

Annual flagship publication of the Adaptation Committee Concept note

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC), at its 21st meeting, will be invited to consider the concept note and provide guidance on the proposed next steps.

1. Background

1. In its workplan for 2022-2024 the AC agreed to prepare annual flagship publications, starting in 2022, to inform Parties and other stakeholders of recent adaptation-related developments, and summarizing adaptation-related facts and figures from national reports submitted to the secretariat. The workplan specifies that these publications could take the format of concise and accessible “mini global stocktake reports” that could feed into the five-yearly global stocktake report, featuring maps and infographics and with thematic or regional focus, as appropriate.

2. Objective

2. The annual flagship publications are intended to provide a global picture of the state of play of adaptation in a format that is accessible for a wide range of stakeholders. It is envisioned that the publications will heighten the AC’s role as a central collector of intelligence and a provider of up-to-date information with a broad reach. In addition, the regular collection of the most recent information on adaptation is expected to assist the AC in providing its contribution to the global stocktake.

3. Content

3. Considering that the 2022 flagship publication will be the first of its kind, it could have a broad focus in order to serve as a basis for subsequent publications. It should be complementary to the adaptation-related synthesis reports developed by the secretariat and various constituted bodies as inputs to the first global stocktake and avoid duplicating the information contained therein to the extent possible.

4. On the basis of national reports submitted to the secretariat and other relevant sources of information, it could provide statistics, maps and infographics as well as high-level information on latest trends or key topics within each of the following adaptation areas. It could also feature short interviews or case studies.

- a) Scientific basis (statistics/maps/infographics from latest IPCC report, IPBES and other global and regional assessments)
- b) National policies/institutional arrangements (statistics on types of national policies/institutional arrangements for adaptation; information on key trends in their design);
- c) National adaptation plans and strategies (statistics/maps on global coverage and existing types of plans and strategies; information on latest approaches for developing national adaptation plans/strategies);
- d) Climate services (statistics/maps of global/regional/national services; information on latest efforts to advance the provision of climate services);

- e) Adaptation finance (statistics on global and domestic adaptation finance and global/regional distribution; trends in global adaptation finance (amount and financial instruments used); current focus themes/strategic objectives of global and regional funds and programmes);
- f) Adaptation technologies (statistics on main technologies applied (per sector/region); latest trends in the types of adaptation technologies and forms of their application);
- g) Private sector engagement (statistics/case studies on private sector adaptation plans of international or national corporations; key adaptation themes under consideration by the private sector (private enterprises or financial sector);
- h) Monitoring and evaluation (statistics/maps on global coverage and existing types of national M&E systems; information on latest approaches/indicators used);
- i) Other relevant topics (key adaptation research themes; latest key sectoral adaptation challenges)

4. Next steps

5. The AC may wish to consider the following next steps:
 - a) The AC to consider the proposed content of the 2022 flagship publication at AC21 and provide further guidance to the secretariat, as appropriate;
 - b) The secretariat to share an annotated outline of the publication for intersessional consideration by the AC by June 2022;
 - c) The secretariat to provide a first draft of the publication for consideration at AC 22;
 - d) The secretariat to finalize and publish the publication by end of the year upon further guidance received at AC 22.

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