

Session: Twenty-ninth meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC29)

(hybrid meeting)

Location: Bonn, Germany and online via MS Teams

Date and Time: 14–17 April 2026 (open meeting days for observers: 15–17 April 2026)

Participants: Adaptation Committee, Secretariat, other Constituted Bodies, Observers.

Attended by: RINGO nominated observers;

- Pan Ei Ei Phyoe, Climate and Water Policy Consultant, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA), Emilie Beauchamp, International Institute for Environment and Development (IISD), Avit Bhowmik, Future Earth, Lucia Ravens, Tufts University Institute of the Environment (TIE), Gregg Walker, Mediators Beyond Borders International.

Summary

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC) was held in hybrid format from 14–17 April 2026 in Bonn, Germany, with the option of virtual attendance via MS Teams. Observers participated in the open meeting days (15–17 April 2026). The schedule of work for AC 29 can be found at: <https://unfccc.int/node/656330>

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An annotated agenda can be found here: <https://unfccc.int/documents/656328>

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- Day 2:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AQUoxnkIX4&list=PLBcZ22cUY9RKhvTgl2PIQSHDM0NULphe9&index=2>
- Day 3:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3WEGhZnl6o&list=PLBcZ22cUY9RKhvTgl2PIQSHDM0NULphe9&index=2>

Summary / Overarching Notes

- **Consolidating post-COP 30 priorities and the UAE–Belém Work Programme:** AC 29 opened after the adoption at COP 30 (Belém) of the indicator framework under the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience. Members emphasised that the AC's

2026 agenda must translate those outcomes into practical guidance, while maintaining technical rigour, regional balance, and accessibility for developing countries. The Committee elected Ms. Mariana Roncini (WEOG) and Mr. Abdulaziz Albutir (Asia-Pacific) as incoming Co-Chairs.

- **Moving from concepts to deliverables:** Across almost every workstream (IVR assessment, adaptive capacity, MEL, technical guidance, reporting recommendations, landscape of support, thematic dialogues, the state-of-adaptation synthesis), the AC sought to move beyond conceptual framing to concrete 2026 products. A stepwise, resource-conscious approach was reaffirmed: update and repackage existing materials first, pilot new training products, and only then commit to resource-intensive deliverables.
- **Preparing the AC's contribution to the Second Global Stocktake (GST2):** For the first time, AC 29 considered a dedicated sub-item on information collection and preparation for the second global stocktake. Members agreed to begin scoping the AC's synthesis report for the technical assessment of the GST2, aligning it with the 2026 and 2028 State of Adaptation synthesis cycles.
- **Enhancing collaboration with external experts, constituted bodies, and the NAP Task Force:** Members received updates from the LEG, CGE, PCCB, WIM ExCom, TEC, NWP, Adaptation Fund and GCF, and welcomed offers of collaboration from UNDRR, UNU, CDRI, IOM, and the NAP Global Network. The revised criteria for voluntary collaboration with external experts and organizations were close to finalisation but required additional refinement.
- **Communications, visibility, and outreach:** The AC reviewed progress on its Communications and Engagement Strategy for 2025–2026 and the first two issues of the Adaptation Action Newsletter. Members stressed the need for executive-level content for decision-makers, regional storytelling, and timely outreach ahead of the 2026 Adaptation Forum and SB 65.

Agenda Items

1. Opening and welcome

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: 09:30

The Co-Chairs formally opened the twenty-ninth meeting of the Adaptation Committee on 16yh April 2026. The open meeting was preceded by an internal coordination meeting of AC members on 15 April 2026. Co-Chair Juliana Torta welcomed members, observers and the public attending online, acknowledged travel disruptions that affected several participants, and thanked outgoing members who had completed their terms of service (Rosa Morales, Britta Horsman, Mirza Shahakat Ali, Karina Barrera, Rita Mishan, and Juliana Torta). New AC members were formally welcomed and introduced themselves to observers.

2. Organisational matters

2(a). Adoption of the agenda

Document: <https://unfccc.int/documents/656328>

The agenda was adopted as presented, without changes.

