

Pathways to Implementation: Regional Dialogue on Accelerating Finance for NAPs in MENA and South Asia

Date: October 28, 2026

Time: 14:00 to 16:00 (Dubai time)

Venue: MS Teams

Introduction

The COP30 decision on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)¹ noted that developing country Parties continue to face challenges in accessing finance, technology transfer, and capacity-building support for formulating and implementing NAPs, and that the resulting financial gap remains one of the key barriers to successful NAP implementation. The COP30 Mutirao decision² reinforced this, calling for efforts to triple adaptation finance by 2035 in the context of the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (decision 3/CMA.6).

Closing the adaptation finance gap, which is estimated by UNEP to be around between USD 215–387 billion annually³, will require greater coordination between countries and suppliers of finance to channel timely and adequate finance for NAP implementation. Countries also continue to require support to build capacities to access existing sources of finance, and to create new modalities and instruments for accessing newer sources of capital.

In 2024, the UNFCCC Executive Secretary launched the NAP 3.0 initiative⁴ with a view to accelerate progress in NAPs and raise adaptation ambition. The initiative is focussed on scaling up the capacity of countries to mobilize a broad range of sources and modalities of finance for NAP implementation,

In MENA and South Asia, the focus is on accessing finance to accelerate NAP implementation. RCC MENA SA has been regularly working with partner agencies and financial institutions to enhance support available for the 30 countries in the region to implement their NAPs.

In December 2025, RCC MENA SA convened a regional dialogue on accelerating finance,⁵ bringing together country representatives and representatives of the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism alongside a wide range of stakeholders active in financing adaptation activities and building country capacities in the region. A key outcome of the dialogue was the sharing of priorities across stakeholders on what is needed to accelerate finance. The dialogue also helped improve countries' understanding of the various financing channels available for their NAPs and the networks and resources already available to build capacity for accessing finance.

As part of ongoing efforts to support NAP implementation, the Regional Collaboration Centre for MENA and South Asia is convening a regional dialogue on financing NAPs. The dialogue will focus on sharing experience and lessons learned in NAP financing. It will also bring together agencies active in adaptation finance to highlight best practices and increase the visibility of support initiatives and

¹ <https://unfccc.int/documents/655079>

² <https://unfccc.int/documents/655095>

³ <https://www.unep.org/resources/adaptation-gap-report-2025>

⁴ <https://unfccc.int/NAP-3.0>

⁵ <https://unfccc.int/event/regional-dialogue-on-accelerating-finance-for-naps-in-mena-and-south-asia>

resources available to countries. Through a multi-stakeholder, solution-oriented approach, the aim is to expand networks and avenues that help countries better access financing for their NAPs.

Objectives

- Provide a platform for countries to share their experiences and emerging lessons in financing NAPs.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange by showcasing scalable best practices and lessons learned in mobilizing finance for NAP implementation.
- Strengthen collaboration among governments, financial institutions, and support agencies to enhance access to adaptation finance.

Agenda

Time (GST)	Activity	Speakers
14:00- 14:05	Opening Remarks	RCC MENA SA
14:05 - 14:15	Presentation <i>Framing implementation of NAPs</i>	Adaptation Division, UNFCCC Secretariat (TBD)
14:15- 15:00	Experience sharing from countries on financing NAPs - <i>What actions is your country undertaking to fully implement your NAP?</i> - <i>What support is needed for your country to accelerate finance for implementing the NAP?</i> - <i>Could you highlight some best practices related to mobilizing and accessing finance for adaptation in your country?</i>	Somalia (TBD) Morocco (TBD) Maldives (TBD) Iraq (TBD)
15:00 – 15:20	Guidance from the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism <i>Current guidance for countries to access finance from the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism for NAP implementation</i>	GCF (TBD) GEF (TBD)
15:20 - 15:45	Discussion with partners on accelerating finance for NAPs. - <i>How is your organization significantly scaling up support for developing countries both as a delivery partner for these countries as well as supporting countries to access a broader range of finance?</i> - <i>Which interventions is your organization expanding or replicating at scale to support a more transformational adaptation response?</i> - <i>What is the status of blended finance arrangement for financing NAPs and how can these be scaled up? (MDBs)</i>	UNDP (TBD) UNEP(TBD) ADB (TBD) World Bank (TBD)

15:45– 15:55	Open discussion with all participants	All participants
15:55 -16:00	Closing remarks	RCC MENA SA