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## 29th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

### Agenda item 12

# Recognizing Adaptation Efforts of Developing Country Parties

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# I. Introduction and background



Decision 11/CMA.1 mandates biennial synthesis reports to recognize developing country adaptation efforts



## Mandate Under Decision 11/CMA.1

The CMA requested the UNFCCC secretariat, under the guidance of the AC and the LEG and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to prepare **biennial synthesis reports** starting in 2020. These reports are intended to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, focusing on specific themes, lessons learned and good practices.

Addressing Climate Hazards

Assessing Costs of Adaptation

Institutional Arrangements

This 2026 Report



## AC27/AC28 Guidance

### AC27 (May 2025)

Agreed to merge themes on reporting/data systems and science, education, technology collaboration

### AC28 (September 2025)

Emphasized action-focused framing, links to decision 2/CMA.5, regional balance

### Focus on Implementation

Need to maintain clear focus on advancing concrete adaptation action

### Regional Balance

Ensure representation from the Middle East and diverse contexts



# II. Objective of the 2026 Report

Recognizing and synthesizing lessons learned and good practices from developing country Parties

## Five Key Objectives for the 2026 Report



The synthesis report will focus on strengthening integrated knowledge, science, technology and data systems to advance adaptation action and reporting

### Recognize and synthesize

Recognize and synthesize lessons learned and good practices from developing country Parties in strengthening integrated systems

### Demonstrate progress

Demonstrate how strengthened systems support implementation and measurable progress in adaptation action

### Provide input to AC work

Provide relevant input to the AC's work under paragraphs 44 and 45 of decision 2/CMA.5

### Ensure regional balance

Ensure balanced regional representation and context-sensitive analysis across developing countries

### Recognize less visible areas

Recognize less visible yet critical areas of technological and systems support beyond early warning systems



# III. Scope and Analytical Framing



## What the Report Examines

Six key areas of focus for the 2026 synthesis report

### Risk assessment

#### 1. Scientific Knowledge & Data Analytics

Use of climate modelling, geospatial tools, and data analytics for risk, vulnerability and adaptive capacity assessments

Climate modelling

Geospatial tools

### Planning & implementation

#### 2. Technology Integration

Integration of temperature models, open-access data platforms and technological systems into planning and implementation

Beyond early warning

Open data

### Monitoring & evaluation

#### 3. MEL Systems

Strengthening monitoring, evaluation and learning systems for adaptation tracking

MEL frameworks

Adaptive management

### Collaboration

#### 4. Institutional Partnerships

Collaboration with universities, research institutions and innovation hubs

Research partnerships

Capacity building



## Iterative Adaptation Cycle

Four elements of the adaptation process

#### 1 Risk, Impact & Vulnerability Assessment

Use of climate modelling, geospatial tools, participatory assessments and integration of traditional knowledge; methods for assessing adaptive capacity

Climate modelling

Adaptive capacity

#### 2 Adaptation Planning

Evidence-based NAPs and sectoral strategies; science-informed prioritization; institutional coordination; integration of gender considerations

NAPs

Sectoral strategies

#### 3 Implementation of Adaptation Actions

Deployment of locally context-appropriate technologies and nature-based solutions; role of partnerships and training

Nature-based solutions

Local context

#### 4 Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

Institutionalized MEL systems; adaptation indicators; data-driven adaptive management; gender-sensitive indicators

MEL systems

Data-driven



# IV. Case Study Selection



## Selection Criteria

Key requirements for case study inclusion

- 1 Regional and geographical balance**  
Including representation from the Middle East and diverse regions
- 2 Linkage between systems and concrete adaptation action**  
Demonstrating measurable outcomes and tangible results
- 3 Evidence of institutionalization**  
National frameworks, indicators, platforms, and sustainable structures
- 4 Contribution to national/international reporting**  
Alignment with NAPs, NDCs, BTRs, and other reporting mechanisms
- 5 Inclusion of diverse actors and knowledge systems**  
Gender considerations, local and traditional knowledge
- 6 Replicability and policy relevance**  
Transferable practices and policy implications



## Information Sources

Data and materials for case study development



### Country Reports

NAPs, NDCs, BTRs, adaptation communications, national communications



### AC Interactive Portal

State of adaptation action by Parties and related knowledge products



### Constituted Bodies

Relevant work under other constituted bodies and UN entities



### Peer-reviewed Literature

Academic and technical materials, research publications



### Direct Inputs

Selected case study countries and stakeholder consultations



### Nairobi Work Programme

Relevant outputs and expertise from NWP

# V. Next Steps



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## Implementation Timeline

Key milestones and deliverables for the 2026 synthesis report

### AC29

April 2026

- Finalize annotated outline incorporating members' guidance
- Issue structured call for case studies
- Identify and validate case studies using agreed criteria

### Intersessional

May-June 2026

- Prepare zero draft for intersessional review between AC29 and AC30
- Review and feedback from stakeholders
- Refine case studies based on feedback

### AC30

July 2026

- Present first draft to the AC at AC30
- Review and approval of draft content
- Finalize case studies and analysis

### Publication

End 2026

- Final publication of synthesis report
- Distribution to stakeholders
- Implementation of recommendations



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# Thank you