2(b). Election of the Co-Chairs

Pursuant to decisions 2/CP.17 and 16/CP.19, the AC elects its Co-Chairs annually, with one member from an Annex I Party and one from a non-Annex I Party. Expressions of interest were received from WEOG and the Asia-Pacific seats.

Outcome: The AC elected Ms. Mariana Roncini (WEOG) and Mr. Abdulaziz Albutir (Asia-Pacific) to serve as Co-Chairs for a period of one year, effective from AC 29. The outgoing Co-Chairs (Juliana Torta and Rosa Morales) were thanked for their leadership during 2025.

2(c). Organisation of work

The organisation of work was agreed as proposed. The Co-Chairs emphasised the packed agenda and the focus on reaching clear agreements on the way forward during the intersessional period between AC 29 and AC 30. Members would begin each day with an internal reflection meeting from 09:00–09:30, followed by the open session. Observers were invited to attend in person and virtually and to intervene under each agenda item as time allows. The meeting was livestreamed via YouTube, with recordings available on the AC 29 webpage.

3. Report back on accomplished and finalised work

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: 09:30 (morning)

Doc: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC%2029_3_report_back_0.pdf

Background:

The Co-Chairs presented an overview of work undertaken by the Adaptation Committee since AC 28 (September 2025), including key activities, outputs and engagement with Parties and stakeholders.

Main points reported at AC 29:

- AC participation in the Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day 2025 (virtual consultation on NDCs and NAPs, 12 October 2025).
- AC 2025 annual report: welcomed by Parties at COP 30.
- Launch of the AC's call for submissions by Parties and relevant stakeholders (open until 31 March 2026) to support the development of recommendations on how to improve adaptation reporting.

- AC side event at COP 30: "Advancing coherence and synergy in leveraging traditional, Indigenous and local knowledge systems for adaptation".
- AC participation at COP 30 events and workshops in Belém, including: the Thematic workshop on further engagement of local communities; the 10th meeting of the informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement; the LCIPP Annual Intergenerational Dialogue; the LCIPP Fifth Annual Gathering of Knowledge Holders; and the meeting between the GCF Co-Chairs and the chairs of constituted bodies.
- ArticulaLAC Webinar: COP 30 Outcomes and Implications for Private Sector Climate Action.
- Continued intersessional work on the Adaptation Forum concept note, the Adaptation Action Newsletter, the State of Adaptation Action portal, the revised criteria for enhanced collaboration with external experts, and the 2026 synthesis report on recognising adaptation efforts of developing country Parties.

Summary Outcome:

The AC took note of the report by the Co-Chairs, discussed lessons learned for future work, and agreed on next steps under subsequent agenda items.

4. Cross-cutting considerations, including gender

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Afternoon (Day 3)

Document: <https://unfccc.int/documents/656579>

Presentation: Gabriela (UNFCCC secretariat, Gender team)

Background:

At AC 27 (May 2025), the AC requested the secretariat to organise a training session for AC members on opportunities for integrating a gender perspective into the AC's 2025–2027 flexible workplan. At AC 28 (September 2025), the secretariat conducted the training, followed by group discussions on the AC's ongoing and possible future efforts for integrating gender considerations. At COP 29 Parties decided to extend the enhanced Lima work programme on gender for a full decade, recognising that gender mainstreaming across all relevant targets and goals of the Convention is essential. Building on this, COP 30 adopted the Belém Gender Action Plan (GAP) for 2026–2034 in decision 7/CP.30, inviting UNFCCC constituted bodies and other stakeholders to enhance implementation of the new GAP.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Significance of the Belém GAP:** The secretariat briefed the Committee on the Belém GAP, which operationalises the enhanced Lima work programme on gender over a nine-year horizon with a mid-term review in 2029. The GAP is organised around five priority areas (capacity-building; knowledge management and communication; gender balance,

participation and women's leadership; coherence; and monitoring and reporting) and contains specific deliverables that call for input from constituted bodies.

