

# THE ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

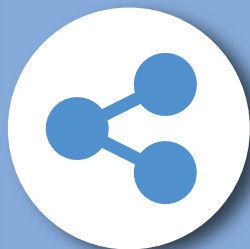
## Promoting enhanced, coherent action on adaptation under the UNFCCC

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.

Since it was established, the AC has worked to fulfill 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

To date, the AC has had

**41 members**

from

**32 countries**

participating in

**16 meetings.**

It has organized

**21 events and workshops**

and engaged

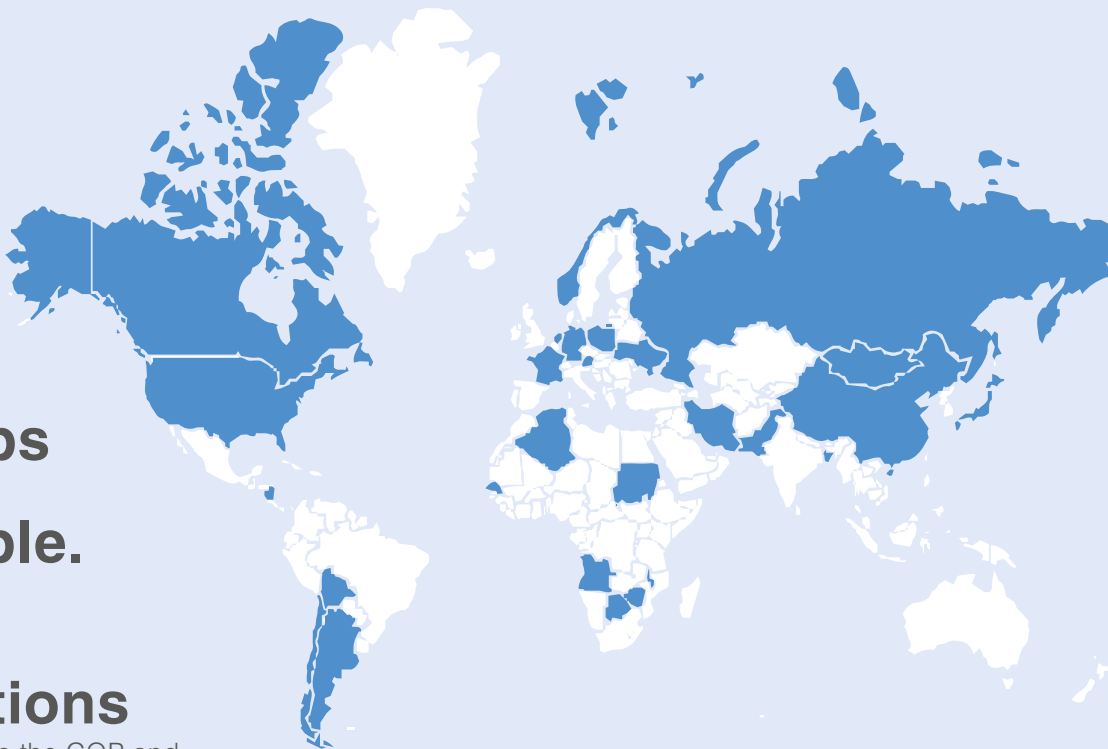
**1000s of people.**

**90+ AC recommendations**

have been included in reports to the COP and

**7 decisions**

by Parties have appreciated the work of the AC in enhancing action on adaptation.



# AC HIGHLIGHTS 2019



## Improving outreach and communication

The AC developed a new communications strategy to help ensure that accessible and authoritative information on adaptation is available to everyone.

## Navigating adaptation under the UNFCCC

At COP 25, the AC is launching its 2019 flagship report on 25 Years of Adaptation Under the UNFCCC, which highlights the milestones and evolution of adaptation under the UNFCCC process. It will serve as a useful guide to those seeking an introduction to and overview of adaptation under the UNFCCC.



## Advancing adaptation finance

Recognizing the enduring challenges countries, local communities and others face in securing adaptation finance, the AC stepped up its work in identifying concrete opportunities and catalyzing action in this area. This included the 2019 technical examination process on adaptation, which focused on adaptation finance, including the private sector, and a call for submissions inviting views on capacity needs in accessing funding for adaptation.

## Strengthening partnerships

The AC worked hand in hand with other bodies and institutions on a wide range of initiatives. For example, the AC, the Paris Committee on Capacity Building and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) worked closely to strengthen their work on gender, including planning a gender-related event in 2020 and launching a toolkit for gender responsive national adaptation planning processes. COP 25 will feature an event celebrating indigenous and local adaptation to climate change organized by the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the AC, the LEG and Nairobi work programme partners.



## Engaging the private sector

Building on the success of its earlier work, the AC expanded its efforts to involve the private sector in adaptation planning and action. This included its 2019 Adaptation Forum on the topic of “Engagement of the private sector in adaptation planning processes, including national adaptation plans: challenges and opportunities”. To share its insights on this topic, the AC produced an interactive report on the Forum and a two-page outreach product on making the business case for adaptation.

## Exploring linkages

The AC began exploring the challenges and opportunities associated with linkages between mitigation and adaptation action, and is set to publish an information paper on the topic before its next meeting.



## Implementing the Paris Agreement

Following the successful adoption of the Katowice climate package at COP 24, the AC began the tasks mandated by the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. It is working in close collaboration with the LEG to deliver on the mandates shared by the two bodies.