

Email update to AC 17

Item 10(b) – Adaptation Forum

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The AC may wish to take note of the information provided in this update, and to provide further guidance as appropriate.

At AC 16, AC members agreed on the topic of *Communicating M&E results*; and *Sharing existing knowledge and tools on measuring progress of adaptation and resilience actions, also addressing data* for the 2020 Adaptation Forum. The AC also requested that the secretariat explore the possibility of hosting the Forum within the 2020 Adaptation Futures conference, which was scheduled to take place between 28—30 April 2020 in New Delhi, India. Further, the AC asked the secretariat to explore whether there are organizations interested and willing to partner with the AC to host a training session on M&E back-to-back with the Forum.

Accordingly, the secretariat established a partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the NAP Global Support Programme (NAP GSP), who expressed interest in hosting a “masterclass” on tools for M&E following the Forum. The secretariat then applied to host a double (3 hour) session during the Adaptation Futures conference. Because of high demand for sessions, only one (1.5 hour) session was allotted for both the Adaptation Forum and the masterclass.

In light of this, the secretariat was in the process of adjusting the programming together with GIZ and NAP GSP wherein the AC would lead the first 45 minutes focusing on communicating M&E results; the remaining 45 minutes would be allotted to GIZ and NAP GSP who would focus on the subtopic of sharing existing knowledge and tools related to M&E.

The secretariat had begun identifying and, in some cases, reaching out to organizations who would be well suited to speak to the topic of communicating M&E results, such as the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience and Climate Outreach.

On 13 March, however, the Adaptation Futures 2020 Secretariat notified session hosts that the conference will be postponed to 29 September – 1 October 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This notification confirmed that all approved sessions will continue to have a spot in the conference during these new dates.

Plans are therefore on hold, and planning for the Adaptation Forum will resume as we approach the new dates for the Adaptation Futures conference.