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State of Adaptation

Interactive portal of country profiles

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I. Introduction and background

- In its workplan for 2022-2024 the AC agreed to prepare annual “flagship publications”, 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;
- At past meetings and intersessionally it decided to compile the information in the form of country profiles, containing information on adaptation action taken by Parties along the elements of the adaptation cycle;
- It also decided to present the information via an interactive online portal with options for filtering for the different types of information;
- At AC 24, the AC provided further guidance on the process to validate the information contained in the profiles and agreed to establish a working group to work with the secretariat on finalizing the country profiles in line with the guidance received by the AC.

II. Progress made since AC 24

- Country profile template revised according to the guidance received at AC 24;
- Further set of country profiles finalized (179 completed);
- 92 country profiles reviewed in preparation for the validation process;
- Notification to UNFCCC adaptation contact points and national focal points circulated with information on the country profiles and modalities for validation;
- Mock-up of the interactive portal developed;
- Outcomes of COP 28/CMA.5, particularly the targets defined as part of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, reviewed to ensure the relevance of the country profiles to the new requirements (currently no further revisions foreseen);
- Working group discussed options of including other adaptation-relevant portals as part of the interactive portal; options for updating the country profiles on a regular basis; the draft description of the methodological approach used for the development of the profiles, and options for the finalization of the first live version of the portal

III. Outline of the draft description of the methodological approach

1. Scope
2. Elements of the country profile template
3. Sources of information
4. Approach to the collection of information for specific entries of the country profile template
5. Classification of adaptation action according to the degree of availability/ implementation
6. Special case: Member states of the European Union

IV. Inclusion of other adaptation-relevant portals

- Portals that inform on adaptation-related legal and policy frameworks and regulations (e.g. Climate Change Laws of the world)
- Portals that inform on institutional arrangements for adaptation (e.g. CGE toolbox on institutional arrangements)
- Portals that inform on efforts to establish climate services (e.g. Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS))
- Portals that inform on adaptation finance received or provided (e.g. UNFCCC climate finance data portal, OECD statistics on climate-related development finance; Climate Policy Initiative);
- Portals that inform on capacity-building efforts (e.g. UNFCCC Capacity-building portal)
- Portals that inform on countries' efforts to adopt adaptation technologies (e.g. CTCN)
- Portals which showcase different aspects or subsets of adaptation action by (a selection of) countries (e.g. Adaptation Action Coalition, Adaptation Map by Climate Analytics, Race to Resilience; EU Climate ADAPT country profiles)

V. Options for updating the country profiles

1. Defining regular periods for updating, e.g. annually at the beginning of each year or twice a year;
2. Updating each profile whenever a new report or communication is submitted by the respective country;
3. On-demand updating.

VI. Timeline for finalization of first live version of the interactive portal

- Finalization of first iteration of all remaining country profiles (April - May);
- Finalization of the review of first iteration of all remaining country profiles (April - May);
- Validation of finalized and reviewed profiles and upon the AC's approval of the description of the methodological approach (April - May);
- Finalization of the full version of the interactive portal (timeline subject to the availability of resources, indicative time required: three - five months)

VII. Outlook towards long-term use and development of the portal

1. Tool to showcase adaptation action as reported by Parties and to facilitate learning and information sharing on specific aspects of the adaptation cycle, including in relation to the UAE framework's targets
2. Tool to contribute towards a comprehensive understanding of the global state of adaptation

IV. Next steps – the AC may wish to...

- Consider the following next steps to facilitate the further development of the country profiles and interactive portal:
 - Approve the draft description of the methodological approach;
 - Advise on additional adaptation-relevant portals to be included in the interactive portal;
 - Decide on one or a combination of options for updating the profiles on a regular basis;
 - Start considering options for the long-term use and development of the portal and related linkages to other mandates and workstreams.