



NAZCA Stories Technical Workshop

User needs for climate action implementation data in South Asia

Fri, 29th May 2026 | 14:00 – 15:30 IST | Zoom

Context

NAZCA Stories is a new component under the [UNFCCC's Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action \(NAZCA\) portal](#) being designed to identify, showcase and track real-world examples of climate action. As the UNFCCC's platform for non-Party stakeholder climate action, the NAZCA portal supports transparency, progress tracking and recognition of implementation by cities, regions, businesses, civil society, and cooperative initiatives. NAZCA Stories aims to complement this function by adding narrative, contextual and implementation-focused insight into existing data, drawing on solutions, cases and other practice-based experiences. The initiative will be developed through a phased approach, beginning with a **pilot in South Asia focused on adaptation and resilience**, with a view to informing future scaling.

As part of the NAZCA Stories development, a series of consultations is being co-hosted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) with organizations across South Asia. On **14th May 2026**, an introductory webinar took place as the first step in a broader consultative process. A second, technical-focused workshop, is scheduled for **29th May 2026** which will cover inputs from participants on current approaches to accessing, using and exchanging adaptation and resilience implementation data.

Objective

The primary objective of this technical workshop is to convene non-Party stakeholders from across South Asia to share perspectives on how adaptation and resilience' implementation data is currently accessed, used, and exchanged, and to draw lessons that can inform the further development of NAZCA Stories.

The workshop seeks to:

- Validate and refine user needs identified in the proposed NAZCA Stories component;
- Gather insights on how different stakeholders access and draw on this type of data. This includes understanding what data sources, platforms, and processes participants currently use to access and apply;
- Identify gaps that NAZCA Stories could address and use cases where it would add demonstrable value over existing sources;
- Explore the potential of South Asia as a pilot region, including relevant thematic entry points, existing stakeholder networks, and data availability.



Workshop Agenda

The workshop will use structured facilitation to generate specific validation outputs. Each session will combine small-group deliberation with plenary synthesis, enabling both depth of dialogue and breadth of perspectives.

Time (IST)	Duration	Agenda Item
<i>Moderator: Mehak Sudan, Council on Energy Environment and Water (CEEW)</i>		
14:00 - 14:02	2 min	Opening and welcome remarks <i>Dr Vishwas Chitale, Fellow, Council on Energy Environment and Water (CEEW)</i>
14:02 – 14:10	8 min	Participant introductions Group picture
14:10 – 14:25	15 min	Context-setting: NAZCA and NAZCA Stories: Purpose, concept, and pilot approach <i>Mayra Santaella, NAZCA, UN Climate Change</i> <i>Dr Vishwas Chitale, Fellow, Council on Energy Environment and Water (CEEW)</i>
14:25 – 14:55	30 min	SESSION 1 (Breakout groups) User needs validation <i>Who uses adaptation & resilience implementation data in South Asia, for what purpose, and what is missing?</i>
14:55 – 15:25	30 min	SESSION 2 (Breakout groups) Data Sources & Ecosystem Mapping <i>What platforms and processes do you currently rely on? Where could NAZCA Stories add value?</i>
15:25 - 15:30	5 min	Summary of key findings and validation outcomes, next steps Closing remarks