

2026 Adaptation Forum

Dates: 9–10 September 2026

Venue: Baku Convention Center

Day 1 – Scaling adaptation action

Session 3 – Partnering for progress

Session information

Date	Wednesday, 9 September 2026
Time	16:30-18:00 (GMT+4)
Venue	Room A5, Baku Convention Center
Format	Framing; strategic partnership dialogue; interactive partnership exchange; partnership harvest; reflections; Day 1 closing

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: Explore how collaboration among Parties, constituted bodies, regional organizations and relevant partners can support adaptation implementation, strengthen collective action and enhance support for achieving the GGA. The discussion will focus on practical opportunities to strengthen collaboration and complementarity within existing mandates and arrangements.

Expected outcome: Concrete opportunities for strengthened collaboration and partnerships that can support adaptation implementation at scale.

Session format: The strategic partnership dialogue will be an interactive, moderated exchange rather than a sequence of institutional presentations. Four speakers will offer complementary funds, country and fund perspectives, followed by an open exchange with participants. The discussion should focus on how collaboration can help respond to nationally identified implementation needs, including through finance, technology, capacity-building and knowledge.

Run of show

Time	Programme	Speaker(s)
16:30-16:45	Coffee break	
16:45-16:50	Opening and framing	Moderator
16:50-17:15	Strategic dialogue	Panelists: Adaptation Fund, GCF, ADB and Senegal, 5 minutes interventions by each panelist
17:15-17:25	Moderated exchange	Speakers may be invited to respond to brief follow-up questions
17:25-17:30	Key messages and transition	Moderator
17:30-17:50	Peer exchange with participants	Intervention from WHO followed by other participant interventions
17:50-18:00	Key takeaways and transition to Session 3	Moderator

Speaker-specific focus and guiding questions

Silvia Mancini, Countries and Partnerships Unit Lead, Adaptation Fund

Principal guiding question: Drawing on the Adaptation Fund's implementation experience, what forms of partnership are most effective in helping countries move adaptation priorities into concrete action on the ground?

Possible follow-up: What can help successful adaptation approaches move to greater scale or be replicated while remaining responsive to national and local priorities?

Achala Chandani Abeysinghe, Director of Investment Services, Green Climate Fund

Principal guiding question: From the GCF's experience, where can stronger collaboration among countries, funds and other partners make the greatest practical difference in moving nationally identified adaptation priorities into implementation?

Possible follow-up: Where could greater complementarity across sources of adaptation support help address implementation gaps or reduce fragmentation for countries?

Ekaterine Mikadze, Senior Climate Change Officer, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Principal guiding question: From ADB's experience, what are the key conditions that help countries translate nationally identified adaptation priorities into implementable and scalable action?

Possible follow-up: Where could stronger collaboration among governments, multilateral development banks, climate funds and other partners help address financing and implementation gaps and support adaptation at greater scale?

Aichetou Seck, Senegal

Principal guiding question: From a country perspective, where are the most significant gaps between nationally identified adaptation implementation needs and the support currently available?

Possible follow-up: What would more effective collaboration among funds, institutions and other partners look like in practice from the perspective of a country implementing its adaptation priorities?

Interactive participants' exchange

Central question for participants: What is one practical opportunity for stronger collaboration that could help address an adaptation implementation challenge identified during the Forum?

Possible follow-up: Which actors would need to work together, and what would they need to contribute, for that collaboration to be effective?