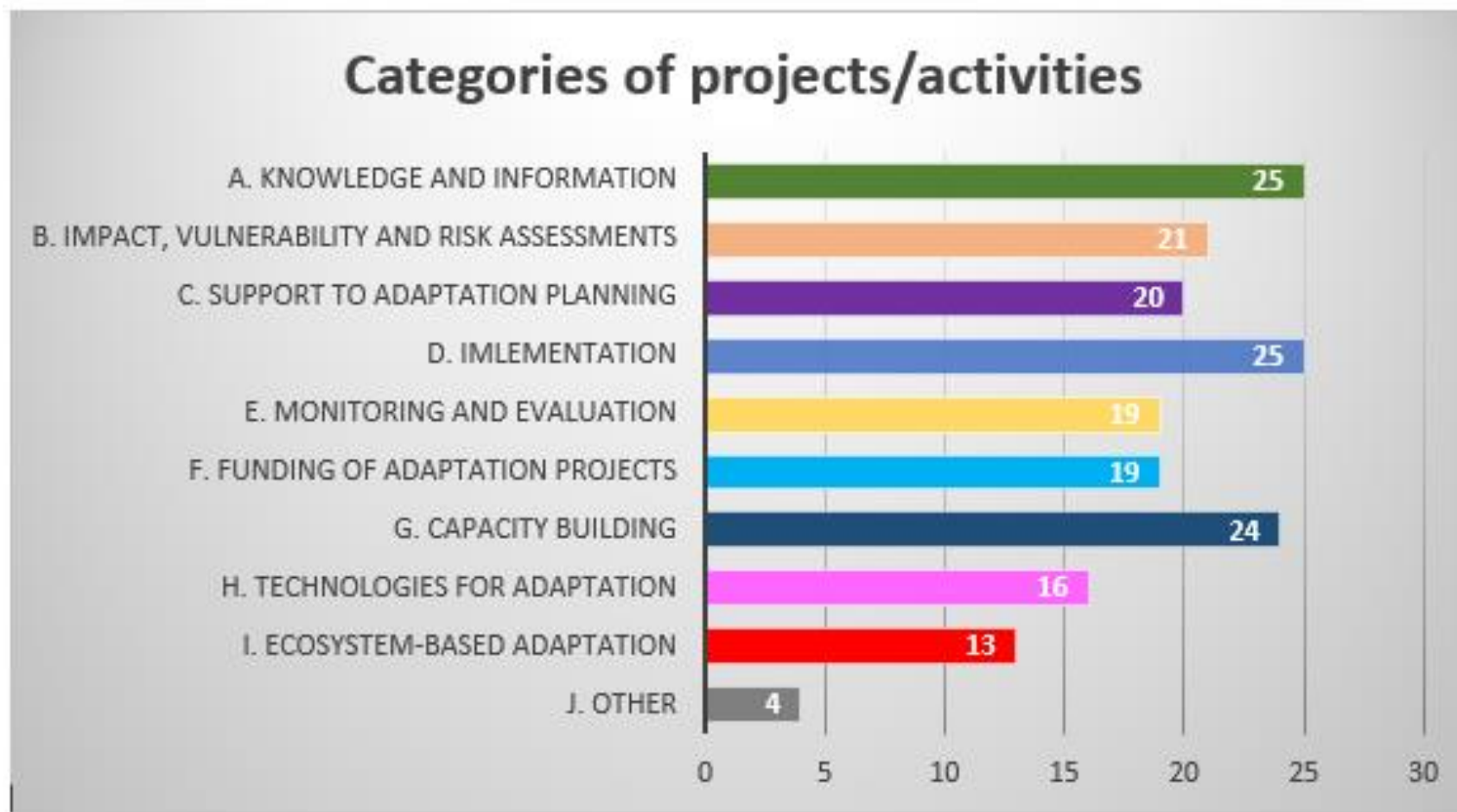


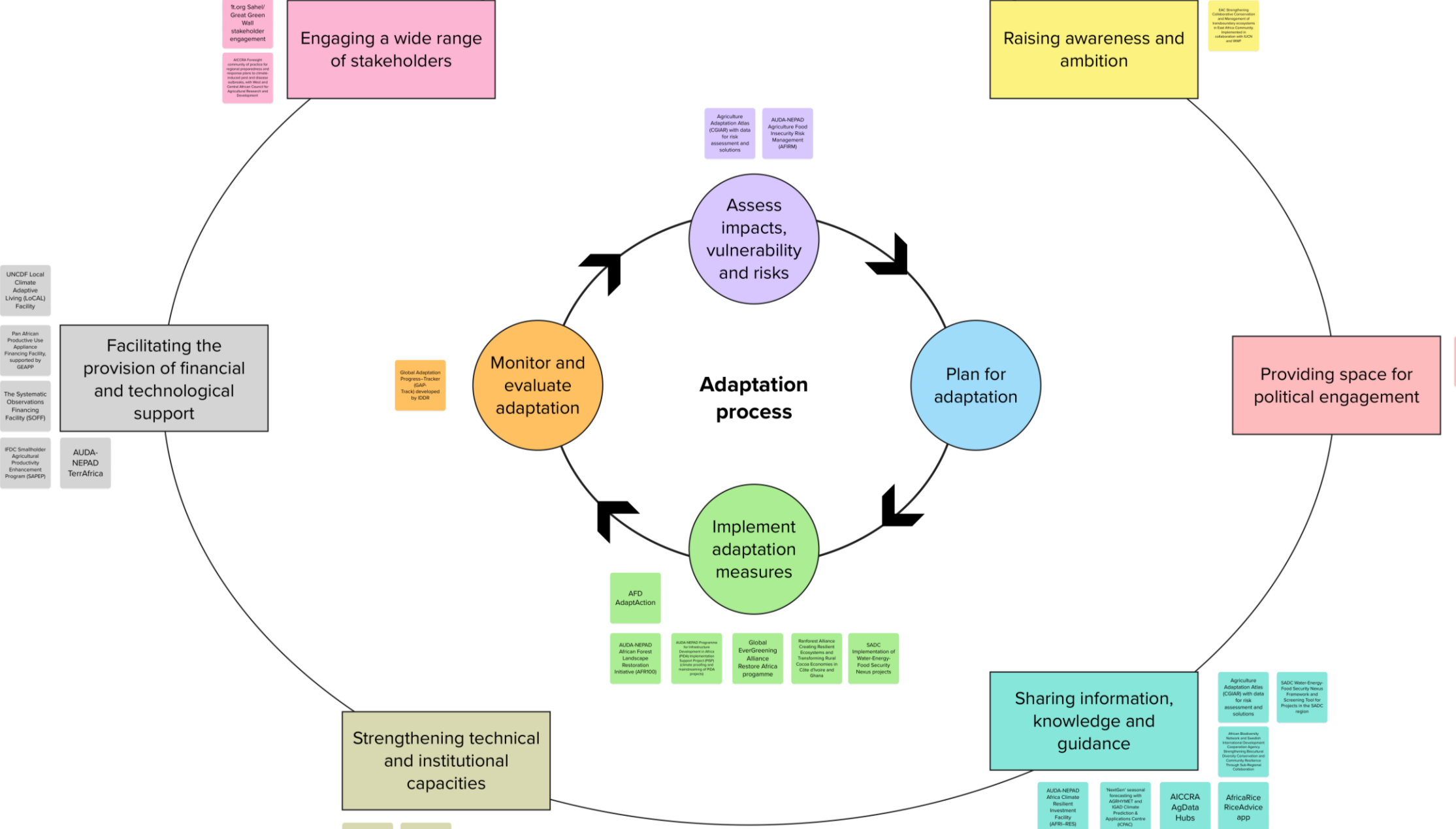
# Summary of day 1 – short recap

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- Three salient areas in which organizations are working on are education, EbA, and agriculture and water management
- Cross-cutting priorities include a gender-responsive approach, and leveraging technologies as well as local and indigenous knowledge
- Key success factors for collaboration include a locally-led, needs-based, participatory and inclusive approach; high-level political leadership; local ownership based on African priorities; multistakeholder partnerships; and strengthening of institutions.
- Other important elements for joint work include leveraging existing resources and social capital; learning from each other (e.g. South-South cooperation); capacity-building, M&E; and compliance mechanisms.
- Other ideas raised included enhancing policy alignment; data-sharing; mobilizing private finance for adaptation; and consideration of climate justice, peace and security.

