

## **Concept Note**

### **Knowledge and Foresight on Adaptation Finance**

15:00 – 18:30 KST | Friday, April 24, 2026 | Yeosu, Republic of Korea

UNFCCC Climate Week

#### **1. Mandate**

The [Nairobi Work Programme \(NWP\)](#) is mandated to advance knowledge-based, inclusive, and action-oriented work on climate adaptation, including by engaging experts representing diverse knowledge holders and by identifying practical options to support implementation of adaptation (see [FCCC/SBSTA/2025/4](#) and [FCCC/SBSTA/2022/6](#)).

The NWP is further mandated to organize global and regional in-person events, in combination with virtual engagement, ensuring regional balance and meaningful participation of knowledge users and NWP partners (see [FCCC/SBSTA/2021/3](#) and [FCCC/SBSTA/2023/4](#)).

#### **2. Context**

In 2025, the NWP convened a diverse group of knowledge holders to co-create and synthesize practical knowledge to inform adaptation financing at different levels for addressing current and future climate change impacts. The co-creation process took place over three virtual meetings, followed by [an event](#) at the second Climate Week in Addis Ababa in September 2025. The inclusive process generated practical knowledge on approaches to enhancing access to and mobilization of finance for adaptation (see [informal summary report](#)).

The NWP convened a fourth virtual meeting with the group in 2026 to discuss the pathways for implementing these practical options. The event at Climate Week 3 in Yeosu represents the next step in that process, moving from concept development to refinement, prioritization of practical options, and country-driven applications by partners.

#### **3. Objective**

The key objective of the event is to convene diverse knowledge holders and adaptation finance actors to refine and prioritize identified practical options, and to explore pathways that provide countries with customisable options to apply them.

#### **4. Expected outcomes**

- Practical options for financing adaptation are refined, contextualized, and made available to Parties and relevant actors.
- Actions are facilitated through identified partnerships with relevant actors to support uptake of knowledge on adaptation finance in countries and regions.

#### **5. Participants**

Representatives from governments, financial institutions, private sector, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, academic and scientific institutions, and underrepresented groups and voices.

## 6. Agenda

Time (KST)	Format	Session
14:30 15:00		<b>Registration</b>
15:00– 15:15	Plenary	<p><b>Opening and scene setting</b> (<i>Rojina Manandhar, NWP Team Lead, UNFCCC secretariat</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandate of the Nairobi Work Programme</li> <li>• Background of knowledge and foresight on adaptation finance</li> <li>• Objectives and expected outcomes from the event</li> </ul>
15:15 – 15:35	Plenary	<p><b>Plenary 1: Outcomes of the co-creation process: Practical options and pathways for adaptation finance</b> (<i>Aarushi Aggarwal, UNFCCC secretariat and Thinley Namgyel, Khaazhi Consulting, Bhutan</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the six practical options for adaptation finance and insights from the co-creative process</li> <li>• Discussion and reflections on the process and practical options</li> </ul>
15:35 – 16:45	Breakout groups	<p><b>Breakout 1: Refining pathways: Validating practical options for adaptation finance</b></p> <p><b>Moderators</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Serin Oh, United Nations University</li> <li>2. Wanaporn Yangyuentham, SEI Asia</li> <li>3. Thinley Namgyel, Khaazhi Consulting, Bhutan</li> <li>4. Carlos Ruiz Garvia, UNFCCC secretariat</li> <li>5. Rojina Manandhar, UNFCCC secretariat</li> <li>6. Representative of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (TBC)</li> </ol> <p><b>Guidelines</b></p> <p><b>Step 1:</b> Strengthen, refine, and validate the pathways</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Identify enabling conditions and barriers</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b> Discuss inclusivity and relevance to country and local realities</p>
16:45– 17:00		<b>Tea/coffee break</b> (15 min)
17:00 – 17:50	Breakout groups	<p><b>Breakout 2: Enabling uptake: Partnerships and country-level implementation</b></p> <p><b>Guidelines</b></p> <p><b>Step 1:</b> Identify geographies for piloting opportunities</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> Discuss engagement plan to advance country-driven implementation through partners</p>

		<b>Step 3:</b> Invite participants' interest in leading/co-leading pathways for implementation
<b>17:50 - 18:20</b>	Plenary	<b>Plenary 2: Synthesis and reflections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderators/rapporteurs to share key insights from breakout groups</li> <li>• Discussion on cross-cutting themes across all practical options</li> </ul>
<b>18:20 - 18:30</b>	Plenary	<b>Closing and way forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarize key takeaways and provide next steps</li> </ul>