

2026 Adaptation Forum

Dates: 9–10 September 2026

Venue: Baku Convention Center

Day 1 – Scaling adaptation action

Session 1 – Opening and scene-setting

1. Session information

Date	Wednesday, 9 September 2026
Time	09:00-11:00 (GMT+4)
Venue	Room A5, Baku Convention Center, Baku, Azerbaijan
Format	Opening remarks; evidence snapshot; moderated dialogue; voices from the room; harvest and transition

2026 Adaptation Forum context

The global adaptation agenda is entering a decisive phase. Following the establishment of the global goal on adaptation (GGA) and adoption of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, attention is shifting to practical, scalable action that strengthens adaptive capacity, reduces vulnerability and enhances resilience.

Reflecting this focus, the 2026 Adaptation Forum, under the proposed theme "**Scaling adaptation action towards achieving the global goal on adaptation: partnerships, innovation and practical implementation solutions for climate resilience**," will explore emerging technologies and approaches, practical solutions, and partnerships that connect knowledge, capacities and resources with action on the ground.

Convened by the Adaptation Committee (AC) as part of the Climate Week 4 Implementation Forum, the 1.5-day programme will bring together Parties and stakeholders from across the adaptation community. The Forum will facilitate the exchange of experience, highlight promising approaches and identify opportunities for collaboration, generating practical insights to inform the work of the AC and broader efforts to advance adaptation under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Session objective and expected outcome

Objective: Set the strategic context for the Forum by:

- establishing a common evidence base through the preview of upcoming AC's synthesis report on state of adaptation action by Parties; and
- framing discussions on scaling implementation towards achieving the GGA and implementing the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience.

Expected outcome: A shared understanding of the adaptation implementation landscape.

Run of show

Time	Segment	Speaker(s)
09:00-09:07	Opening	Moderator
09:07-09:12	Welcome	Daniel Violetti, Senior Director, UNFCCC - welcome and strategic framing.
09:12-9:16	Opening remarks	Abdulaziz Albutti, Co-Chair, Adaptation Committee - AC perspective.
09:16-09:20	Opening remarks	Marianna Ronchini, Co-Chair, Adaptation Committee - complementary AC perspective.
09:20-9:50	Evidence snapshot	AC member (Robert Eric A. Borje) – Preview of AC's synthesis report on state of adaptation action by Parties
9:50-10:30	High level dialogue: from ambition to implementation	Panelists: Australia, UNECE, Japan and United Republic of Tanzania
10:30-10:52	Voices from the room	Open discussion with participants
11:00-11:15	Coffee break	

Speaker-specific focus and guiding questions

Luke Millar, Australia

What key shift is needed to move from adaptation ambition and planning to implementation at scale?

Which enabling condition or area of cooperation could make the greatest practical difference in accelerating nationally led adaptation implementation?

Dmitry Mariasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe

From a regional perspective, what are the key barriers countries face in moving from adaptation planning and priorities to implementation, particularly where climate risks and infrastructure systems extend across borders?

How can regional cooperation and partnerships help overcome these barriers, strengthen resilience and support the scaling of effective, nationally led adaptation action?

Yuko Yoshida, Japan

Looking ahead, which adaptation implementation priorities require the greatest attention to accelerate progress towards achieving the GGA?

Which enabling conditions will be most important for translating adaptation priorities into sustained, nationally led implementation at scale?

Issa Musa Nyashilu, United Republic of Tanzania

What lessons from recent adaptation efforts are most important for creating the conditions needed for implementation at scale?

Where should Parties and other stakeholders focus now to translate adaptation priorities into sustained, effective action on the ground?

Voices from the room

What is the most important shift needed now to accelerate adaptation implementation at scale?