# Preliminary findings from the survey on the landscape of Adaptation in Africa





It.org Sahel/ Great Green Wall stakeholder engagement

AICDA Promote security of access to regional programmes and regional plans to create national plans and create national, sub-national and local level climate change adaptation plans in line with the African Union Agenda for Agriculture Research and Development

**Engaging a wide range of stakeholders**

Agriculture Adaptation Atlas (CGIAR) with data for risk assessment and solutions

AUDA-NEPAD Agriculture Food Insecurity Risk Management (AFIRM)

**Raising awareness and ambition**

SAC Strengthening Collaborative Governance and Management of Agricultural Resources in the Africa Community (SAC-COM) in collaboration with ICRAC

**Assess impacts, vulnerability and risks**

UNCDF Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) Facility

**Facilitating the provision of financial and technological support**

Pan African Productive Use Appliance Financing Facility, supported by GEAPF

The Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF)

IFDC Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Program (SAPEP)

AUDA-NEPAD TerrAfrica

Global Adaptation Program-Track (GAP-Track) developed by ICDDR

**Monitor and evaluate adaptation**

**Adaptation process**

**Plan for adaptation**

Africa Biodiversity Network: Strengthening networking, influence, policy in food sovereignty, community resilience and regenerate Bio-Cultural Diversity in Africa

**Providing space for political engagement**

**Implement adaptation measures**

AFD AdaptAction

AUDA-NEPAD African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative (AFLRII)

AUDA-NEPAD Programme to Accelerate the Development of Africa (PADA) Implementation Support from 2017 to 2021, covering planting and maintenance of PADA projects

Global EverGreening Alliance Restore Africa programme

Resilient Alliance Coating Resilient Ecosystems and Transforming Rural Cocoa Economies in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana

SADC Implementation of Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus projects

**Sharing information, knowledge and guidance**

Agriculture Adaptation Atlas (CGIAR) with data for risk assessment and solutions

SADC Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus Framework and Screening Tool for Projects in the SADC region

Africa Biodiversity Network and Sustainable Intensification Development Cooperation Agency (Mandeville Research and Policy Centre) and Community Resilience through Natural Resource Collaboration

AUDA-NEPAD Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES)

'NewGen' seasonal forecasting with AGRHYMET and ICRAC Climate Prediction & Application Centre (ICRAC)

AICCRA AgData Hubs

AfricaRice RiceAdvice app

**Strengthening technical and institutional capacities**

Climate capacity strengthening by the African Capacity Building Foundation

Africa Biodiversity Network: Strengthening Community and Ecosystem Resilience through better governance of resources, engage and equate networks in Africa

## Priorities

Sustainable agriculture	Ecosystem restoration and EbA	Capacity building	Funding availability and accessibility	Risk and vulnerability assessments
Food security	Developing and harmonizing M&E systems	Production and availability of data	Resilience of most vulnerable groups	Development of a project pipeline
Coastal protection	Adaptation technologies	Sharing of best practices	Resilient infrastructure	Water access and management
Health	DRR and early warning systems	Drought	Community-based adaptation	Livelihood diversification
Flood management	Accelerate implementation			

## Gaps and needs

Financial gap	Data gaps	Capacity gaps	Limited awareness
Need to further integrate local communities in implementation	Need to integrate local practices	Lack of accessibility of funding by local organizations	Lack of standardized methodologies
Lack of enabling environment	Short-term approach of interventions	Lack of tailored technologies	Externally-driven agenda
Lack of coordination	Lack of strong policy and institutional frameworks	Lack of enabling environment	Lack of inclusivity in decision-making on adaptation

## Strategies for region-wide and transboundary collaboration and enhanced coherence

### New areas of collaboration

Building capacities for long-term adaptation

M&E

Multi-stakeholder partnerships for scaling up climate-smart technologies

Data-sharing and research

Resource mobilization

Technology and innovation sharing

Cross-sector integrated adaptation strategies

EbA

Awareness-raising

### Areas in need of improved synergies and coherence

Enhanced coordination between donors and implementing actors

Development of DRR strategies in synergy with NAPs

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- What are good examples of collaboration in other areas/sectors that could be replicated in the adaptation space? and what these and other solutions look like?
- What are good examples of joint adaptation projects in other regions or scales that could be replicated in Africa?
- What are the opportunities to strengthen alignment with global processes and directives offers (e.g. UNFCCC process [GGA, GST, etc.], funds and development banks' global strategies, other multilateral processes [e.g. CBD, UNCCD, etc.]?)?).
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- What are the next steps for the Adaptation Committee to support this?



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**Closing**

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