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Summary

This annual report covers the work of the Adaptation Committee between November 2023 and September 2024. It presents the Committee's main achievements during the reporting period and contains organizational and procedural information, including on meetings and changes in membership and co-chairing arrangements. The report summarizes the Committee's progress in implementing its flexible workplan for 2022–2024 and in developing its flexible workplan for 2025–2027, which is contained in the annex. In addition, the report contains recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

AC	Adaptation Committee
CGE	Consultative Group of Experts
CMA	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
COP	Conference of the Parties
FWG	Facilitative Working Group
GCF	Green Climate Fund
GEF	Global Environment Facility
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
LEG	Least Developed Countries Expert Group
NAP	national adaptation plan
NAP Global Network	National Adaptation Plan Global Network
NWP	Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change
PCCB	Paris Committee on Capacity-building
SB	sessions of the subsidiary bodies
SBI	Subsidiary Body for Implementation
SBSTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
SCF	Standing Committee on Finance
TEC	Technology Executive Committee
WIM Executive Committee	Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. COP 17 decided that the AC shall operate under the authority of, and be accountable to, the COP, which should decide on its policies in line with relevant decisions. It requested the AC to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies, including on its activities and the performance of its functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work and, as appropriate, on further action that may be required under the Convention for consideration by the COP.¹

2. CMA 1 decided that the AC shall serve the Paris Agreement.²

B. Scope of the report

3. This annual report contains information on the work of the AC between November 2023 and September 2024 and recommendations for consideration at COP 29 and CMA 6. The flexible workplan of the AC for 2025–2027 is contained in the annex.

C. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

4. The subsidiary bodies are invited to consider the information in this report and to recommend draft conclusions or draft decisions on the basis of the work of the AC for consideration and adoption by the appropriate body or bodies.

II. Organizational and procedural matters

A. Meetings and events

5. AC 25 was held from 12 to 15 March 2024 and AC 26 from 9 to 13 September 2024, both in Bonn. The meetings were held in person with the option of virtual participation, open to observers and live-streamed on YouTube.³

6. The AC held or co-organized the following events and training sessions during the reporting period, details of which are presented later in this report:

- (a) Two events during COP 28 (see paras. 55 and 69 below);
- (b) The 2024 Adaptation Forum (see paras. 23–24 below);
- (c) A side event at SB 60 (see para. 36 below);
- (d) Seven training sessions during the 2024 NAP Expo (see para. 62 below);
- (e) A meeting of Party experts on progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement NAPs (see paras. 60–61 below).

7. In addition, representatives of the AC contributed to a range of events organized by other UNFCCC constituted bodies and under UNFCCC processes at COP 29 and SB 60, including a technical dialogue on financing for a gender-just transition; the 13th Durban Forum on capacity-building; the 7th meeting of the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement; and an in-session workshop on

¹ Decision [2/CP.17](#), paras. 95–96.

² Decision [11/CMA.1](#), para. 1.

³ All documents, presentations and YouTube links, and summary outcomes for each agenda item are available at <https://unfccc.int/event/AC-25> (for AC 25) and <https://unfccc.int/event/AC-26> (for AC 26).

progress, challenges, gaps and priorities in implementing the gender action plan and on future work to be undertaken on gender and climate change.

B. Chairing arrangements and membership⁴

8. Britta Horstmann (Germany) and Funanani Muremi (South Africa) were elected⁵ at AC 25 for their first term as Co-Chairs of the AC. The outgoing Co-Chair, Giuliana Torta (Italy), remained in office for AC 25 and handed over to Britta Horstmann immediately after the meeting.

9. Abdulaziz Albutti (Saudi Arabia), Mirza Shawkat Ali (Bangladesh), Robert Eric Borje (Philippines), Luke Millar (Australia) and Johanna Noble (Belize) were elected to the AC as new members. The terms of office of Vladimir Kattsov (Russian Federation), Iryna Trofimova (Ukraine) and Kazem Kashefi (Islamic Republic of Iran) came to an end before the first meeting of the AC in 2020, 2023 and 2024 respectively, and the nominations for the positions are pending. The members will remain in office until their successors have been nominated.⁶ Mariam Allam, Britta Horstmann and Funanani Muremi will complete their second terms of office before AC 27.

10. In welcoming its new members, the AC recalled paragraph 101 of decision [2/CP.17](#), which stipulates that members serve in their personal capacity.

C. Observer engagement

11. The AC promotes active observer participation in its meetings. Observers provide experience and expertise that inform the discussions, and their engagement is critical to furthering the work of the AC and achieving its objectives of creating synergies and maintaining coherence of action on adaptation at all levels and by different stakeholder groups. While in-person participation is generally more conducive to observer collaboration, the option of joining remotely provides the opportunity for wider observer participation, as there are no travel-related or space limitations; therefore, observers who cannot attend meetings in person are encouraged to participate virtually.

III. Progress in implementing the flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2022–2024

12. The AC was established to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner, including by providing technical support, guidance, information on the state of adaptation action and recommendations to Parties. It collaborates with other constituted bodies and entities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to ensure strategic and systematic approaches to the work on adaptation under their respective mandates and portfolios. The AC also promotes coherence and synergy on adaptation with national, regional and international organizations, networks and other institutions. The AC implements its mandates through a flexible three-year workplan organized into three workstreams, as detailed in this chapter.

13. AC 20 agreed on the AC flexible workplan for 2022–2024 with the understanding that the workplan would remain flexible enough to incorporate any relevant outcomes arising from future sessions of the COP and the CMA as well as those arising from the evolving work of the AC. AC 25 updated the workplan to reflect new mandates from CMA 5.⁷

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/Adaptation-Committee#Membership> for a list of the AC members.

⁵ Pursuant to decisions [2/CP.17](#), para. 108, and [16/CP.19](#), paras. 6–7.

⁶ As per decision [2/CP.17](#), para. 106(c).

⁷ The revised version is available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/640512>.

A. Promoting overarching coherence and collaboration

1. Coherence and collaboration with other bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement

14. The AC collaborates with other constituted bodies and entities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the CGE, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the FWG of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the LEG, NWP partners, the PCCB, the SCF, the TEC, and the WIM Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups. It also collaborates with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.

