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# **Adaptation Committee: Boosting region-wide coherence on adaptation**

Regional engagement meeting of the AC,  
Korea Global Adaptation Week (KGAW)

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**Moderated by Mariam Allam, Co-Chair, Adaptation Committee**

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# Opening remarks

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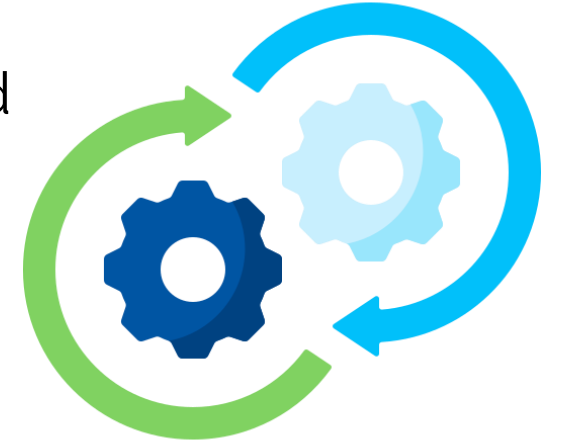
# Objectives and expected outcomes

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# I. Introduction: What is the AC?

- ❖ The **Adaptation Committee (AC)** is a constituted body under the UNFCCC and the **leading body under the United Nations** tasked by governments to provide **coherence and guidance on adaptation**, promoting **synergy** and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks.
- ❖ Through its decade of work, the AC has provided countries and other relevant stakeholders with **technical expertise on adaptation**, supporting governments to **identify and address gaps and needs**, as well as disseminating relevant information, knowledge, experience and **good practices**.





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# AC areas of work

- ❖ The AC develops **knowledge and technical guidance**, and supports countries in the following areas:
  - ❖ Promoting overarching **coherence on adaptation** - under the Convention and globally
  - ❖ **Awareness-raising, outreach and information sharing** on latest developments on adaptation
  - ❖ Adaptation **planning and implementation**, including:
    - ❖ Gaps and needs related to national adaptation planning and how to address them
    - ❖ Support for adaptation, including finance, technology and capacity-building
    - ❖ Good practices on adaptation
  - ❖ Providing technical support and guidance on **reviewing subnational, national and overall adaptation progress**, including:
    - ❖ Recognizing adaptation efforts of developing countries
    - ❖ Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation nationally and globally



## II. Accelerating adaptation action globally

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- The **global momentum on adaptation** is growing as the world is increasingly impacted by climate change:
- UNSG Climate Action Summit 2019 launched the **Call for Action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience** (130 countries, self-governing territories and the European Union + 86 UN and other international organizations).
- UNSG **Acceleration Agenda** presented this year, aims to scale up finance and capacities for adaptation and loss and damage, including developing a road map to double adaptation finance before 2025.
- Processes under UNFCCC culminating at **COP28: first Global Stocktake** (GST), **Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation** (GGA).

# AC recent products (selection)

- ❖ Some of the **recent publications** by the AC include:
  - ❖ [Technical paper on Methodologies for assessing adaptation needs and their application](#)
  - ❖ [Technical paper on Technologies for adaptation: innovation, priorities and needs in agriculture, water resources and coastal zones](#)
  - ❖ [Synthesis report on the cost of adaptation - Efforts of developing countries in assessing and meeting the costs of adaptation: Lessons learned and good practices](#)
  - ❖ [Navigating the landscape of support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans](#)
  - ❖ [Information paper on linkages between adaptation and mitigation](#)
  - ❖ [Technical paper on Approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation](#)

Access all AC  
resources here:



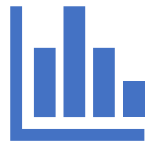
# AC upcoming products: Country profiles

- ❖ The AC is developing country profiles that will showcase the **state of adaptation** in each country of the world
- ❖ The profiles will focus on implemented adaptation actions and be structured along the **adaptation cycle**
- ❖ The information will be based exclusively on **national reports and communications** submitted to the UNFCCC and be presented via an **interactive online tool**
- ❖ As a unique, central access point for information, the tool will enhance the **collective understanding of adaptation**, facilitate the **recognition of adaptation efforts**, stimulate **learning** and **further action** and enable the **tracking of global adaptation progress**
- ❖ Together with the upcoming report on multilateral work on adaptation the profiles will kick off the AC's **new information series on the global state of adaptation**



