**Webinar:** **Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for National Adaptation Plans in Latin America**

**Date:** 27 August 2025 | **Time:** 09:00 – 11:00 hrs. (Panama Time) / 16:00 – 18:00 hrs. (Bonn Time)

1. **Background**

The formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)[[1]](#footnote-2) serve as a primary vehicle for countries to identify medium- and long-term adaptation needs and develop and implement strategies and programmes to address these needs. They provide a strategic framework for countries to reduce vulnerability, build resilience, and integrate climate adaptation into development planning. As countries move from planning to implementation, the establishment of robust Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) systems becomes critical. MEL systems enable countries to track progress, assess the effectiveness of adaptation actions, identify gaps, and promote continuous learning and improvement over time.

As countries advance their NAP implementation, there is also a growing need to align national adaptation efforts with global frameworks such as the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)[[2]](#footnote-3). In this regard, the UNFCCC Secretariat, through the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), is updating the NAP Technical Guidelines, which incorporate the GGA framework and encourage countries to monitor and assess progress toward achieving the global goal on adaptation through their NAPs.

At the intergovernmental level, the *Progress in the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans* report[[3]](#footnote-4) serves as the authoritative source of information on the status of NAPs in developing countries. The 2024 edition provides a synthesis of country experiences and key trends, along with lessons in establishing MEL systems, providing valuable insights that can inform national approaches.

In Latin America, countries are advancing in the formulation and implementation of their NAPs, with growing demand for technical guidance, peer learning, and relevant tools to strengthen MEL systems. While facing diverse climate risks and institutional contexts, countries across the region share common challenges, such as limited or scattered data availability, cross-sectoral coordination, and capacity constraints in operationalizing MEL frameworks.

This webinar aims to bring together technical experts, country representatives, and practitioners from across Latin America to strengthen capacities in MEL systems for adaptation and facilitate regional dialogue and cooperation in support of improved monitoring and evaluation of adaptation efforts.

## **Objectives**

This webinar aims to:

* Update on the developments in guidance and resources from the intergovernmental process.
* Build technical capacity of adaptation stakeholders in Latin America on the development and implementation of robust NAP MEL systems.
* Facilitate discussions among regional stakeholders on challenges, opportunities and practical approaches to designing and operationalizing MEL systems for adaptation.
* Promote peer-to-peer exchange by showcasing country experiences and lessons learned in designing and implementing MEL systems for NAPs.

1. **Format**

* **Duration:** 120 minutes
* **Platform:** Online via MS Teams

1. **Target Audience**

* Government representatives and policymakers from Latin America;
* UN Country Teams;
* Regional centers and organizations;
* Civil society and non-governmental organizations;
* Youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and academic institutions.

## **Agenda**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Speaker** |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | *Introduction*   * Objectives and agenda of the session * Relevance of MEL systems for NAPs and current status in the region | Veronica Recondo, Adaptation Specialist, RCC Latin America |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | *NAP Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning in the updated NAP technical guidelines*   * General overview of the updated technical guidelines * M&E frameworks and indicators in the updated technical guidelines | LEG&NAP Unit, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC Secretariat (TBC) |
| 9:30 – 9:40 | *Q&A session* | Moderated by RCC Latin America |
| 9:40 – 10:05 | *Development of a NAP Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning System*   * Key concepts, methodologies, and tools related to MEL systems for NAP processes | Patrick Guerdat, Adaptation Policy Advisor, NAP Global Network |
| 10:05 – 10:40 | *Country Experiences on:*   * M&E of the process of formulating and implementing NAPs * M&E of adaptation projects, programmes, and policies * M&E of adaptation outcomes and impact | * Adriana Brito da Silva, Analista Ambiental, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil * Ministry of Environment, Chile * Ministry of Environment, Peru (TBC) |
| 10:40 – 10:55 | *Q&A session* | Moderated by RCC Latin America |
| 10:55 – 11:00 | *Closing* | UNFCCC Secretariat |

1. <https://unfccc.int/national-adaptation-plans> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/gga> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. <https://unfccc.int/documents/641839> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)