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NAP Global Network Capacity Building for Adaptation Action: Focus on Adaptation Communications

Event Summary

This session focused on the role that Adaptation Communications (ADCOMs) can play as an important vehicle for developing countries to highlight their successes, progress, and needs on adaptation, and to strengthen capacity-building for adaptation.

Claire Holzer Fleming, UK COP 26 Unit Capacity Building Negotiator, noted that the UK has been calling on countries to develop Adaptation Communications both in time for COP 26 and to inform the global stocktake. She applauded the set of recommendations developed by the [COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Group](#) on capacity-building for ADCOMs.

Anne Hammill, Senior Director, Resilience Program, IISD, and NAP Global Network Secretariat, moderated the side event. Hammill emphasized the opportunity that ADCOMs present to increase the profile and visibility of adaptation, provide inputs to the global stocktake, increase support to developing countries, and enhance learning on adaptation. She noted that ADCOMs can draw on existing progress on adaptation planning, including national adaptation planning (NAP) processes.

Thanh Nga Tran, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam, emphasized the importance of robust monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) systems in order to inform the development of ADCOMs, as well as the importance of building the capacity of sub-national actors to allow them to actively contribute to MEL efforts of national adaptation. She noted that capacity-building on integrating gender considerations in adaptation and on engaging the private sector were also important.

Khetsiwe Khumalo, Climate Change Programme Coordinator, Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Eswatini Meteorological Services, emphasized that an important first step in developing an ADCOM is to decide how it will serve national needs, and understand where and why it will serve a national process drawing on what is there already. She also recommended drawing on adaptation progress to date.





Matti Goldberg, Programme Officer, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC Secretariat, highlighted the Adaptation Committee’s [draft guidance for ADCOMs](#), noting methodologies that can assist in working with each element. As ADCOMs are flexible instruments, not intended to create additional burden, they should be developed according to each country’s unique situation and capacities.

In closing remarks, Khumalo’s advice to peer countries was to “just start the process, the journey is worthwhile – it won’t be perfect, but you will learn by doing and be inspired as you move along.”

Related links:

- NAP Global Network, *Frequently Asked Questions on Adaptation Communications*: <https://napglobalnetwork.org/2021/09/adcom-faq/>
- COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action *Recommendations on Capacity Building for Adaptation Communications*: <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/COP26-Catalyst-recommendations-on-Adaptation-Communications-1-Nov-2021.pdf>