# AC upcoming products: Work of the multilateral system

- ❖ The **state of adaptation of the multilateral system** will showcase work by major intergovernmental organizations in support of countries' adaptation effort
- ❖ The 2023 report will include relevant activities by a range of organizations, including the **United Nations, MDBs, and key financial institutions**
- ❖ Analysis will be conducted along the **adaptation policy cycle, thematic areas, and climate hazards**
- ❖ The aim of the report is to **illustrate the landscape** of major adaptation support efforts by the multilateral system, **incubate new areas of thoughts** through a forward-looking orientation, and **explore opportunities** for more coherent actions
- ❖ Information from this report will feed into the 2023 Adaptation Forum, aiming to bring together key players to further enhance the system's support of countries' adaptation efforts at all levels



# III. Objective of this meeting

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- ❖ This year, the **AC** is working towards launching **longer-term work** aimed at **enhancing coherence** across the intergovernmental architecture to support more **ambitious worldwide adaptation** action and collaboration.
- ❖ A number of specific activities are planned by the AC to this end, culminating in the upcoming 2023 **Adaptation Forum** (October 2023).
- ❖ This **meeting at the KGAW** is the first in a series of regional engagement events and aims to foster a **collaborative approach** towards **region-wide and transboundary adaptation** action and support.



## IV. Expected outcomes

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- ❖ Enhance a **common understanding** of the ongoing **region-wide and transboundary adaptation** efforts in the **Asia Pacific** region.
- ❖ Explore **solutions, areas for collaboration, pathways towards stronger synergies, and opportunities to address gaps and needs** aligning with the global adaptation agenda and ways in which the AC can support these efforts.
- ❖ Facilitate the **dissemination and exchange of information** between relevant stakeholders.
- ❖ Feed into the **global longer-term work** catalyzed under the Adaptation Forum.



# V. Agenda

## Day 1: 28 August 14:00 – 17:30

14:00-14:30 Welcome and opening remarks

- Objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting
- Brief presentation of the AC and its relevant work

14:30-15:10 What are the adaptation priorities in the area, and which multi-country and region-wide adaptation solutions and projects exist?

- 5-7 min. targeted and focused presentations from organizations on regional priorities and their relevant projects in the region.
- Moderated discussion

15:10-15:30 What are the existing windows of support for regional action on adaptation? (Part I)

- 5-7 min. targeted and focused presentation from funds and development banks on their relevant projects and funding opportunities in the region.

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:20 What are the existing windows of support for regional action on adaptation? (Part II)

- Moderated discussion

16:20-17:20 Exploring the landscape of adaptation action and support: understanding and leveraging available resources and success stories

- *Are there any regional or transboundary adaptation projects and support opportunities that were not mentioned?*
- *What are examples of successful inter-agency or multistakeholder regional projects? What were the keys to success and how can these strategies be replicated?*
- *What are the existing resources for collaboration, and how can they be leveraged to scale up adaptation regionally?*

17:20-17:30 Closing of day 1

- Summary of the discussions and presentation of the agenda of day 2



# V. Agenda

## Day 2: 29 August 14:00 – 17:30

- 14:00-14:10    Opening of day 2
- Recapitulation of key points from day 1
  - Presentation of a preliminary mapping of regional adaptation efforts
- 14:10-14:50    Identifying the remaining gaps and needs
- *What are the region-wide and/or transboundary adaptation gaps and needs that are not met by existing efforts?*
  - *What can be done to fill those gaps, and by whom?*
- 14:50-15:30    Recognizing opportunities for strengthening coherent implementation and support
- *Are there any areas that could benefit from further cooperation to increase efficiency?*
  - *How can synergies be enhanced in these areas?*
- 15:30-16:00    Coffee break

- 16:00-16:40    Co-designing solutions aligned with global efforts
- *What [additional] modalities for collaboration can be suggested?*
  - *What are good examples of joint adaptation projects in other regions or scales that could be replicated in Asia Pacific?*
  - *What are good examples of collaboration in other areas that could be replicated in the adaptation space?*
  - *What other solutions can be implemented?*
  - *How do regional adaptation efforts align with global processes and directives (e.g. UNFCCC process [GGA, GST, etc.], funds and development banks global strategies, other multilateral processes [e.g. CBD, UNCCD, etc.]?).*
  - *How can these links be strengthened for increased coherence and efficiency?*
- 16:40-17:20    Next steps
- *What are the next steps that participating organizations and stakeholders can take to strengthen coherent implementation and collaboration?*
- 17:20-17:30    Closing
- Overview summary and next steps in the AC longer-term work to enhance collaboration on adaptation



# Survey

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Tell the Adaptation Committee about your region-wide adaptation efforts in Asia Pacific:



**Thank you!**



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