15. The AC invites the constituted bodies to its regular meetings and to the intersessional meetings of its working groups to exchange information and to coordinate or collaborate on adaptation-relevant activities. To improve collaboration on and coherence of workplans, during the reporting period the AC continued its practice of dedicating time at its first regular meeting after each session of the COP to an in-depth exchange of information with the bodies and entities on their respective adaptation-related work. In addition, the Co-Chairs of the AC and other interested members conducted a series of conference calls in 2024 with representatives of the CGE, the FWG, the LEG, the PCCB, the SCF, the TEC and the WIM Executive Committee to discuss activities that would benefit from joint work.

16. During the reporting period, the AC collaborated with other constituted bodies, including through working groups that meet periodically, such as the NAP task force, which was leveraged as a platform for discussion of issues related to NAPs (see paras. 48–53 below), and the joint AC–LEG working group on methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support (see paras. 54–57 below),⁸ in collaboration with the SCF.

17. The AC also collaborated with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the Adaptation Fund on enhancing adaptation finance. At the 2024 NAP Expo, representatives of the AC, the Adaptation Fund, the GCF and the GEF met in an informal setting to consider current and future joint efforts. Opportunities for enhanced coherence and collaboration will be further explored at planned follow-up meetings.

2. Coherence and collaboration with organizations

18. Coherence and collaboration with organizations is essential for the work of the AC. During the reporting period, government representatives and experts from international organizations and relevant initiatives took part in discussions at the 2024 Adaptation Forum (see paras. 23–24 below), for example.

19. The AC uses the **network of NWP partners** to interact with a broad range of organizations. In response to an invitation from the SBSTA,⁹ the AC provides advice on the delivery of relevant NWP mandates and on opportunities to align efforts as needed, which is communicated to the SBSTA Chair and included in the NWP annual report for consideration by the SBSTA. AC 25 agreed on additional advice on how NWP partners can further support the work of the AC,¹⁰ namely collaborating with the AC on adaptation monitoring, evaluation and learning; providing support to the AC in contributing to the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience; supporting AC work on addressing adaptation gaps and needs; supporting the regional work of the AC; contributing to AC communication and knowledge-sharing activities; and providing general support for implementation of the workplan of the AC. The AC receives oral updates on knowledge and information support provided by NWP partners at its regular meetings. At AC 26 it was agreed to provide advice for the NWP and its partner organizations at AC 27 on engagement in AC work taking into account its flexible workplan for 2025–2027.

20. During an informal call on 22 August 2024, the AC Co-Chairs, the Co-Chairs of **IPCC Working Group II** and representatives of the Working Group II Technical Support Unit exchanged updates on ongoing and upcoming activities and discussed opportunities for

⁸ As referred to in Article 7, para. 14(c), of the Paris Agreement.

⁹ [FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4](https://unfccc.int/documents/637960), para. 19.

¹⁰ See <https://unfccc.int/documents/637960>.

collaboration, including in the context of the revision of the 1994 *IPCC Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations*.¹¹ At AC 26 it was agreed to continue the exchange with the IPCC Working Group II Co-Chairs and Technical Support Unit on opportunities for collaboration.

21. Throughout the reporting period, the AC collaborated with the NAP Global Network in relation to adaptation monitoring, evaluation and learning, with outcomes including the joint publication of a toolkit (see paras. 69–70 below).

22. At AC 26 it was agreed to further determine how to enhance AC collaboration with external experts and organizations. AC 26 requested the secretariat to draft an options paper on this matter for consideration at AC 27.

3. 2024 Adaptation Forum

23. The AC hosted the 2024 Adaptation Forum from 18 to 19 March in Bonn.¹² This seventh edition of the Forum brought together more than 100 participants, including adaptation experts from international organizations and other relevant initiatives, and government and civil society representatives, who attended either in person or online. Discussions centred on the adaptation-related outcomes of COP 28, solutions for achieving the global goal on adaptation, opportunities for further collaboration on accelerating adaptation progress, and needs and challenges in this regard, with all four stages of the iterative adaptation cycle considered. The Forum emphasized the critical importance of enhancing collaboration on adaptation internationally.

24. The outcomes of the Forum informed, for example, the development of an AC draft strategy paper¹³ on technical guidance and training materials aimed at supporting implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience (see chap. III.B.1 below).

4. State of adaptation action by Parties

25. Under its revised workplan for 2022–2024, the AC agreed to develop a **portal of interactive country profiles** containing information on adaptation action reported by Parties under the Convention and the Paris Agreement. A preview of the portal was released ahead of COP 28.¹⁴

26. AC 25 took note of the proposed next steps for finalizing the first version of the portal and considered a draft concept note on the methodological approach to developing the country profiles.¹⁵ It requested the secretariat to initiate the process of validating the information contained in each adaptation profile with the respective Party and agreed that, once that process has been completed, any further updates to the profiles will be applied on an ad hoc basis, subject to the availability of resources.

27. During an intersessional conference call held to discuss progress, the secretariat informed the AC that no financial contributions specifically earmarked for the AC had been received and, as a result, the secretariat had found an alternative solution for finalizing the design and implementation of the portal, which was presented at AC 26. AC 26 noted the utility, value and user-friendliness of the interactive portal as presented, as well as the applicability of this work to several AC mandates and workstreams. It requested the secretariat to explore possibilities for showcasing the interim version of the portal at COP 29.

¹¹ IPCC. 1994. *IPCC Technical Guidelines for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations*. T Carter, M Parry, H Harasawa, et al. (eds.). London and Tsukuba, Japan: University College London and Center for Global Environmental Research National Institute for Environmental Studies. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ipcc-technical-guidelines-for-assessing-climate-change-impacts-and-adaptations-2/>.

¹² See <https://unfccc.int/event/2024-ac-adapt-forum> and <https://unfccc.int/news/2024-adaptation-forum-highlights-opportunities-for-international-cooperation>.

¹³ AC document [AC26/STRAT/5](#).

¹⁴ Available at https://unfccc.int/adaptation_actions_parties.

¹⁵ AC document [AC25/INFO/6B](#).