- **Relevance to the AC's work:** Several GAP deliverables were flagged as directly relevant to the AC: deliverable C33 inviting constituted bodies to ensure gender-responsive implementation of their workstreams; deliverable D.2 on gender-responsive technological solutions; and the first annual interactive dialogue on progress in gender-responsive climate policy. The Committee acknowledged the contributions of AC members who participated in the review of the enhanced Lima work programme and the development of the new GAP.
- **Emerging good practices:** The secretariat highlighted emerging good practices by other constituted bodies, including: dedicated evaluation of gender integration into the body's work; use of gender-disaggregated data for events and newsletters; structured gender integration into substantive workstreams; and engagement of national gender and climate change focal points.
- **Encouragement to continue work on gender integration:** A member (Angelita) proposed, and members agreed that the AC's conclusion should not only welcome the GAP but also encourage the Committee to continue integrating gender considerations into its substantive work and to make this a standing element of the AC's workstreams.

Summary Outcome:

The AC welcomed the presentation from the secretariat on the recently adopted Belém Gender Action Plan and agreed to continue working on integrating gender considerations into the work of the Adaptation Committee across its 2025–2027 workstreams.

5. Impact, vulnerability and risk assessment

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Morning (Day 3)

Doc: [AC29/CN/5](#) - Potential activities on impact, vulnerability and risk assessment, overview note

Presentation: <https://unfccc.int/documents/656573>; Facilitated by Isa (AC member, Tanzania)

Background:

Building on guidance from AC 26, AC 27 and AC 28, this agenda item addresses the AC's work on impact, vulnerability and risk (IVR) assessments: a foundational component of adaptation planning. Paragraph 10(a) of decision 2/CMA.5 sets a collective target for all Parties to conduct up-to-date assessments of climate hazards, impacts and exposure to vulnerabilities by 2030. At AC 28 the Committee requested the secretariat to develop, for consideration at AC 29, an overview note on the application of IVR assessments in different countries, reflecting case studies from different regions and adaptation contexts, with a view to identifying additional areas of work by the AC.

Scope of the overview note:

The overview note highlights that IVR assessments are widely used, around 85% of Parties report conducting IVR assessments, and are a critical foundation linking climate risk understanding to concrete adaptation planning, implementation and monitoring. The secretariat's presentation identified five critical challenges and gaps that limit effective IVR and adaptive capacity assessments, including data availability, methodological consistency, sub-national disaggregation, cross-sectoral integration, and institutional capacity.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Framing and recognition of IVR as foundational:** Members welcomed the overview note as a strong basis for further work, acknowledging that IVR is central to effective adaptation planning and informs implementation and MEL. Members supported using the note to signal the AC's continued added value in this area, alongside the work of UNDRR, WMO, the IPCC and other partners.
- **Coherence with adaptive capacity assessment (Item 6):** Members underlined the conceptual overlap between IVR and adaptive capacity and stressed that adaptive capacity should be treated as an integral component of vulnerability and risk assessment, not a stand-alone workstream. The overview note and the Item 6 concept note should clearly articulate interlinkages, in particular how adaptive capacity informs exposure, sensitivity and overall risk.
- **Infrastructure, ecosystems, and sectoral coverage:** Observers and members emphasised the need to consider infrastructure resilience, water, food, ecosystems and other sectoral dimensions within IVR. Members called for the note to reflect how IVR is used to inform national planning (NAPs, NDCs, adaptation communications) and BTRs.
- **Alignment with the UAE Framework and the GGA indicator set:** IVR was noted as one of the targets of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and is directly relevant to the GGA indicator framework adopted at COP 30. Members agreed that the AC's work should help Parties operationalise these indicators at national and sub-national levels.
- **Cross-cutting considerations:** A member flagged that cross-cutting considerations (including gender) should be given more weight throughout the AC's IVR work and reflected across the forthcoming deliverables.
- **Two-week comment window for AC members:** Consistent with the approach applied to other AC 29 items, members requested that the overview note be kept open for a further two-week period for AC members to provide written inputs, and that the summary text be amended from "taken into account" to "on the basis of" AC members' inputs.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the overview note on the application of IVR assessments across different countries and agreed to request the secretariat to further develop the work on the basis of AC members' inputs, and to keep the overview note open for AC member comments for an

additional two weeks after AC 29. The secretariat will prepare, for consideration at AC 30, a revised overview note identifying additional areas of work for the AC, drawing on case studies from different regions and reflecting interlinkages with adaptive capacity assessment (Item 6), MEL (Item 8), and the GGA indicator framework.

