

14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 10

Information note on the 2018 Adaptation Forum

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## I: Introduction and background

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- ❖ The 2019 Adaptation Forum took place on 19 June in Cape Town, South Africa, as a session of the 2018 Adaptation Futures conference
- ❖ The topic was “**Integrating climate change adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework for DRR**”, building on the findings of the 2017 TEP-A
- ❖ The discussion were guided by the following questions:
  - a) **Overarching**: How can coherence be improved in the long term between the three post - 2015 frameworks?
  - b) **Capacity-building**: What would effective capacity building look like, in particular for vulnerable groups and regions?
  - c) **Data management and interpretation**: How could better data management and interpretation, more informed policymaking and capacity - building be stimulated?
  - d) **NAPs**: How can the process to formulate and implement NAPs effectively support the enhanced adaptation action and the development of integrated approaches?



## II: Key findings

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The Forum elaborated on the key messages from the 2017 TEM - A, including

- a) Integrating adaptation with the SDGs and the Sendai Framework can be beneficial for building resilience comprehensively across societies
- b) Adequate, sustainable support for adaptation efforts is crucial, including finance, technology and capacity building; as well as the availability and access to climate and socioeconomic data to inform policymaking.
- c) The process to formulate and implement NAPs can support the implementation of enhanced adaptation action.
- d) Governance and strong institutions are important in the context of integrated approaches. Coherence and coordination at national level is crucial.
- e) Language is a challenge in terms of packaging and disseminating all the different types of knowledge in an adequate, useful and effective manner.
- f) The issue of the three frameworks is addressed at the policy, scientific and academic levels. It also needs to be addressed at a local level and capacity should be built at community level.



### III: Next Steps

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- ❖ The AC will be invited to consider the next Adaptation Forum, including:
  - a) Holding it in 2019 so as to ensure progress on key topics under consideration by the AC:
    - Possibly as an element of the next global NAP Expo, tentatively scheduled to take place in April 2019 in the Republic of Korea;
    - In conjunction with other international adaptation events or a non - climate change event where adaptation is particularly relevant (e.g. sustainable development, disaster risk reduction, health, economic development);
  - b) Not holding it in 2019 and instead holding it every second year in conjunction with Adaptation Futures.

