

Annual flagship publication (2022) Updated annotated outline

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee (AC) will be invited to consider the revised annotated outline and the design concept and provide guidance on the further development of the publication.

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. At its 21st meeting the AC considered a concept note for the first of these publications including a draft outline. It provided guidance on its further development and requested the secretariat to prepare an annotated outline of the publication for intersessional consideration in June 2022.
3. The AC considered the annotated outline at an informal conference call in June 2022 and provided guidance on its further development.

2. Objective and target audience

4. In addition to regularly informing Parties and other stakeholders on the state of adaptation and providing an input to the 5-yearly global stocktake, the publication is also intended to enhance the leadership role of the Adaptation Committee in enhancing overall coherence on adaptation and in contributing to its defragmentation.
5. It also aims at stimulating discussion and learning and thus at accelerating progress in adaptation action globally.
6. The publication envisions to reach Parties, UN and other adaptation-related organizations, and other interested audiences.

3. Scope and style

7. The publication is intended to provide a broad overview of the state of adaptation and its support. At its core it will provide information on all relevant components of the adaptation cycle based on the UNFCCC process. This information will be updated in each iteration of the publication and thus enable the tracking of progress over time.
8. In addition, the publication will present progress made within broader adaptation-relevant themes or regions that are supported by the wider UN community. Covering the broader adaptation-relevant themes or regions will provide the opportunity of showcasing progress in adaptation in areas that are not directly covered by the UNFCCC process and which could thus provide a positive stimulus into the negotiations and national action.

9. Each publication will also feature a section with adaptation highlights of the year, including special events or publications, including by the AC.
10. Each component or theme will be presented in a glossy, easy-to-grasp and mainly visual style, without going into analytical depth. Each component of the adaptation cycle will be presented using the following three main elements: 1. Catchy, introductory quotes that capture the essence and relevance of the respective element; 2. A world map showcasing the state of play regarding the element in each country (conditional to data availability); 3. An outlook including a diagram depicting the key enablers for further action on the element. The broader adaptation-relevant themes or regions will be presented in the form of introductory quotes, short case studies and key statistics. Where required, each chapter will be complemented with short, explanatory text boxes or infographics.

4. Sources of information

11. The publication will draw from national reports submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat, including national adaptation communications, national adaptation plans and nationally determined contributions and the synthesis reports prepared for the first global stocktake. It will also draw from other UN reports as well as relevant technical reports and documents.
12. Surveys and/or interviews with adaptation contact points and other national and international stakeholders can be undertaken in order to obtain additional information.
13. UN and other organizations could be invited to contribute to the publication.

5. Updated annotated outline

14. Based on the concept note and annotated outline previously shared with the AC and further guidance received from AC members, the annual flagship publication could feature 2-4 pages each on the chapters outlined in annex I.

6. Next steps

15. The AC may wish to consider the following next steps:
 - a) Upon further guidance received at AC 22 on the updated annotated outline and the design concept, the secretariat to develop a “teaser” version of the publication for presentation at COP 27;
 - b) The secretariat to develop the full publication, with possible inputs from a wider range of UN and other organizations, until the end of 2022 or early 2023.

Annex 1: Updated annotated outline

1. Background and introduction
 - a) Introduction to the publication series, its objectives and special design
2. Key climate impacts and trends
 - a) Introductory quotes (from IPCC AR 6)
 - b) World map of major climate-related impacts in 2022 (based on EM-DAT)
 - c) Outlook with key future risks and calls for action (based on IPCC)
3. Climate services
 - a) Introductory quotes (from GFCS, WMO)
 - b) World map of the status of the implementation of National Frameworks for Climate Services (based on GFCS)
 - c) Outlook with key enablers for enhancing the provision of climate services
 - d) Complementary text boxes on national frameworks for climate services
4. Adaptation planning
 - a) Introductory quotes (from IPCC, UNFCCC, GCA, UNEP)
 - b) World map on NAPs and/or other national policies, strategies and plans (based on UNFCCC and others)
 - c) Outlook with key enablers for adaptation planning (based on IPCC, UNFCCC, OECD)
 - d) Complementary tables/text boxes on existing institutional arrangements for adaptation planning and implementation
5. Adaptation implementation
 - a) Introductory quotes (from IPCC, UNFCCC, WASP, UNEP)
 - b) World map on adaptation implementation (based on UNFCCC, UNEP, operating entities and other funds)
 - c) Outlook with key enablers for adaptation implementation (based on IPCC, UNFCCC, funds)
6. Adaptation support/finance
 - a) Introductory quotes (from UNFCCC, GCA, UNEP)
 - b) World map on adaptation finance (based on SCF BA, Climate Policy Initiative, MDBs)
 - c) Outlook with key enablers for adaptation finance (based on GCA, UNFCCC, OECD)
7. Adaptation support/technology development and transfer
 - a) Introductory quotes (from UNFCCC, UNEP)
 - b) World map on adaptation technology planning (TNAs) and implementation (based on UNFCCC, UNEP)
 - c) Outlook with key enablers for adaptation technology development and transfer (based on UNFCCC, UNEP)
8. Adaptation support/capacity-building
 - a) Introductory quotes (from UNFCCC, GCA)
 - b) World map on capacity-building for adaptation (CB Portal, TBD)

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- c) Outlook with key enablers for adaptation capacity-building (based on UNFCCC, GCA, European Capacity Building Initiative)
9. Monitoring and evaluation
- a) Introductory quotes (from UNFCCC, UNEP, UNDP)
 - b) World map on adaptation M&E systems (based on UNFCCC, UNEP, Leiter)
 - c) Outlook with key enablers for enhancing M&E (based on NAP Global Network, IISD, GIZ, UNFCCC)
10. Thematic and regional progress
- a) Introductory quotes, short case studies and key statistics on the following potential themes and regions (to be further determined):
 - i. Children/education;
 - ii. World Population;
 - iii. Digital development;
 - iv. Civil society;
 - v. Local and indigenous peoples;
 - vi. Business transformation and entrepreneurship;
 - vii. Trade/global value chains;
 - viii. Global financial system;
 - ix. Cities;
 - x. Aspects of nature/biodiversity/oceans/forests;
 - xi. Regions covered by the regional UN economic commissions.
11. Key events and publications
- a) Key global and regional events;
 - b) Major publications, including those published by the AC.
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Documentation information

<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
01.0	1 September 2022	AC22 The AC is requested to provide guidance on the further development of the publication based on the content of this paper.

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