6. Adaptive capacity assessment

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Late morning (Day 3)

Doc: AC29/CN/6 — Potential activities in the area of adaptive capacity assessment.

<https://unfccc.int/documents/656335> and <https://unfccc.int/documents/656349>

Presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/live/9AQUoxnkIX4?si=63OGmP-XvM3k8Cb2&t=341>

[Begins at 00:05:40] Slides [here](#)

Presentation:

Background:

At AC 28 the Committee requested the secretariat to develop a concise concept note clarifying the concept, role and application of adaptive capacity assessments, to serve as a starting point for discussion at AC 29 and for identifying potential deliverables. The concept note recalls that methodologies for assessing adaptive capacity remain less standardised and inconsistently applied, especially in developing-country contexts; it presents a working definition, a multi-dimensional framework (institutional and governance, social and human, financial, technological, and natural-system dimensions), and a possible sequence of deliverables (technical review and mapping; concise guidance note; case-study compilation; knowledge-exchange session).

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Conceptual basis and framing:** Members converged on the need to start with conceptual clarification, articulating a shared understanding of adaptive capacity, how it is assessed and what purpose assessments serve (policy design, MEL, reporting). Adaptive capacity was characterised as the ability of systems, regions and communities to adjust to potential damage, take advantage of opportunities, and respond to consequences.
- **Relationship with IVR (Item 5):** Members agreed that adaptive capacity should not be conceptually divorced from IVR, adaptive capacity is generally a property of a particular system being assessed (e.g. a water system, an ecosystem, a community) and is informed by exposure, sensitivity and the risk profile derived from IVR. Several members noted that IVR identifies the problem while adaptive capacity points to the solution: "why" adaptation is needed flows from vulnerability; "how" it is delivered flows from adaptive

capacity. The two workstreams should therefore advance in parallel and the concept note should make these interlinkages explicit.

- **Multi-dimensional and sector-specific approach:** Several members emphasised that adaptive capacity is multi-dimensional and that future work should be ecosystem- and sector-specific rather than generic. Members proposed examining how adaptive capacity is reflected in NAPs, NDCs and adaptation communications, and how data systems (Item 11(a)) can underpin adaptive-capacity assessment.
- **Positive framing:** Members proposed framing adaptive capacity in positive terms as the capacities, knowledge and assets that enable adaptation rather than only as a deficit, to support solutions-oriented planning.
- **Coherence with cross-cutting considerations:** Members linked the work to gender (Item 4) and to traditional, Indigenous and local knowledge systems, as well as to other AC workstreams (MEL, technical guidance, reporting recommendations).
- **Engagement with constituted bodies and external partners:** Members supported engaging with the LEG, CGE, PCCB, NWP, IPCC, UNDRR, UNU and other partners that have undertaken work on adaptive-capacity methodologies, and learning from how operating entities (GCF, GEF, AF) approach adaptive capacity.
- **Format of the next deliverable, overview note rather than concept note:** Members converged on requesting an overview note (rather than a new concept note) clarifying the concept, role and application of adaptive-capacity assessments and identifying potential deliverables, similar in form to the IVR overview note prepared for AC 29.

Convergences and Divergences

- **Convergence:** Adaptive capacity should not be assessed in isolation from IVR; the AC should clarify the conceptual basis before defining technical methodologies; future work should be ecosystem-/sector-specific and grounded in country experience; positive framing supports actionable outcomes.
- **Divergence:** Whether the workstream should remain a separate agenda item or be merged with IVR (Item 5); members ultimately agreed to keep the two as distinct items but to deepen their interlinkages in the next deliverables.
- **Summary Outcome:**

The AC considered the concept note on adaptive-capacity assessment and requested the secretariat to elaborate, for consideration at AC 30, an overview note clarifying the concept, role and application of adaptive-capacity assessment, drawing on the inputs received at AC 29 and during the two-week post-AC 29 written-comment window - with a view to finalizing the first phase of the next update at AC 31. The overview note will identify potential deliverables, articulate the relationship with IVR (Item 5), MEL (Item 8) and the work under paragraphs 44 and 45 of decision 2/CMA.5, and reflect cross-cutting considerations including gender.

