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## 29th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 15a

2026 Adaptation Forum

Revised draft concept note

Bonn, Germany

14–17 April 2026





# I. Introduction and background

- The AC has convened Adaptation Forums since 2013 to promote coherence, guidance and strengthened adaptation action under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
- Under the 2025–2027 workplan, the AC agreed on a 2026 Forum on the state of adaptation action by Parties.
- At AC27: Agreement on the theme: “Technical support, assessing adaptation progress and innovation frontiers for climate resilience.”
- At AC28: Guidance to align it with the Global Goal on Adaptation, including the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, reflect CMA 7/COP 30 outcomes, and include a forward-looking innovation focus.
- This revised concept note proposes a three-day hybrid Forum in Q3 2026, potentially back-to-back with AC30 and prior to COP31.



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## II. Next steps - the AC may wish to

- Provide further guidance on the thematic focus and overall structure of the 2026 Adaptation Forum.
- Request the secretariat to further refine the agenda and guiding questions, considering relevant COP30 outcomes and any additional.
- Request the secretariat to explore collaboration with external partners and relevant constituted bodies, including technology and innovation networks.
- Request confirmation of the Forum's venue and timing, and development of a communication, outreach and participation plan.
- Continue intersessional work through the designated working group and nominate members to guide that work.



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# Thank you



# 2026 Adaptation Forum

Technical support, assessing adaptation progress and innovation frontiers for climate resilience

## Date

**Q3 2026**  
**Back-to-back with AC30**

## Format

**Three-day hybrid event**  
**In-person + Virtual**

## Participants

**50-100 participants**  
**Parties & stakeholders**

## Focus Areas

- Aligning technical support toward GGA
- Assessing adaptation progress
- Innovation frontiers for adaptation

## Key Context

- UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience
- Baku Adaptation Roadmap
- Second Global Stocktake preparations



# Background and Context

History of Adaptation Forums and key guidance from AC27 and AC28



## Evolution of Adaptation Forums

2013

### First Adaptation Forum

AC began convening Adaptation Forums as a modality for promoting coherence and strengthening adaptation action

2025-2027

### AC Workplan

Agreement to convene an Adaptation Forum on the state of adaptation action by Parties

AC27

### Focus and Format

Agreed to focus on "Technical support, assessing adaptation progress and innovation frontiers"

AC28

### Key Guidance

Provided guidance on GGA alignment, indicators, and broadened participation



## Key Developments & Focus Areas

### UAE Framework

Implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience

### Baku Roadmap

Implementation of the Baku Adaptation Roadmap

### Belem Indicators

Technical work on Belem adaptation indicators

### Global Stocktake

Preparations for second global stocktake

**i** The Forum will explore how Parties are assessing progress toward the GGA and exchange experiences in integrating Belem indicators



# Proposed Structure: Three Interlinked Pillars

Technical support, assessing progress and innovation frontiers for climate resilience



## Pillar I

Technical Support & Guidance



**Tools & Support:** Technical guidance, tools and support mechanisms for implementing the UAE Framework



**National Planning:** Support for national adaptation planning processes



**Implementation:** Baku Adaptation Roadmap implementation support



## Pillar II

Assessing Progress in Adaptation



**Belem Indicators:** Use of Belem adaptation indicators for monitoring and evaluation



**M&E Frameworks:** Monitoring and evaluation frameworks and reporting mechanisms



**Integration:** Integration into policy and planning processes



## Pillar III

Innovation Frontiers for Adaptation



**Emerging Tech:** Emerging technologies and digital tools for adaptation



**Foresight:** Foresight and long-term adaptation pathways



**Collaboration:** New forms of collaboration across sectors and actors



# Day 1 Agenda

Scene-setting & state of adaptation

## DAY 1 Scene-setting & State of Adaptation

Opening session, state of adaptation action, COP30 outcomes, co-creation roundtables



### Morning Sessions (09:00 - 12:45)

3h 45min

**09:00 - 10:00:** Opening session with high-level opening and keynote reflections on the evolving global adaptation landscape

**10:00 - 10:45:** Scene-setting panel: What does a future-ready adaptation system look like in the context of the GGA?

**11:15 - 12:45:** Session I - The state of adaptation action by Parties (launch of AC synthesis, regional insights)



### Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:15

Networking and informal discussions



### Afternoon Sessions (14:00 - 17:30)

3h 30min

#### Session II

Reflections on COP30 outcomes related to adaptation - Implications of decisions and testing Belem indicators

