2026 Adaptation Forum

Dates: 9–10 September 2026

Venue: Baku Convention Center

Day 2 – Scaling adaptation action

Session 5 – Strategic dialogue: advancing global adaptation efforts and closing session

1. Session information

Date	Thursday, 10 September 2026
Time	14:00-15:00 (GMT+4)
Venue	Room A5, Baku Convention Center, Baku, Azerbaijan
Format	Forum harvest; strategic dialogue; interactive discussion; plenary harvest; looking forward; AC reflections; closing

2. 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: Synthesize the Forum's key insights and forward-looking recommendations and consider their relevance for adaptation implementation under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and the Baku Adaptation Roadmap, strengthened collaboration across the adaptation community and the future work of the AC. The session will also provide space to identify knowledge gaps, emerging needs and opportunities for innovation, as well as insights that may be relevant to the global stocktake and other relevant processes.

Expected outcome: Key insights and forward-looking recommendations relevant to implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and the Baku Adaptation Roadmap, strengthened collaboration across the adaptation community, future work of the AC and other relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

Session format: The session is intended as a strategic, forward-looking dialogue that draws together the perspectives generated across the Forum. Speakers and participants are invited to reflect on the relevance of the emerging insights without seeking negotiated conclusions or prejudging subsequent consideration by the Adaptation Committee or other bodies and processes.

4. Run of show

Time	Segment	Content / speaker role	Indicative speaking time
14:00–14:02	Opening and welcome	Moderator	2 min
14:02–14:22	Strategic dialogue	Bhutan, Panama, LEG, UNECE, AC	20 minutes
14:22–14:37	Participant discussion	Moderator opens the discussion to participants, inviting reflections on the main insights emerging from the Forum and priorities or issues warranting further attention particularly for the AC.	15 minutes
14:37–14:57	Moderators' reflections	Moderator reflect on the main insights from the Forum and their possible relevance to future AC work, without prejudging subsequent consideration by the Committee.	10 minutes
14:57–15:02	Closing	AC Co-chairs thanks participants, the host and contributing partners; indicates how the Forum's insights will be captured; and closes the 2026 Adaptation Forum.	5 minutes

Strategic dialogue

Sonam Gyelpo, Bhutan

Katherine Shantall Martinez Hawkins, Panama

Mokoena France, LEG Chair

Tiffany van Ravenswaay, AC

Kamala Huseynli, UNECE

Suggested focus: Respond to the Forum's emerging findings from a strategic, forward-looking perspective, highlighting the insights or priorities most relevant to strengthening adaptation implementation and future efforts.

Principal guiding question: Drawing on the Forum discussions, which emerging insight or priority is most important for strengthening adaptation implementation, and why?

Possible follow-up questions:

- Which insights are particularly relevant to implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience?
- Where could strengthened collaboration help address implementation challenges?
- What knowledge gaps, emerging needs or opportunities for innovation may warrant further attention?
- Which emerging priorities may be relevant to future adaptation efforts, including in the context of the work of the AC?

Interactive discussion: from insights to priorities

Central question: Which implementation priorities, needs or opportunities emerging from the Forum warrant further attention, and where could they most appropriately be taken forward by the AC?

What the session should take forward

The Forum's key insights and forward-looking recommendations will be captured following the event and may inform, as appropriate, future work of the Adaptation Committee and broader adaptation efforts under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.