The AC also agreed to include a disclaimer in the update of the online resource which would clarify that contents included from external entities do not imply endorsement or alignment by the AC.

7. Support for planning and implementation

7(a). Update of the online resource on navigating the landscape of support for NAPs

Date: 17 April 2026

Time: Morning (first item of Day 2)

Doc: AC29/CN/7A — Landscape of support. Concept note

Presentation:

Presented by Luke Miller (AC member, Australia) with support from the secretariat

Background:

The AC's online resource "Navigating the Landscape of Support" was first published in 2015 and updated in 2022. At AC 28, the AC agreed to update the information within its current scope and requested the secretariat to prepare a revised document on the scope of the next update. At AC 29, members considered both (i) the update of the 2022 resource within its current scope and (ii) the expanded scope for the next update, proposed as a two-phase modular approach (Phase 1: 2026 priority enhancements; Phase 2: 2027 or later interactive functionalities and translation tool).

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Inaccuracies in the updated information and need for additional review time:** Members acknowledged that the update incorporated new statistics from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism (GCF, Adaptation Fund) but flagged several inaccuracies relating to timelines across sections, language originating from public websites rather than from agreed Party decisions, and an over-emphasis on domestic finance and South-South cooperation. Members requested that the document be kept open for AC member comments for an additional two weeks to allow for track-changes review.
- **Status of the updated NAP Technical Guidelines:** Members noted that the 2025 updated NAP technical guidelines are a product of the LEG and have not been formally endorsed by Parties, unlike the original guidelines which were annexed to a Party decision. Language in the update should reflect this distinction rather than placing the two products on equal footing.
- **Regional balance in case studies:** Members emphasised that case studies and examples used across AC guidance products should reflect regional balance, consistent with UN regional groupings. A specific region referenced in the document was flagged

as unnecessary; guidance products should not single out particular regions unless they are the only source of available information.

- **Disclaimer on endorsement:** Given that the landscape of support compiles information from channels both within and outside the UNFCCC process, members called for the inclusion of a clear disclaimer stating that inclusion does not constitute endorsement by the Adaptation Committee, and that the resource is provided for information only to assist Parties in accessing support.
- **Scope of the next update (Phase 1, 2026):** Broad support was expressed for aligning the next update with the thematic and dimensional targets of decision 2/CMA.5 and the gaps and needs identified in decision 8/CP.30, para. 17. Members supported inclusion of support available for enhancing countries' capacities to access adaptation finance, support channels at regional and subnational levels, linkages to the State of Adaptation Action portal for peer learning, and interactive modules with tagging and filtering. Divergence emerged around whether to retain a bullet on support for cross-cutting considerations (paras 13 and 14 of 2/CMA.5); several members argued that cross-cutting resources were often only loosely connected to adaptation and risked misleading developing-country users about what support is actually available.
- **GGA indicators (UAE–Belém Work Programme):** Members asked whether and how the newly adopted GGA adaptation indicators would be reflected in the update. The secretariat explained that as the indicators are in the testing phase, it is premature to include specific support but this will be considered in future updates under the AC's regular update cycle for this resource.
- **Engagement of external experts and the role of the NAP Task Force:** Members proposed a structured approach to engaging external experts: (i) organisations and entities featured in the 2022 version to validate and update information; and (ii) selected lead organisations for each thematic area to recommend relevant support channels. Members noted overlap with Agenda Item 15(c) on enhanced collaboration with external experts, and agreed to apply whatever general criteria are endorsed under 15(c) to this workstream.
- **Observer contribution:** CDRI (Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure) highlighted that nearly half of NAPs mention infrastructure resilience but face implementation gaps. CDRI offered support to Parties through its DRR Connect online resource.

Convergences and Divergences

- **Convergence:** Alignment of the next update with the UAE Framework thematic/dimensional targets; two-phased modular approach; regional balance; explicit disclaimer; continued use of the tool as a practical practitioner-oriented resource.
- **Divergence:** Whether to retain a specific bullet on support for cross-cutting considerations (one Co-Chair proposed deletion); timing and sequencing of the next update given the upcoming review of the AC's work on external collaboration.

