

21st meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 6c

Adaptation Forum

28 – 31 March 2022



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I: Introduction and background

- ❖ Since 2013 the AC has regularly held the Adaptation Forum as a high-level event to raise the profile of adaptation globally
- ❖ With the 2022 Forum the AC has once again the opportunity to shine a spotlight on adaptation at a time where it is higher on the political agenda and in the public consciousness than ever before



II: Possible topics

❖ Topic 1 - **Adaptation Stocktake: Where do we go from here?**

- Capitalizing on the momentum of the first global stocktake (GST) and COP 27;
- The Forum could take stock of where the world stands regarding adaptation and where it should go from here;
- Building on the adaptation-related inputs to the GST and the latest IPCC report, it could recapitulate the evolution of adaptation up to the present and stimulate discussions on the major challenges and opportunities for the future;
- It could focus on identifying the key triggers for unlocking the required levels of adaptation action worldwide and thereby contribute to the discussion around the global goal on adaptation and the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support.



II: Possible topics (*continued*)

- ❖ **Topic 2 - Adaptation Technologies: Past, Present, and Future:**
 - The Forum could interrogate past (e.g. indigenous technologies, long-held practices), present (e.g. surveying enduring needs and emerging adaptation entrepreneurship) and future adaptation technologies (e.g. frontier technologies, reinvigorating traditional technologies and avoiding maladaptation);
 - It would elevate the topic of adaptation technologies to a level that is unprecedented in the history of the AC;
 - It could create an opportunity for the AC to engage with new collaborators, such as technology start-ups, ministers of innovation and technology, or indigenous knowledge holders and strengthen existing partnerships.



II: Possible topics (*continued*)

❖ Topic 3 – **Transformational Adaptation:**

- The Forum could examine what it means to integrate adaptation across governments, regions, communities and within varying disciplines and sectors;
- It could look at what has been done on a sector-by-sector basis and, drawing on the IPCC WGII report, envision what transformational adaptation could look like in the future and discuss what knowledge, planning, and resources are needed to achieve this.



II. Possible dates and venues

❖ Possible dates and venues:

- One-or two-day event in hybrid format;
- Possibly following AC22 around October 2022 to allow sufficient time for planning;
- Possibly back-to-back with another event.



III. Next steps

- ❖ The AC may wish to:
 - Agree on a topic for the 2022 Adaptation Forum, and possibly on a topic for the 2023 Forum;
 - Provide further guidance to the secretariat on possible dates, venues, contributors, and other elements.