#### Session III

Co-creation roundtables on assessing adaptation progress - Interactive breakouts on MEL systems

#### 15:30 - 15:45

Coffee break and networking

#### 15:45 - 17:30

Session III continued - Approaches to tracking progress under UAE Framework

# Day 2 & Day 3 Agenda Overview



## Day 2: Technical Support & Innovation Frontiers

09:00 - 17:30 | Technical sessions and solution marketplace

09:00 - 10:30

Session IV

### Technical Support and Guidance for Implementation

Experiences from national adaptation planning, addressing gaps in technical support, strengthening collaboration

NAP experiences

Technical support

10:30 - 11:00

Break

### Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:45

Session V

### The Innovation Frontier: Technologies, Solutions and Opportunities

Frontier technologies (AI, climate analytics), emerging approaches to climate risk management

AI & Analytics

Digital tools

14:00 - 15:30

Session VI

### Marketplace of Solutions

Parallel exchanges hosted by regional and thematic actors, peer learning on scalable solutions



## Day 3: Strategic Synthesis & Forward Pathways

09:00 - 17:30 | Future pathways and strategic dialogue

09:00 - 10:30

Session VIII

### Future Pathways for Adaptation under the Paris Agreement

Future-ready adaptation system, adequate adaptation responses, embedding NAPs into long-term development

Long-term pathways

Development planning

11:00 - 12:45

Session IX

### Emerging Frontiers for Adaptation

Climate risks and impacts, long-term adaptation pathways, foresight and scenario planning

Anticipatory action

Foresight tools

14:00 - 15:30

Session X

### Strategic Dialogue: Advancing Global Adaptation Efforts

Priorities for 2030 and beyond, enhanced collaboration among Parties, institutions and partners

15:45 - 17:30

Session XI

### Closing Session: Key Insights and Next Steps

Summary of key insights, reflections from Parties and stakeholders

# Participants and Expected Outcomes

50-100 participants from diverse stakeholder groups and strategic outcomes


## Participant Categories

50-100 registered participants with broad stakeholder representation

 **National adaptation focal points** and negotiators


 **AC members** and other constituted bodies

 **UN agencies** and international organizations

 **Practitioners** and adaptation experts

 **Researchers** and academic institutions

 **Private sector** and philanthropic organizations

 **Civil society** and Indigenous Peoples' organizations

 **Regional networks** and support providers

## Expected Outcomes

Strategic recommendations and actionable insights

### **Implementation of UAE Framework**

Technical guidance, training and support for implementing the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience

### **Baku Adaptation Roadmap**

Implementation of the Baku Adaptation Roadmap including adequate adaptation responses under the temperature goal

### **Enhanced Collaboration**

Collaboration across organizations and networks supporting adaptation implementation

### **Global Stocktake Inputs**

Future inputs to the global stocktake and other relevant processes under the Convention and Paris Agreement

# Next Steps and Alignment with AC28 Guidance

How the concept note addresses AC28 guidance and recommended next steps for the Adaptation Committee



## Alignment with AC28 Guidance

AC28 Guidance Element	Implementation	Status
1. Align framing with GGA and UAE Framework	Forum examines progress toward GGA and UAE Framework implementation	<b>Fully reflected</b>
2. Day 1 focus on COP30 outcomes & indicators	Sessions on COP30 outcomes, Belem indicators, monitoring frameworks	<b>Fully reflected</b>
3. Day 3 forward-looking focus	Innovation, foresight, emerging technologies, long-term pathways	<b>Fully reflected</b>
4. Collaboration with TEC/CTCN	External partners, technology networks, steering group model	<b>Reflected</b>
5. Broadened participation	Practitioners, researchers, private sector, philanthropists	<b>Fully reflected</b>

## Recommended Next Steps

- 1 **Provide further guidance on thematic focus and structure**  
AC to refine Forum focus and confirm structural elements
- 2 **Request secretariat to refine agenda and guiding questions**  
Reflecting COP30 outcomes and any AC29 mandates
- 3 **Explore collaboration with external partners**  
TEC, CTCN, regional networks, research institutions
- 4 **Confirm venue and timing**  
Q3 2026, potentially back-to-back with AC30