Summary Outcome:

The AC agreed to keep the current update (2022 scope) open for AC member comments for an additional two weeks and to endorse the updated online resource thereafter. The AC also requested the secretariat to develop a first draft of the next update of the online resource, taking into account the elements outlined in Phase 1 of the proposed modular approach, and to report on progress at AC 30. Guidance on the engagement of external experts and the role of the NAP Task Force will be applied consistent with the outcomes of Agenda Items 14 and 15(c).

7(b). AC thematic dialogues

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Afternoon (Day 3, Slot 3)

Doc: AC29/CN/7B — AC thematic dialogue 2026. Revised draft concept note

Presentation: Robert Borge (AC member, Philippines; Climate Change Commission), online

Background:

At AC 28 the Committee considered a draft concept note for the next thematic dialogue on "Opportunities for accessing adaptation finance from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism" and requested the secretariat to: expand the scope to invite the Adaptation Fund; merge the two options on country experiences and support brokers; plan for a globally-focused webinar in the first half of 2026; and assess options for organising the dialogue in person or virtually. At AC 29 the AC was invited to consider the updated concept note, including the revised agenda and proposed timing, and to agree on next steps as well as themes for future dialogues.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Draft agenda of the 2026 dialogue:** The dialogue is structured in two parts. Part 1 will feature updates from the GCF, the GEF and the Adaptation Fund separately, as well as on joint efforts by the multilateral climate funds supporting countries' access to adaptation finance, organised around the thematic areas reflected in the funds' annual reports. Part 2 will feature country experiences in accessing adaptation finance and experiences from support brokers in facilitating that access.
- **Timing and modality:** Members supported holding the dialogue in a hybrid format at the margins of SB 64 in June 2026 (8–18 June), which would allow for broad in-person participation given the high representation of Parties, funds and organisations at those sessions. A recording will be made available for information and training purposes, consistent with the AC 28 decision.
- **External experts and support brokers:** In addition to the GEF, GCF and AF, country representatives will be invited to share experiences accessing GCF, LDCF, SCCF and AF resources. Support brokers, including UNFCCC regional collaboration centres, the NDC Partnership, GCF accredited entities, GEF agencies, AF implementing entities,

regional centres and networks, and national designated authorities, will contribute hands-on perspectives on facilitating access.

- **Guiding questions and NAP Task Force input:** Only one member provided written input intersessionally. Members were invited to review the concept note again and share any further input before requesting the secretariat to develop guiding questions for the dialogue. The NAP Task Force will be asked to provide review and inputs on the draft agenda.
- **Themes for future dialogues:** Members took initial views on themes for future thematic dialogues, building on 2026 experience and the GGA indicator work.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the revised concept note for the 2026 thematic dialogue on opportunities for accessing adaptation finance, agreed to conduct the dialogue in hybrid format at the margins of SB 64 in June 2026, and requested the secretariat to: (i) further update the draft agenda and guiding questions on the basis of AC members' inputs provided at AC 29 and during the post-AC 29 comment window; (ii) share the draft with the NAP Task Force for review and input; and (iii) report back to the AC on the final agenda and logistics intersessionally. The AC also invited members to continue considering themes for future thematic dialogues.

8. Monitoring, evaluation and learning

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: 11:30 (Day 2, Slot 2)

Doc: AC29/CN/8 — Monitoring, evaluation and learning. Draft concept note

Presentation

Background:

In 2023 the AC published a technical paper on "Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation at the national and subnational levels". In 2024 the AC collaborated with the NAP Global Network on a "Toolkit for Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for National Adaptation Plan Processes" and a companion webinar. At the 6th Capacity Building Hub during COP 29 (Baku), the AC and the NAP Global Network jointly organised a peer-led training session "From Toolkit to Reality: Designing MEL Systems to Inform the UAE Framework". At AC 28 the AC decided to update the MEL toolkit. At AC 29, members considered a concept note outlining options for updating the toolkit.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Alignment with the UAE Framework and the GGA indicator set adopted at COP 30:** Members strongly supported updating the MEL toolkit to reflect the newly adopted GGA

adaptation indicators (UAE–Belém Work Programme), the thematic and dimensional targets of the UAE Framework, and emerging national and subnational practice. MEL should remain the analytical backbone of the AC's contribution to tracking collective progress under the Global Goal on Adaptation.

