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**MESSAGE TO UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND ADMITTED  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE CO-CHAIR OF THE  
ADAPTATION COMMITTEE**

**2023 Adaptation Forum**

**30–31 October 2023**

I am pleased to transmit to United Nations organizations and admitted intergovernmental organizations the message from the Co-Chair of the Adaptation Committee contained in the annex.

Yours sincerely,

*(signed by)*

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**Distribution:** To United Nations Secretariat units and bodies, specialized agencies and related organizations and intergovernmental organizations admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties.

Dear colleagues,



The Adaptation Committee (AC) is convening the 2023 Adaptation Forum from 30 to 31 October in Bonn on the theme of **preparing the multilateral system for more coherent and effective support for adaptation**. The AC is inviting United Nations agencies and other multilateral and intergovernmental organizations involved in work related to adaptation to participate in the Adaptation Forum and engage in associated preparatory and follow-up work.

As the leading United Nations body promoting coherence and providing guidance in relation to adaptation, the AC has regularly held the Adaptation Forum since 2013 with the goal of convening a high-level event to raise the profile of adaptation globally. The first Adaptation Forum featured a panel of leaders and visionaries who reflected on their visions for a resilient future, and it provided material for a documentary<sup>1</sup> that has since been viewed over 30,000 times and translated into eight languages.

A decade later, the AC is seizing the opportunity of the Adaptation Forum to highlight adaptation's importance and galvanize broad and coherent action, as adaptation gains unprecedented political and public attention, magnifying its significance in the collective consciousness. The 2023 Adaptation Forum will lay the foundation for long-term work aimed at enhancing collaboration across the intergovernmental architecture in support of more ambitious adaptation action globally. This will prepare multilateral and intergovernmental systems to effectively respond to the outcomes of the first global stocktake<sup>2</sup> and the two-year Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation<sup>3</sup> in accelerating adaptation worldwide.

Working towards this global endeavour, the AC is holding a series of regional meetings with the aim of fostering an understanding of regional and transboundary adaptation action and support,<sup>4</sup> seeking in this effort to promote a coherent and harmonized approach to implementation towards a resilient future. The series of meetings will culminate in the 2023 Adaptation Forum. This work, in collaboration with partners, will be introduced to the public during COP 28 and officially launched shortly thereafter.

Organizations are invited to signal their interest in learning more about and participating in the 2023 Adaptation Forum and associated long-term work of the AC by completing by **Tuesday, 18 September 2023**, the form available at <https://forms.office.com/e/huwYVwrrjy>. More information on the 2023 Adaptation Forum will be made available at <https://unfccc.int/event/2023-ac-adapt-forum>.

The AC would like to thank organizations in advance for their interest in the 2023 Adaptation Forum, and look forward to collectively fostering a coherent multilateral effort to adapt and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Yours sincerely,

*(signed by)*

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Co-Chair, Adaptation Committee

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/topics/resilience/resources/adaptation-committee-adaptation-forum-video-documentary-adapting-to-a-changing-climate>.

<sup>2</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/topics/global-stocktake>.

<sup>3</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/glasgow-sharm-el-sheikh-WP-GGGA>.

<sup>4</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/AC-boosting-region-wide-coherence-on-adaptation>.