

IPAM's Written Remarks for Global Stocktake Technical Dialogue TD 1.3

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An analytically robust process of evaluating adaptation metrics and metrics frameworks for the Global Stocktake is a necessary, if not sufficient, element in its effective development and evolution. IPAM stands ready to support such a process for the First Global Stocktake and beyond.

- The International Platform on Adaptation Metrics, IPAM, is a global network of 17 international organizations from 4 continents and 100 experts with professional interests and work related to adaptation metrics.
- IPAM was launched in 2020 as the culmination of adaptation metrics convenings launched by the Moroccan Presidency of COP22.
- IPAM's mission is to serve as an international reference platform for adaptation metrics. It seeks to evaluate and co-develop metrics and tools in response to emerging adaptation needs, and to create synergies among its members.
- IPAM believes that metrics are essential for: guiding decision making; informing implementation progress, effectiveness and efficiency; appraising and mobilizing investment; and adaptation learning.
- The current state of adaptation metrics is confusing. There are no metrics framework to enable policy coherence across the various reporting and target setting regimes including Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework, and the SDGs.
- There are many challenges to forwarding metrics that can be deployed and are actionable, that in effect improve adaptation - in terms of climate justice, support for decision making and finance, and learning and improving.
- The global stocktake is one critical area where robust attention to the robust evaluation and development of adaptation metrics, including loss and damage metrics, is important - only by measuring can we "explore opportunities, good practices, lessons learned and success stories".
- IPAM created its Adaptation Metrics Mapping Evaluation Framework to provide practical guidance for mapping and evaluating available metrics and identifying the potential for developing new metrics. This Framework is freely available for use in the Global Stocktake technical work.

- IPAM is investigating the coherence of metrics sectorally (Agriculture, Water, Resilient Cities) and transversally (T&T) as well as focusing on definite thematics (metrics for adaptation vs loss & damage, metrics for GGA/GST...)
- As a body with majority membership from developing countries, the IPAM is acutely aware of the resourcing burdens for developing countries in taking stock of metrics, data gathering and reporting across the various international regimes. There is an acute need for technical assistance financing for developing countries.
- IPAM and its membership stand ready to support the Global Stocktake efforts to lend robust scientific consideration to adaptation metrics. We are starting this effort and wish to have more to say by the Conference of Parties, but also are looking at how we can learn from the first and support making the second Stocktake a valuable tool to advance adaptation.
- On behalf of the IPAM members, I thank you for the time to share our perspectives and am happy to discuss next steps.