28. At the time of publication of this report, the secretariat had submitted 131 completed adaptation profiles to the Parties concerned for validation, feedback on which had been received from 58 Parties. With the passing of the deadline for validation, all 131 profiles are considered validated. The remaining country profiles are expected to be finalized and submitted for validation by the end of 2024. All validated country profiles will be published on the portal.

5. Continued regional work

29. In response to its mandate to promote coherence in and provide guidance on adaptation, the AC conducted a series of regional workshops on boosting region-wide coherence of adaptation action in the second half of 2023. The workshops were aimed at fostering engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks; promoting synergies across multi-country and transboundary initiatives in line with efforts at the global level; and raising awareness and understanding of existing region-wide and transboundary adaptation action and support. The workshops took place during events such as the regional climate weeks, which enabled broad participation, helping to achieve the planned objective of fostering collaboration among stakeholders and relevant organizations, including development banks.

30. AC 25 considered an informal summary of the regional activities of the AC carried out in 2023¹⁶ and requested the secretariat to bring to its attention any events and activities at the regional level that may merit the engagement of the AC.

6. Integrating gender considerations

31. COP 25 requested all constituted bodies to continue to include in their regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into their processes¹⁷ and COP 27 invited all constituted bodies to enhance implementation of the gender action plan.¹⁸

32. Having already agreed to incorporate gender considerations into its activities,¹⁹ and following the publication of its policy brief on progress, good practices and lessons learned in relation to prioritizing and incorporating gender-responsive adaptation action into climate strategies,²⁰ the AC continued integrating a gender perspective into its events, training sessions and reports:

(a) The AC worked with members of the NAP task force to produce a policy brief on the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems to adaptation action (see paras. 51–52 below), which emphasizes the need to take into account traditional gender roles in developing and implementing gender-responsive adaptation action that is based on traditional, Indigenous and local knowledge, values and norms in order to ensure that efforts to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women are culturally sensitive;

(b) At the 2024 NAP Expo, the AC and the LEG held training sessions on NAP implementation targeting vulnerable groups and communities, including women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities. The sessions addressed obstacles, needs and gaps related to NAP implementation in a targeted way. A ‘training-of-trainers’ approach was adopted, giving participants an overview of available materials and guidance and enabling them, through further self-study, to conduct the same training in their respective countries. Presenters included representatives of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, who shared information on good practices in integrating consideration of gender equality and women’s empowerment into NAPs;

(c) The country profiles referred to in paragraphs 25–28 above will include information on national gender-responsive adaptation strategies and actions;

¹⁶ AC document [AC25/INFO/6C](#).

¹⁷ Decision [3/CP.25](#), para. 12.

¹⁸ Decision [24/CP.27](#), para. 17.

¹⁹ See AC document [AC19/INFO/5C](#).

²⁰ AC. 2023. *Progress, good practices and lessons learned in prioritizing and incorporating gender-responsive adaptation action*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/node/632770/>.

(d) The AC report to mark 30 years of adaptation under the United Nations climate change process (see para. 71 below) will contain a section on the importance of, and opportunities for, advancing inclusive and gender-responsive adaptation action;

(e) Approaches to integrating contextually appropriate gender equality and social inclusion considerations are highlighted throughout the toolkit for monitoring, evaluation and learning for NAP processes²¹ (see para. 69 below);

(f) One of the AC Co-Chairs moderated a technical dialogue on financing for a gender-just transition during the thematic day on gender equality, finance, trade and accountability at COP 28.

33. The AC currently consists of 10 women and 6 men, and has nominated 3 female and 1 male expert gender focal points.

B. Providing technical support and guidance

1. Technical guidance and training materials to support the implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience

34. The United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, adopted at CMA 5, is aimed at guiding the achievement of the global goal on adaptation and the review of overall progress in achieving it with a view to reducing the increasing adverse impacts, risks and vulnerabilities associated with climate change, as well as enhancing adaptation action and support.²² CMA 5 invited the AC, in collaboration with the CGE and the LEG, to support the implementation of the Framework with technical guidance and training materials thereon.²³

35. As an initial step, AC 25 considered an information note²⁴ that addresses this mandate and contains a preliminary table mapping existing technical guidance and training materials relevant to the Framework and its targets, themes and cross-cutting considerations. At AC 25 it was agreed to:

(a) Expand the preliminary mapping and analyse technical guidance and training needs relevant to implementing the Framework;

(b) Gather inputs on available information, priorities and needs from Parties and other stakeholders, including through consideration of the outcomes of the 2024 Adaptation Forum (see paras. 23–24 above) and the side event referred to in paragraph 36 below, and through surveys;

(c) Prepare a strategy paper on the basis of the outcomes of the activities referred to in paragraph 35(a–b) above for consideration at AC 26.

36. In order to gather inputs to inform the planning and prioritization of technical guidance and training materials, as referred to in paragraph 35 above, the AC hosted a side event at SB 60 featuring speakers from the AC, the CGE, the LEG and the PCCB. In addition, on 19 July 2024, the AC, in consultation with the CGE and the LEG, launched two surveys to collect inputs:²⁵ the first invited Parties to share their priorities with respect to the implementation of the Framework, including technical guidance and training materials thereon; and the second requested Parties, organizations and other stakeholders to submit examples of existing relevant technical guidance and training materials. The findings were synthesized in a draft strategy paper,²⁶ which was considered at AC 26.

37. At AC 26 it was agreed to reopen the surveys and consider additional opportunities to collect inputs, and to continue considering and refining the draft strategy paper in 2025,

²¹ Any opinions stated in the toolkit do not necessarily reflect the policies or opinions of the AC or its members.

²² Decision [2/CMA.5](#), paras. 6–7.

²³ Decision [2/CMA.5](#), para. 44.

²⁴ AC document [AC25/INFO/5A](#).

²⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/documents/640226>.

²⁶ AC document [AC26/STRAT/5](#).

including consideration of modalities for publishing the compiled resources. The AC noted the importance of continued engagement and collaboration with the CGE, the LEG and other relevant constituted bodies and partners in relation to this mandate.