- **Scope of the update:** Broad support for an incremental approach, updating existing modules, adding new case studies, and producing light companion products (e.g. short briefs, annotated slide decks, or explainer videos) rather than a comprehensive overhaul. Members encouraged the inclusion of participatory and gender-responsive approaches and examples from SIDS, LDCs, and African countries.
- **Coherence across AC workstreams:** MEL should be embedded as a cross-cutting function linking adaptive capacity (Item 6), IVR assessment (Item 5), technical guidance under paragraph 44 (Item 9), reporting recommendations under paragraph 45 (Item 10), and the State of Adaptation Action portal (Item 11). Members supported producing cross-referenced modules so MEL elements appear consistently across AC outputs.
- **Collaboration with partners:** Members welcomed continued collaboration with the NAP Global Network, the LEG, the CGE, and the PCCB, and encouraged engagement with the WIM ExCom on loss-and-damage tracking and with the IPCC WG II Expert Meeting on Adaptation Metrics, Methodologies and Indicators (AMMI, Accra, March 2026). The NAP Global Network further provided clarity required for next steps: on how the collaboration was initiated by the NAP Global Network as part of their work plan and funded by them, with the collaboration focusing on review and finalization of the Toolkit. As such the NAP Global Network (IISD) holds the copyright of the content in the Toolkit.
- **Practicality and accessibility:** Members emphasised that the updated toolkit must remain user-friendly and practical for developing-country practitioners, avoiding overly technical formats. Multilingual summaries, a mobile-friendly version, and modular e-learning content were proposed.

Summary Outcome:

The AC welcomed the contribution of the NAP Global Network (NAP GN) in the development of the 2024 MEL toolkit.

The AC considered the concept note on updating the MEL Toolkit and agreed to seek feedback from users of the toolkit through the means outlined in paragraph 8(a) of the concept note in collaboration with the NAP Global Network.

It requested the secretariat to revise the concept note, including the timeline and possible steps to update the MEL Toolkit, on the basis of the inputs provided at AC29, for the AC's consideration at AC 31.

9. Technical guidance and training materials to support the implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience (in collaboration with the CGE and LEG)

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: 11:30 (Day 1, Slot 2)

Doc: AC29/CN/9 — Technical guidance and training materials. Concept note

Background:

Under paragraph 44 of decision 2/CMA.5, the AC, in collaboration with the CGE and the LEG, is mandated to support implementation of the UAE Framework with technical guidance and training materials. At AC 28 the Committee agreed to request the secretariat to prepare a concept note, for consideration at AC 29, outlining an initial set of deliverables under two tracks: (a) using and updating existing technical guidance and training materials; and (b) developing new training products (e.g. online modules). The user-friendly mapping of existing technical guidance was published on 30 July 2025.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Endorsement of the two-track approach:** Members broadly endorsed the two-track approach. Track (a) focuses on consolidating, updating and repackaging existing AC and partner materials (including the MEL toolkit and the Navigating the Landscape of Support resource) into training-ready formats. Track (b) focuses on developing a limited number of new, thematic online training modules on priority topics aligned with the UAE Framework's thematic and dimensional targets.
- **Prioritisation and resource-consciousness:** Given limited Secretariat resources, members agreed to prioritise a small set of early deliverables before COP 31. Several members flagged that prioritisation should be demand-driven and informed by the capacity gaps identified in the mapping of technical guidance (e.g. IVR, adaptive capacity, data systems).
- **Ownership and collaboration:** Members emphasised that the AC must retain intellectual and institutional ownership of the final products, even where materials are co-developed with partners. External collaborators contribute under the criteria being refined under Item 15(c). Collaboration with the LEG, CGE and PCCB remains a requirement, not an option, and opportunities with the Adaptation Fund, GCF, GEF and CTCN should be explored.
- **Alignment with GGA indicators:** Members agreed that any new training should be designed with flexibility to integrate the GGA indicator set finalised under the UAE–Belém Work Programme at COP 30, and the forthcoming IPCC Technical Guidelines on Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation.

