

22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Adaptation Committee

# Agenda item 5b



**United Nations**  
Climate Change  
Adaptation Committee

AC annual flagship publication

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Updated annotated outline

6-9 September 2022

# I. Introduction and background

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- In its workplan for 2022-2024 the AC agreed to prepare annual flagship publications, starting in 2022, to inform Parties and other stakeholders of recent adaptation-related developments, and summarizing adaptation-related facts and figures from national reports submitted to the secretariat and other relevant sources
- The objectives of the publications are to
  - provide a global picture of the state of play of adaptation in a format that is accessible for a wide range of stakeholders
  - heighten the AC's role as a central collector of intelligence and a provider of up-to-date information on adaptation with a broad reach
  - assist the AC in providing its contribution to the global stocktake

# I. Introduction and background (cont.)

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- At AC 21 the AC considered a first outline of the publication
- It requested the Co-chairs, with the support of the issue leads and the secretariat, to prepare an annotated outline of the first publication for the AC's consideration intersessionally, with a view to preparing the publication for the AC's approval at AC22

## II. Overview

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- In an informal call, held in June 2022, the AC considered the annotated outline for the report and provided further guidance
- Since then, the outline has been elaborated and a possible design concept for the publication developed
- A sample chapter has been developed in collaboration with the selected designer to showcase the design concept and the way in which the information is planned to be provided (the design concept will be presented separately)

## II. Overview (cont.)

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- Current outline:
  1. Core information: state of adaptation in relation to all relevant components of the adaptation cycle based on the UNFCCC process (this information will be updated in each iteration of the report in order to enable the tracking of progress)
  2. Complementary information: on progress made within broader adaptation-relevant themes or regions that are supported by the wider UN community (providing the opportunity of showcasing progress in adaptation in areas that are not directly covered by the UNFCCC process and which could provide a positive stimulus into the negotiations and national action)
  3. Adaptation highlights of the year: featuring special events or publications, including by the AC

## II. Overview (cont.)

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- Presentation style:
  - Glossy, easy-to-grasp and mainly visual style, without going into analytical depth;
  - Each chapter on components of the adaptation cycle to include:
    1. Introductory quotes that capture the essence and relevance of the respective element;
    2. World map showcasing the state of play in each country (conditional to data availability);
    3. Outlook including a diagram depicting the key enablers for further action on the element.
  - Each chapter on broader adaptation-relevant themes or regions to include:
    1. Introductory quotes
    2. Short case studies
    3. Key statistics
- Where required, each chapter will be complemented with short, explanatory text boxes or infographics

## II. Overview (cont.)

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- Sources of information:
  - National reports (NAPs, AdComs, NatComs, NDCs, upcoming BTRs)
  - GST synthesis reports
  - UN reports
  - Other relevant technical reports and documents
  - Surveys and/or interviews with adaptation contact points and other national and international stakeholders
  - UN and other organizations could be invited to contribute to the publication

# III. Next steps

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- The AC may wish to consider the following next steps:
  - Upon further guidance received at AC 22 on the updated annotated outline, the sources of information to be used and the design concept, the secretariat to develop a “teaser” version of the publication for presentation at COP 27
  - The secretariat to develop the full publication, with possible inputs from a wider range of UN and other organizations, until the end of 2022 or early 2023