2. Recommendations for improving reporting on adaptation action and progress

38. CMA 5 invited the AC, in collaboration with the CGE and the LEG, to develop recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress, including with a view to informing the review and update, as appropriate, of the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement,²⁷ and the review of the training course for experts participating in review.^{28, 29}

39. AC 25 considered an information note³⁰ in relation to this mandate and it was agreed to prepare, for consideration at AC 26, a mapping and analysis of existing adaptation reporting requirements, guidelines and practices under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including on how relevant elements of decision [2/CMA.5](#) are already addressed in reporting guidelines and the identification of existing gaps therein.³¹ However, a detailed mapping and analysis had to be postponed owing to the urgency of responding to a new mandate (see chap. III.B.3 below).

40. At AC 26 it was agreed to consider the initial mapping at AC 27, which will also provide insights into synergies with existing adaptation-related reporting guidelines under other relevant intergovernmental processes. The AC also agreed to consider at AC 28 an updated mapping and analysis, which will take into consideration the first biennial transparency reports, updated nationally determined contributions, and other relevant reports and information from Parties. The AC will continue collaborating with the CGE and the LEG in relation to this mandate.

3. Identifying information on indicators reported by Parties

41. SB 60 requested the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to prepare, with the support of the secretariat, in collaboration with relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, and with contributions from relevant constituted bodies, a compilation and mapping of existing indicators relevant to measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision [2/CMA.5](#), including information on areas potentially not covered by existing indicators.³²

SB 60 invited the AC to prepare a contribution to the compilation and mapping by identifying information on indicators reported by Parties in their national reports and communications in the context of the work referred to in paragraph 45 of decision [2/CMA.5](#).³³

42. SB 60 requested the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to organize, with the support of the secretariat, a hybrid workshop for Parties and technical experts, following the completion of the mapping referred to in paragraph 41 above and prior to CMA 6, with the aim of, inter alia, facilitating expert review and refinement of the mapping.³⁴

43. In response, the AC compiled the requested information and mapped the indicators reported by Parties in their national reports and communications to the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision [2/CMA.5](#). An information document³⁵ containing the compilation and mapping and explaining the methodological approach to the data collection was considered at AC 26.

²⁷ Contained in the annex to decision [18/CMA.1](#).

²⁸ See decision [9/CMA.4](#), para. 10.

²⁹ Decision [2/CMA.5](#), para. 45.

³⁰ As footnote 24 above.

³¹ AC document [AC26/INFO/6](#).

³² [FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7](#), para. 39, and [FCCC/SBI/2024/13](#), para. 77.

³³ [FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7](#), para. 42, and [FCCC/SBI/2024/13](#), para. 80.

³⁴ [FCCC/SBSTA/2024/7](#), para. 51, and [FCCC/SBI/2024/13](#), para. 89.

³⁵ AC document [AC26/INFO/7](#).

44. AC 26 commended the secretariat for its work within the short time frame. It requested the secretariat to transmit the compilation and mapping, as well as the information document as amended during the meeting, to the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies.³⁶

4. Recognizing adaptation efforts of developing country Parties

45. CMA 1, in the context of modalities for recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries, requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the AC and the LEG and in collaboration with stakeholders, to prepare synthesis reports every two years starting in 2020 on specific adaptation themes, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties.³⁷

46. AC 23 agreed to focus the 2024 synthesis report on the topics “developing countries’ efforts to set up institutional arrangements for planning and implementing adaptation action at different levels of government” and “developing countries’ efforts to engage stakeholders in adaptation planning and implementation”. AC 24 and 25 considered and refined the draft outline of the report. AC 26 discussed the draft report contained in the document prepared for the meeting³⁸ and agreed for the secretariat to revise the document on the basis of the guidance received at AC 26.

47. Further, the AC requested the secretariat to prepare a paper with options for possible topics for the next biennial synthesis report for consideration at AC 27.

5. Work of the Adaptation Committee’s task force on national adaptation plans

48. The AC NAP task force was established with the aim of supporting developing countries in formulating and implementing NAPs. It comprises members of the AC, the Adaptation Fund, the GCF, the GEF, the LEG, the SCF and the TEC, as well as contributors from the CGE, the FWG, the PCCB and the WIM Executive Committee.

49. At the first meeting in 2024, held in February, NAP task force members and contributors updated the activities for 2024 in the task force’s flexible workplan, which were subsequently approved at AC 25.

50. Parties have recognized the important role of Indigenous Peoples’ and local communities’ knowledge, values and worldviews in addressing and responding to climate change. For example, CMA 5 recognized the leadership of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as stewards of nature and encouraged the ethical and equitable engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities and application of traditional knowledge, the knowledge, wisdom and values of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems in implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience.³⁹

51. The NAP task force is preparing a **policy brief, as one of its key deliverables for 2024, on progress, good practices and lessons learned, and challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems to adaptation**, to inform the work of practitioners and policymakers in adaptation planning and implementation.⁴⁰ The brief is intended to help constituted bodies and other key stakeholders to further incorporate such knowledge into their work.

52. AC 26 considered the draft policy brief and it was agreed to provide further input to the secretariat for its finalization. It requested the secretariat to consult with the FWG on its activities planned for COP 29 and whether it would be possible for the AC NAP task force to present the policy brief in that context.

53. AC 26 took note of the activities undertaken by the AC NAP task force in line with its 2022–2024 workplan and it was agreed to provide guidance to the task force at AC 27 on possible future activities in the light of the flexible workplan of the AC for 2025–2027.

³⁶ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/640908>.

³⁷ Decision 11/CMA.1, para. 13.

³⁸ AC document AC26/SREP/10.

³⁹ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 22.

⁴⁰ To be made available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/640913>.

6. Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support

54. CMA 1 invited the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, and relevant experts to continue compiling existing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support.⁴¹ In response, the bodies established a joint working group tasked with agreeing on a way forward for the joint mandate. The working group regularly reports on its progress to the AC and provides progress updates via a web page.⁴²

55. In December 2023 the AC and the LEG, in collaboration with the SCF, finalized a reference paper containing the most recent compilation of existing methodologies, including examples of how the methodologies are applied at different scales, and associated lessons learned, gaps and challenges.⁴³ The paper also contains considerations regarding a global review of the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, including proposals arising from discussions under the global stocktake technical dialogues and other forums and suggestions for possible future areas of work that could contribute towards a more systematic review under subsequent global stocktakes. During a joint event of the AC, the LEG and the SCF held at COP 28, the findings of their joint work were discussed as well as lessons learned and potential ways forward in reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support.⁴⁴

56. AC 25 considered the progress of the joint working group and agreed to its proposed next steps, which include continuing to compile relevant methodologies with a view to providing input to the next global stocktake and making the compiled methodologies and the group's findings available to a wider audience through, for example, an online compilation or presentation. The group agreed to foster coherence and synergies between this work and work on other relevant mandates and under other workstreams. The findings contained in the reference paper have since been included in relevant presentations delivered by the AC, including its scene-setting presentation at the 13th Durban Forum (see para. 67 below).

57. At AC 26 it was agreed to continue compiling methodologies for assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support jointly with the LEG and in collaboration with the SCF.

7. Adaptation planning and implementation

58. During the reporting period, the work of the AC on adaptation planning and implementation focused on gaps and needs identified in the formulation and implementation of NAPs, including support for NAPs.

59. COP 26 requested SBI 60 to initiate the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and to make recommendations on the matter for consideration and adoption at COP 29.⁴⁵

60. COP 26 also requested the LEG, in collaboration with the AC, to organize a **meeting of Party experts**, at which a synthesis report on progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, as well as on experience, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received, would be considered with a view to providing a summary of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁴⁶ COP 26 further requested the LEG, in collaboration with the AC and with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a report on that meeting for consideration at SBI 60 in its assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁴⁷

⁴¹ Decision [11/CMA.1](#), para. 35.

⁴² <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/mandates-from-the-cma/methodologies-adequacy-and-effectiveness#Progress-updates-of-the-AC-and-the-LEG-in-collaboration-with-the-SCF-on-their-work-in-addressing-this-mandate-since-2020>.

⁴³ AC, LEG and SCF. 2023. *Methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/633175>.

⁴⁴ Additional information on the event is available at <https://unfccc.int/event/joint-ac-leg-scf-event-lessons-learned>.

⁴⁵ Decision [3/CP.26](#), para. 2.

⁴⁶ Decision [3/CP.26](#), para. 3(d).

⁴⁷ Decision [3/CP.26](#), para. 3(e).

61. The meeting of Party experts was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 23 to 25 April 2024 in conjunction with the 2024 NAP Expo.⁴⁸ A report on progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs, based on the meeting,⁴⁹ was welcomed at SBI 60.⁵⁰ The SBI welcomed the outcomes of the discussions held at the meeting of Party experts and emphasized the importance of continuing the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁵¹

62. In the light of the request of COP 27 for the AC and the LEG to organize **training for developing country Parties** on addressing identified gaps and needs,⁵² the AC and the LEG jointly led training sessions during the 2024 NAP Expo on:

- (a) Enhancing capacity to access and mobilize finance for NAPs and adaptation strategies;
- (b) Developing and applying monitoring, evaluation and learning tools;
- (c) Focusing on vulnerable groups and communities, including in terms of gender, youth and local communities, in implementing NAPs.⁵³

63. At AC 26 it was agreed to start engaging with the LEG as early as possible on the organization of NAP Expo 2025 to support timely and transparent planning.

64. In addition, in response to the **invitation of COP 27 for other constituted bodies and relevant organizations to provide information to the AC and the LEG** on activities aimed at addressing gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including information on the regions and countries in which they provide support,⁵⁴ the AC included on its web pages a reference to the invitation and an email address to which such information can be sent.

8. Support for adaptation

65. In the area of support for adaptation, the AC periodically issues the **Adaptation Finance Bulletin** and provides input to the SCF for preparing **draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism** on an annual basis. Between AC 25 and 26, the AC agreed on its input for 2024 and submitted it to the SCF.⁵⁵ The input was relevant to both operating entities with a focus on two substantive areas, namely encouraging the provision of support for:

- (a) Implementing transboundary and/or multi-country adaptation activities;
- (b) Developing short-, medium- and long-term adaptation finance and investment strategies.

66. Addressing **developing countries' capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding** was a key topic during the reporting period. Following the decision at AC 23 to discuss with adaptation-related constituted bodies progress in this area, a dialogue was held virtually in two parts: the first on 10 July 2023 with representatives of seven adaptation-related constituted bodies, and the second on 6 March 2024, which included a panel with representatives of relevant financial organizations and national Governments.⁵⁶

⁴⁸ See <https://unfccc.int/event/nap-assessment-mtg-2024>.

⁴⁹ [FCCC/SBI/2024/12](https://unfccc.int/event/nap-assessment-mtg-2024).

⁵⁰ [FCCC/SBI/2024/13](https://unfccc.int/event/nap-assessment-mtg-2024), para. 107(b).

⁵¹ [FCCC/SBI/2024/13](https://unfccc.int/event/nap-assessment-mtg-2024), para. 109.

⁵² Decision [9/CP.27](#), para. 9.

⁵³ For more information on these sessions, including copies of the presentations, see items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 respectively of the interactive programme, available at <https://expo.napcentral.org/2024/programme/>.

⁵⁴ Decision [9/CP.27](#), para. 10.

⁵⁵ Available under item 9 at https://unfccc.int/scf/scf-meetings-and-documents#_th-SCF-Meeting-4-%E2%80%93-6-September-2024-Arusha-United-Republic-of-Tanzania.

⁵⁶ More information on the first and second parts of the dialogue is available at <https://unfccc.int/event/ac-dialogue-capacity-gaps-access-adap-fund-part1> and <https://unfccc.int/event/ac-dialogue-gaps-accessing-adaptation-funding-part2> respectively.

67. AC 25 considered a report on the second part of the dialogue,⁵⁷ and it was agreed to submit findings from the dialogue and other relevant work of the AC as input to the call for submissions by the PCCB on its 2024 theme, namely capacity-building for addressing gaps and needs for accessing finance for NAPs, and present them at the 13th Durban Forum, in June 2024. The PCCB invited the AC to contribute to activities relating to the theme that will be organized at the 6th Capacity-building Hub, which will take place at COP 29. AC 26 requested the secretariat to explore the possibility of holding a session in the context of the Capacity-Building Hub's focus day on finance for NAPs.

