

2026 Adaptation Forum

Dates: 9–10 September 2026

Venue: Baku Convention Center

Day 2 – Scaling adaptation action

Session 4 – Future pathways for adaptation under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and emerging frontiers for adaptation

Session information

Date	Thursday, 10 September 2026
Time	09:00-13:00 (GMT+4)
Venue	Room A5, Baku Convention Center, Baku
Format	Framing; breakout session, three moderated dialogues; interactive participant reflections; future priorities harvest; synthesis 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: Explore future adaptation priorities, emerging risks, technologies and long-term pathways that can inform the next generation of adaptation action and the future work of the AC. Building on Day 1, the session will consider how adaptation systems may need to evolve in response to changing risks, how longer-term adaptation pathways can strengthen implementation, and where emerging tools and approaches could add practical value.

Expected outcome: Strategic insights on emerging adaptation priorities, innovation and future pathways that may inform the future work of the AC and broader adaptation efforts under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Session format: The session will comprise three moderated dialogues, bringing together complementary Party, expert, technical and implementation perspectives. Speakers are invited to make concise, forward-looking and experience-based interventions. The discussion will explore perspectives and practical experience.

4. Run of show

Time	Segment	Speaker(s)
09:30-09:32	Framing	Moderator
09:32-09:45	Interactive discussion	All participants
09:45-10:10	Dialogue 1 - Future-ready adaptation systems, the speakers and the central question.	Kenya, IGAD-ICPAC, ILO, FAO,
09:10-10:40	Breakout groups – From future pathways to action	All participants
10:40-11:00	Plenary harvest and reflection	Participants and moderator
11:00-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-11:30	Interactive exercise - Long-term pathways and adequate adaptation responses	All participants
11:45-12:00	Participant perspectives	All participants
12:00-12:02	Dialogue 3 - Emerging frontiers for adaptation,	Pakistan, Georgia, RINGO, YOUNGO, The Next Economy, University of Tehran
12:40-12:55	Future priorities harvest	Participants
12:55-13:00	Synthesis and transition	Moderator summarizes the key insights and explains how they will feed into the final strategic dialogue.

Dialogue 1 – Future-ready adaptation systems

Panelists:

- Thomas Lerenten , Kenya
- Paulino Omoj Omay Deng, (IGAD-ICPAC) - IGO
- Camilla Roman, ILO
- Ilaria Caputo, FAO

Indicative speaking time: Up to 4 minutes for the initial intervention, with brief follow-up responses when invited.

Suggested focus: Consider how adaptation systems may need to evolve as climate risks and adaptation needs change, including the implications for planning, implementation, and institutional and technical capabilities.

Principal guiding question: As climate risks and adaptation needs evolve, which capabilities may become increasingly important for effective adaptation planning and implementation?

Possible follow-up questions:

- How can adaptation planning and implementation better account for changing risks and longer time horizons?
- How can adaptation be embedded more effectively in long-term development pathways?
- What lessons can be drawn from national or regional experience?

Panelists:

Breakout groups – From future pathways to action

Participants will work in three small, mixed groups to draw on the collective expertise in the room and explore how adaptation can better prepare for different possible futures.

Each group will consider three questions:

Imagine adaptation systems 15–20 years from now are genuinely fit for a world of evolving climate risks. Rather than starting from the constraints of today's systems, consider what that future would require and work backwards to what needs to begin changing now.

1. **Looking towards the future, what will adaptation systems need to understand, recognize and value that our current approaches may not yet capture sufficiently?**
2. **What could this mean for how adaptation is planned and implemented, particularly if future conditions develop differently from what we currently expect?**
3. **What is one practical change we should start making today to help adaptation remain effective across different possible futures and where could the Adaptation Committee add value?**

Each group will identify one key takeaway or practical recommendation to share in plenary. The moderator will draw out recurring and contrasting perspectives and connect these to the broader discussion on how adaptation systems may need to evolve over time.

Interactive exercise

Agree / disagree?

We already know enough to adapt effectively. The bigger challenge is acting on what we know.

Explain your choice

Dialogue 2 – Emerging frontiers for adaptation

Panelists:

1. Amna Shafqat, Pakistan
2. Eka Mamaladze, Georgia
3. Oussoufa Aboubacar, YOUNGO
4. Md Habibur Rahman, RINGO
5. Amanda Cahill, The Next Economy
6. Leila Azari, University of Tehran
 - UNIDO submitted written inputs

Indicative speaking time: Up to 4 minutes for the initial intervention, with brief follow-up responses when invited.

Suggested focus: Consider the practical contribution that emerging tools and approaches could make to adaptation planning and implementation, as well as the enabling conditions, capacity needs, and limitations associated with their use.

Principal guiding question: Where can emerging tools and approaches add practical value to adaptation planning and implementation?

Possible follow-up questions:

- Where could climate analytics, AI or digital tools add practical value?
- What enabling conditions and capacities are needed for their effective use?
- What limitations or practical challenges should be considered?
- How can innovation remain responsive to nationally identified adaptation needs?

What the session should take forward

The moderator will close the session by identifying a limited number of recurring priorities, emerging needs and opportunities for innovation arising across the three

dialogues. These strategic insights will feed into the final strategic dialogue, together with the implementation and collaboration insights generated on Day 1.