

Outreach event by the Adaptation Committee to be held at the 2023 NAP Expo Concept note

Technical work by the Adaptation Committee to support developing countries: A guided tour

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The Adaptation Committee, at its 23rd meeting, will be invited to finalize its planning for an outreach event to be conducted at the 2023 NAP Expo.

1. Background

1. The Adaptation Committee (AC) has over the years prepared a wide array of products relevant to international policy on adaptation to climate change under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, and technical products designed to support countries, mainly developing countries, in their efforts to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.
2. 2023 is the year of the first global stocktake, the mechanism established to assess progress towards the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. It is also the year that the 2-year Glasgow – Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation concludes. The AC provided critical policy-relevant input to this major international work, as mandated by Parties. Furthermore, the AC is strengthening its leading role in this regard, including through a range of activities with an enhanced focus on improving knowledge on the state of adaptation, including NAPs, and enhancing coherence of action globally.
3. The spectrum of technical outputs covers the entire adaptation cycle, starting from assessing countries' adaptation needs, planning adaptation interventions, implementing them, and regularly monitoring and evaluating these to ensure that interventions remain adequate and effective and improve over time. The so-called means of implementation, meaning the financial, technological and capacity-building needs to implement these interventions, have also been addressed.
4. In its desire to make these technical products better known to a broader audience, the AC has enhanced its outreach and communication efforts with a targeted strategy. COP 27 and CMA 4 took note of the progress of the AC in improving its outreach and communication efforts and encouraged the committee to “make further use of platforms for outreach, communication in languages other than English and the organization of regional events and knowledge dialogues as ways to improve the dissemination, understanding and use of its knowledge products by organizations and practitioners within and outside the UNFCCC process and in all geographical regions”.

2. Purpose and scope of the event

5. While the AC is regularly organizing events and webinars to launch its latest products, the AC could additionally establish a concept for an event that would introduce several previously issued outputs in a

more comprehensive manner. This would enable stakeholders to learn more about the range of activities the AC is addressing, raise their interest and encourage the audience to look at the work in more detail in their own time.

6. Ideally, the event would be replicable, so it could be tested at the NAP Expo taking place in Santiago de Chile from 27-30 March 2023, and then be repeated, with slight modifications, at the regional climate weeks throughout the year. These modifications would link the presentation to the respective regional context and include data and examples of ongoing regional or national initiatives and projects. This will ensure that the events remain attractive for the respective audiences and demonstrate the AC's mindfulness of the regional needs and priorities.

7. Elements of the presentation prepared for the event could then also be tailored to different occasions for AC members to talk about the work of the AC at other meetings.

3. Structure and flow of the event

8. The event could be entitled *Technical work by the Adaptation Committee to support developing countries: A guided tour*. It could comprise two parts: part A would be a succinct overview of the mandate and the work of the AC, and part B would constitute the main part of the event, introducing the products.

9. **Part A** would focus on the mandate of the AC and its mission as the primary body to ensure the coherence of adaptation actions and raising the profile of adaptation under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as the United Nations' leading body on adaptation, working to ensure that all bodies and organizations under the UN system work together to chart a path to a climate-resilient future. Part A could consist of a presentation including some traditional slides or a short video on the work of the AC and introduce its fundamental policy work related to the input to the GST and GGA, and plans for further efforts on enhancing coherence of action and support worldwide.

10. **Part B** would then be the interactive part of the event. The goal of this part would be to inform and learn more about the AC's products and its practical utility for adaptation at a national, regional and international level by supplying them with a snapshot of the topic and a few interesting messages from different products. This part could consist of an interactive Mentimeter show including slides that will lead the audience through a range of papers following a logical storyline. Each paper will briefly be introduced by the presenter, who will then engage the audience in multiple choice questions that could lead to slightly different results, depending on the answer (if the audience selects answer a, the storyline will continue to x, if the answer is b, the result will be y). This way a set of key products will be introduced each time the event is held, but the storyline will have some flexibility within the introduction of the various papers, depending on the audience's interests and preferences.

4. Products to be introduced

11. The following products would be suited for the event, with the ones in bold are proposed being suggested as the short-listed ones:

- a) **Adaptation Finance Bulletin (ongoing)**
- b) **Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and their application (2022)**
- c) **Synthesis report on the cost of adaptation (2022)**
- d) Technologies for adaptation: innovation, priorities and needs in agriculture, water resources and coastal zones (2022)
- e) **Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (2022)**
- f) Information paper on linkages between adaptation and mitigation (2021)
- g) Opportunities and options for enhancing adaptation action through education and training, and public and youth participation (2021)
- h) **Data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal scales (2020)**

- i) Toolkit for engaging the private sector in national adaptation plans (2020)
- j) Toolkit for a gender-responsive process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (2019)

5. Next steps

12. The AC may wish to consider the concept note, select the products to be introduced, request the secretariat to finalize the preparation, and agree on one or more AC members attending the 2023 NAP Expo to run the event, with the support of the secretariat.

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