68. The AC took the findings from the dialogue into account when providing its input to the draft guidance of the SCF for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and when designing the training sessions for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

9. Monitoring, evaluation and learning

69. Since its establishment, the AC has prioritized work on monitoring, evaluation and learning in relation to adaptation. Following the publication in October 2023 of its technical paper on monitoring and evaluating adaptation at the national and subnational level,⁵⁸ the AC co-hosted two related events, at the Adaptation Futures 2023 conference and the 5th Capacity-building Hub, at COP 28, and together with the NAP Global Network published a **toolkit for monitoring, evaluation and learning for NAP processes**.⁵⁹ The toolkit was introduced by the NAP Global Network at AC 24, and the AC subsequently reviewed the toolkit with a view to ensuring coherence and complementarity with other products and tools developed by the AC and in the broader UNFCCC context. The toolkit was officially unveiled as a NAP Global Network–AC product during a webinar on 23 May 2024. The toolkit showcases actions, resources and lessons learned on the basis of more than 30 country examples to help countries design and implement their monitoring, evaluation and learning systems for NAP processes. The toolkit puts the principle of adaptive management at the heart of NAP processes, emphasizing how ongoing learning from monitoring, evaluation and learning is integral to effective adaptation.

70. The AC accepted an invitation to participate in an event that the NAP Global Network is planning to host at the 6th Capacity-building Hub, at COP 29, pending approval, on designing monitoring, evaluation and learning systems to inform work under the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience.

C. Information-sharing, awareness-raising and outreach

71. The AC continued to implement its communications plan and strategy, including by making adaptation information available in a user-friendly way. A key publication in this respect is an upcoming report on **30 years of adaptation under the United Nations climate change process**,⁶⁰ which will update and build on the AC reports *The State of Adaptation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*⁶¹ and *25 Years of Adaptation under the UNFCCC*.⁶² Since the publication of the latter report, in 2019, there have been a number of significant developments in relation to adaptation under the United

⁵⁷ AC document [AC25/REP/5B](#).

⁵⁸ AC. 2023. *Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation at the national and subnational levels: Technical paper by the Adaptation Committee*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/node/632792>.

⁵⁹ Beauchamp E, Leiter T, Pringle P, et al. 2024. *Toolkit for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning for National Adaptation Plan Processes*. Winnipeg, Canada: International Institute for Sustainable Development. Available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/resources/publications/toolkit-MEL-for-NAP-processes>.

⁶⁰ To be made available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/640912>.

⁶¹ AC. 2013. *The State of Adaptation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/resources/publications/the-state-of-adaptation-under-the-united-nations-framework-convention-on-climate-change-2013>.

⁶² AC. 2019. *25 Years of Adaptation under the UNFCCC: Report by the Adaptation Committee*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/204710>.

Nations climate change process, from the further elaboration of the Paris Agreement's global goal on adaptation to the first global stocktake. Moreover, 2024 marks a significant milestone in the history of the UNFCCC process, namely the thirtieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention. This anniversary, combined with the developments in adaptation that preceded it, provided the impetus for updating this report. AC 26 considered the draft report and provided further guidance to the secretariat to inform the revision of the publication. It requested the secretariat to explore possibilities for showcasing the report at COP 29.

72. During the reporting period, the AC published issues 16–17 of the **Adaptation Finance Bulletin**⁶³ to inform a broad range of stakeholders about recent developments in the international adaptation finance arena, including updates from climate funds, constituted bodies and other relevant organizations, as well as outcomes from negotiations of the COP, the CMA and the subsidiary bodies. In addition, the AC published an informal booklet that summarizes all conclusions and decisions of the governing and subsidiary bodies that pertain directly to the work of the AC.⁶⁴

73. Moreover, twice a year – before the sessions of the subsidiary bodies – the secretariat provides the adaptation contact points⁶⁵ with information on upcoming activities and new publications of the AC, the LEG and other relevant organizations and programme partners, such as those of the NWP, including on Parties' efforts to formulate and implement NAPs. At AC 26 it was agreed to prepare an **adaptation action bulletin or newsletter** in the future on adaptation-related activities and products. This will subsume the information sent to the adaptation contact points.

74. All AC information and outreach products are available on the AC web pages and are disseminated widely, including through the secretariat's newsroom and the Adaptation Exchange on X (formerly Twitter)⁶⁶ and Facebook.⁶⁷ Additionally, a LinkedIn group⁶⁸ established in April 2023 has gained more than 2,600 members since it was established. It reached more than 113,500 post views between September 2023 and September 2024. The AC keeps exploring ways to increase dissemination and visibility of its information on social media and external communication channels, including platforms such as the Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange, PreventionWeb, UN iLibrary and weADAPT.

75. AC 26 decided on the following priority documents for informal translation into other United Nations languages:

- (a) The new AC publication on 30 years of adaptation, upon its finalization;
- (b) The updated version of the 2022 AC publication on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁶⁹

76. Lastly, the UNFCCC regional collaboration centres support national climate action through capacity-building, technical assistance and strategic networking. While their main focus has traditionally been on mitigation, the adaptation focus is being strengthened. This presents an opportunity for the AC to reach stakeholders at the regional level through the regional collaboration centres.

⁶³ Available at <https://unfccc.int/adaptation-finance-bulletin-adaptation-committee>.

⁶⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/resilience/resources/ac-decisions-conclusions>.

⁶⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/resources/adaptation-contact-points>.

⁶⁶ <https://x.com/AdaptXChange>.

⁶⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/The.Adaptation.Exchange>.

⁶⁸ <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13985893/>.

⁶⁹ UNFCCC. 2022. *Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/publications-bulletin/navigating-the-landscape-of-support-for-the-process-to-formulate-and-implement-national-adaptation>.

IV. Flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2025–2027

77. COP 17 requested the AC during its first year to develop a three-year plan for its work in accordance with its agreed functions.⁷⁰ Since then, the AC has continued to use three-year plans to guide its work in a flexible manner. The fourth workplan, agreed at AC 20 in September 2021, covers 2022–2024. The workplans are flexible to enable the AC to take on new and emerging tasks, adjust the timing of activities and make revisions, as needed.

