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Climate Change

**28th meeting of the Adaptation Committee**

**Agenda item 14(a)**

# **Collaboration and Coherence Adaptation Forum**

**Bonn, Germany**

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# I. Introduction and background

- The AC has convened Adaptation Forums since 2013 as a core modality for advancing its mandate to promote coherence, provide guidance, and strengthen adaptation action and support under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
- At AC 27, the AC considered the concept note for the 2026 Adaptation Forum, agreed to focus it on “technical support and guidance, assessing adaptation progress and innovation frontiers for adaptation”, and to further develop the preparation of the Forum.
- The AC requested the secretariat to revise the concept note, taking into account the inputs received at AC 27, for consideration by the AC at its 28th meeting.
- The AC agreed to conduct the Forum for three days and in a hybrid format.



# Value proposition

The 2026 Forum will be strategically scheduled to align with key milestones in the international adaptation agenda, including, where applicable, the potential conclusion of the UAE–Belém work programme on indicators, should Parties so decide. In this context, the Forum would provide a global platform to engage in structured dialogue on the practical integration of emerging indicator frameworks, grounded into national planning and reporting systems. Furthermore, the Forum will serve to examine means of implementation necessary to accelerate adaptation innovation, with particular attention to finance, technology, and capacity building, thereby supporting Parties in enhancing ambition and implementation.



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# Theme

- Based on the theme agreed at AC 27, technical support and guidance, assessing adaptation progress, and innovation frontiers for adaptation, the 2026 Adaptation Forum will help set the tone for the next phase of adaptation efforts under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.



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# Format

- Hybrid
- Interactive
- External engagement

# Participation

- Wide range of stakeholders





# Expected outcome

Synthesized insights and forward-looking recommendations for:

- Operationalization of the global goal on adaptation at national and global levels
- Coherence and collaboration across support providers (e.g. constituted bodies, financial institutions, etc.)
- Innovative approaches in adaptation finance, data systems, governance models, and partnerships
- Preparatory groundwork for the second global stocktake in 2028



## II. Next steps

The AC may wish to request/provide further guidance on the following

- Forum's **structure, focus** and **draft programme**
- Detailed **plan for engaging external partners**, possibly through steering group model
- **Venue** and **date**
- **Draft outreach and communications plan**
- Nominate **members** for the dedicated **working group**