78. AC 25 initiated the elaboration of a workplan for 2025–2027, which was agreed upon at AC 26 and is contained in the annex. During the deliberations on the workplan, AC members highlighted that Parties provide guidance to the AC through the UNFCCC process, and that observers can provide input to the AC at its regular meetings and to the secretariat by email throughout the year.

V. Recommendations for the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

79. On the basis of its activities during the reporting period, the AC agreed to forward recommendations for consideration at COP 29, CMA 6, SBSTA 61 and SBI 61, as appropriate.

80. The COP and the CMA, as appropriate, may wish to:

- (a) Welcome this report;
- (b) Welcome the progress of the AC in implementing its flexible workplan for 2022–2024;
- (c) Invite relevant constituted bodies and representatives of institutional arrangements under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, Parties and non-Party stakeholders, as appropriate, to use any relevant findings from AC deliverables in their work;
- (d) Take note of the flexible workplan of the AC for 2025–2027.

⁷⁰ Decision [1/CP.16](#), para. 20.

Annex

Flexible workplan of the Adaptation Committee for 2025–2027

1. In preparing its flexible workplan for 2025–2027, the AC took into consideration its objective to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention, inter alia, through its five functions:¹

(a) Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties, respecting the country-driven approach, with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation activities;

(b) Strengthening, consolidating and enhancing the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices, at the local, national, regional and international level, taking into account, as appropriate, traditional knowledge and practices;

(c) Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions, in particular in developing country Parties;

(d) Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability, including to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate;

(e) Considering information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received, possible needs and gaps and other relevant information, including information communicated under the Convention, with a view to recommending what further actions may be required, as appropriate.

2. The AC will continue taking into consideration specific mandates assigned to it as well as the following cross-cutting mandates:

(a) All constituted bodies to continue to include in their regular reports information on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into their processes and enhance implementation of the gender action plan;²

(b) Relevant bodies under the Convention to take into account the recommendations of the FWG to the SBSTA on the engagement and input of Indigenous Peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process;³

(c) Relevant work programmes and constituted bodies under the UNFCCC to consider how to integrate and strengthen ocean-based action within their existing mandates and workplans and to report on these activities within the existing reporting processes, as appropriate;⁴

(d) Relevant work programmes and constituted bodies under or serving the Paris Agreement to integrate relevant outcomes of the first global stocktake into planning their future work, in line with their mandates.⁵

3. The AC will continue to undertake its regional work, linking it to specific activities in the workplan, as appropriate. The workplan is flexible to enable the AC to take on new and emerging tasks, adjust the timing of activities and make revisions, as needed.

¹ Decision [1/CP.16](#), para. 20.

² Decisions [3/CP.25](#), para. 12, and [24/CP.27](#), para. 17.

³ Decision [16/CP.26](#), para. 2.

⁴ Decision [1/CP.26](#), para. 60.

⁵ Decision [1/CMA.5](#), para. 186.

<i>Thematic area</i>	<i>Mandate and flexibility^a</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2027</i>	<i>Collaboration^b</i>
Workstream 1: Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation, including on means of implementation						
Impact, vulnerability and risk assessment	AC 26 decision	Activity on impact, vulnerability and risk assessment, as appropriate	AC 27 to continue consideration of draft proposals on activities in the area of impact, vulnerability and risk assessment discussed at AC 26	Work as needed	Work as needed	To be decided
Adaptive capacity assessment	AC 26 decision	Activity on adaptive capacity assessment, as appropriate	AC 27 to continue consideration of draft proposals on activities in the area of adaptive capacity assessment discussed at AC 26	Work as needed	Work as needed	To be decided
Support for planning and implementation	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Periodically update the online resource on navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs ^c	Update the online resource	Update as needed	Update as needed	Operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, LEG and other constituted bodies, as appropriate
	2/CP.17 , paragraph 121(c) Timing not flexible	Provide input to the draft guidance of the SCF for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism	Provide written input in the second half of the year	Provide written input in the second half of the year	Provide written input in the second half of the year	SCF
Monitoring, evaluation and learning	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Further activities on monitoring, evaluation and learning, including follow-up work from the technical paper ^d and the toolkit, ^e as appropriate	To be decided	To be decided	To be decided	NAP task force, PCCB and other stakeholders to be decided
Identifying gaps and needs of developing countries	9/CP.27 , paragraphs 7–8 Timing flexible	Continue identifying and addressing priority gaps	Continue identifying and addressing	Continue identifying and addressing	Continue identifying and	LEG

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		and needs of developing countries related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs	priority gaps and needs	priority gaps and needs	addressing priority gaps and needs	
	9/CP.27 , paragraph 9 Timing flexible	Organize training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs, which could be held in conjunction with the NAP Expo, the Adaptation Forum or other events	Organize training as required	Organize training as required	Organize training as required	LEG, PCCB and other stakeholders to be decided
Technical guidance and training materials	2/CMA.5 , paragraph 44 Timing not flexible	Support implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience with technical guidance and training materials thereon	Finalize draft strategy paper on technical guidance and training materials to support implementation of the Framework ^f			CGE, LEG, PCCB and other stakeholders, as appropriate
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Continue to discuss with the Co-Chairs of IPCC Working Group II and the Technical Support Unit opportunities for collaboration, including in relation to relevant COP and CMA mandates	Collaborate as appropriate	Collaborate as appropriate	Collaborate as appropriate	Co-Chairs of IPCC Working Group II and representatives of the Technical Support Unit
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Conduct new thematic dialogues in conjunction with existing adaptation-related meetings	Decide on thematic area and conduct dialogue	Decide on thematic area and conduct dialogue	Decide on thematic area and conduct dialogue	Constituted bodies and United Nations agencies, as appropriate

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Workstream 2: Considering information provided by Parties on adaptation action and support to enhance overall adaptation progress						
Reporting	2/CMA.5 , paragraph 45 Timing flexible	Provide recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress	AC 27 to create an initial mapping of existing adaptation reporting requirements, guidelines and practices under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including existing reporting guidelines for other relevant intergovernmental processes AC 28 to include additional information in the mapping, including from the first biennial transparency reports and other relevant Party reports and information	Conduct follow-up work from the mapping of existing adaptation reporting requirements, guidelines and practices, as required	Conduct follow-up work as required	CGE and LEG
State of adaptation action by Parties	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Complete and regularly update the AC interactive portal of country profiles and inform Parties accordingly	Complete the portal and the country profiles and consider potential updates	Update the interactive portal as needed	Update the interactive portal as needed	All Parties
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Produce a synthesis report on the state of adaptation action by Parties	AC 27 to consider options for the synthesis report	Draft and complete synthesis report		To be decided
Recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties	11/CMA.1 , paragraph 13 Timing not flexible	Provide guidance to the secretariat on the preparation of biennial synthesis reports in the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of	AC 27 to consider a paper containing potential themes for the 2026 synthesis report and select a theme	Provide guidance to the secretariat on the preparation of the 2026 synthesis report	Agree on the theme for the 2028 synthesis report in the first half of the year	To be decided

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		developing country Parties				
Adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support	11/CMA.1 , paragraph 35 Timing flexible	Continue to compile existing methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support	Continue to compile existing methodologies as needed	Continue to compile existing methodologies as needed	Continue to compile existing methodologies as needed	LEG and SCF
Workstream 3: Communication, collaboration and coherence						
Communication	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Address issues identified in the 2023–2024 audience assessment survey ⁸ and amend the AC communication strategy as appropriate	Amend and implement communication strategy	Implement communication strategy	Implement communication strategy	To be decided
	8/CP.27 , paragraph 2, and 10/CMA.4 , paragraph 2 Timing flexible	Translate priority deliverables into other official United Nations languages, as needed	Translate priority deliverables	Translate priority deliverables	Translate priority deliverables	To be decided
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Continue issuing the Adaptation Finance Bulletin	Prepare and disseminate two to four issues of the Bulletin	Prepare and disseminate two to four issues of the Bulletin	Prepare and disseminate two to four issues of the Bulletin	Other adaptation-related constituted bodies, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Prepare a bulletin or newsletter on adaptation action	AC 27 to consider a concept note on the bulletin or newsletter on adaptation action	Prepare and disseminate two issues of the bulletin or newsletter	Prepare and disseminate two issues of the bulletin or newsletter	To be decided
NAP task force	AC previous workplan and underlying mandates Timing flexible	Agree and implement the NAP task force workplan for 2025–2027, which should be aligned with	AC 27 to agree on NAP task force workplan for 2025–2027	Convene two meetings of the NAP task force	Convene two meetings of the NAP task force	NAP task force and adaptation-related

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		the AC workplan for 2025–2027	Convene two meetings of the NAP task force			constituted bodies
Collaboration and coherence	AC practice Timing flexible	Contribute to the NAP Expo organized by the LEG	Contribute as appropriate	Contribute as appropriate	Contribute as appropriate	LEG
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Consider an overview of new adaptation-related COP, CMA and subsidiary body mandates and updated workplans of adaptation-related constituted bodies	Consider an overview ahead of AC 27	Consider an overview ahead of AC 29	Consider an overview ahead of AC 31	Other adaptation-related constituted bodies
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Update AC decision booklet ^h	Update AC decision booklet after each session of the COP, the CMA and the subsidiary bodies	Update AC decision booklet after each session of the COP, the CMA and the subsidiary bodies	Update AC decision booklet after each session of the COP, the CMA and the subsidiary bodies	–
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Invite conversations with other constituted bodies for operational planning	Invite conversations at AC 27 and as needed	Invite conversations at AC 29 and as needed	Invite conversations at AC 31 and as needed	Other adaptation-related constituted bodies
	AC practice Timing flexible	Participate, upon invitation and as appropriate, in meetings of expert groups and in events of other constituted bodies or under workstreams under the Convention and the Paris Agreement	Participate as appropriate	Participate as appropriate	Participate as appropriate	Other adaptation-related constituted bodies
	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Enhance strategic collaboration with external experts and organizations	AC 27 to consider a paper containing options for enhanced collaboration with	Enhance collaboration as appropriate	Enhance collaboration as appropriate	To be decided

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Collaboration and coherence	AC previous workplan Timing flexible	Conduct an Adaptation Forum on the state of adaptation action by Parties	external experts and organizations AC 27 to consider a draft concept note on the Forum, including the theme, timeline and potential collaboration partners AC 28 to discuss the participation of, and outreach to, collaboration partners and a steering committee with a view to holding the Forum in 2026	Convene the Forum	Follow up on the outcomes of the Forum as needed	LEG and other constituted bodies, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations organizations and other institutions, scientific organizations and observers
NWP	FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4 , paragraph 19 Timing flexible	Advise NWP partner organizations on areas of work that could benefit from knowledge support	AC 27 to provide advice to NWP partner organizations on areas of work that could benefit from knowledge support	Discuss further advice, if required, at the first AC meeting of the year	Discuss further advice, if required, at the first AC meeting of the year	—
Workstream 4: Process-related work						
Annual report	2/CP.17 , paragraph 96, and 11/CMA.1 , paragraph 1 Timing not flexible	Report annually to the COP and the CMA, through the subsidiary bodies, including on AC activities and the performance of its functions, guidance, recommendations and other relevant information arising from its work	Prepare an annual report before the sessions of the COP and the CMA	Prepare an annual report before the sessions of the COP and the CMA	Prepare an annual report before the sessions of the COP and the CMA	—

^a This column indicates the origin of the activity (mandate from the COP, the CMA or the subsidiary bodies, or continued work from previous AC workplan) and whether the timing is determined by a mandate or can remain flexible.

^b Adaptation-related constituted bodies include those relating to means of implementation.

^c See <https://unfccc.int/napsupport>.

^d AC. 2023. *Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation at the national and subnational levels: Technical paper by the Adaptation Committee*. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at <https://unfccc.int/node/632792>.

^e Beauchamp E, Leiter T, Pringle P, et al. 2024. *Toolkit for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning for National Adaptation Plan Processes* Winnipeg, Canada: International Institute for Sustainable Development. Available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/resources/publications/toolkit-MEL-for-NAP-processes>.

^f See AC document [AC26/STRAT/5](#).

^g See AC document [AC25/COMMS-PLAN/6D](#).

^h Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/63743>.