- **Regional accessibility and language:** Members highlighted the need for multilingual summaries, regional anchor partners (regional climate weeks, NAP country teams), and accessible formats (short briefs, explainer videos, e-learning) to reach developing-country practitioners, especially LDCs and SIDS.
- **Standalone agenda item for this workstream:** Several members noted that this workstream would benefit from remaining a standalone agenda item at subsequent AC meetings given its breadth and cross-cutting nature.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the concept note and agreed to follow the two-track approach: (a) use and enhancement of existing technical guidance and training materials; and (b) development of new training products (including online modules). The AC requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at AC 30, a short list of prioritised early deliverables under each track, a mapping of lead partners for each deliverable, and a resource and timeline proposal. Collaboration with the LEG and CGE continues, and additional collaboration opportunities with the PCCB will be assessed.

10. Recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress (in collaboration with the CGE and LEG)

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: 14:00 (Day 1, Slot 3)

Doc: AC29/INFO/10 — Recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress. Information note

Presentation

Background:

Paragraph 45 of decision 2/CMA.5 invites 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 MPGs for the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) (decision 18/CMA.1, annex) and the review of the BTR reviewer training course (decision 9/CMA.4, para. 10). At AC 28 the Committee agreed on a stepwise approach, launched a call for submissions (closed 31 March 2026), and requested the secretariat to prepare a note for AC 29 describing the status quo of adaptation reporting vehicles, guidelines and MPGs.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Scope and framing of the first set of recommendations:** Members reaffirmed the four proposed areas of recommendation: (i) improving coherence and clarity across reporting vehicles (NAPs, adcoms, BTRs, NDCs, NCs); (ii) enhancing the adaptation-related section of the ETF MPGs; (iii) updating the BTR reviewer training course; and (iv)

establishing long-term AC–CGE–LEG coordination and support. There was broad support for prioritising (i)–(iii) for the first set.

- **Avoiding additional reporting burden:** Members were clear that recommendations should not create new reporting obligations for Parties, especially developing countries with limited capacity or data availability. Flexibility clauses for voluntary reporting elements were supported.
- **Expert meeting to validate the first set of recommendations:** Members discussed when and how to convene the planned expert meeting with the CGE and LEG to validate the first set of recommendations. Options included a virtual meeting in Q2/Q3 2026 and a physical meeting back-to-back with another climate event. Agreement was reached to hold the expert meeting in the second half of 2026 with the concrete date to be decided intersessionally.
- **Treatment of submissions:** Members received an initial overview of submissions received in response to the call. The secretariat will prepare a synthesis of submissions for the expert meeting and the AC's intersessional review.
- **Linkages to other workstreams:** Strong interlinkages were noted with the GGA indicators (UAE–Belém Work Programme), MEL (Item 8), the State of Adaptation Action portal (Item 11), and the Recognition synthesis report (Item 12). The AC's Adaptation Progress Annex concept, proposed at AC 28, was revisited as a voluntary element that could improve coherence.
- **Scope of recommendations, progress only, or also challenges:** One member reiterated that recommendations should not be limited to "progress" only but should also make space for challenges, gaps, and other dimensions of adaptation beyond progress tracking.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered document AC29/INFO/10, took note of the submissions received, and agreed on a first set of candidate recommendations to be validated at the expert meeting with the CGE and the LEG. The secretariat was requested to prepare, for the expert meeting, (i) a synthesis of submissions and (ii) a draft first set of recommendations. The timing of the expert meeting was agreed for the second half of 2026, with concrete dates to be decided intersessionally. Final recommendations will continue to be developed intersessionally and presented at AC 30 for inclusion in the Committee's 2026 annual report to SB 65, COP 31 and CMA 8.

11. State of adaptation action by Parties

11(a). State of adaptation action by Parties country portal and synthesis report

Date: 17 April 2026

Time: 09:30 (Day 2, Slot 1)

Doc: AC29/CN/11A — Draft annotated outline for the 2026 synthesis report

Presentation

Background:

In 2024 the AC launched the State of Adaptation Action by Parties (SoA) portal, containing interactive profiles for 198 Parties. At AC 28 the AC requested the secretariat to inform AC 29 of the status of updates to each country profile and to prepare a concept note for the 2026 synthesis report, including a draft annotated outline and a proposed cut-off date for defining the database that will inform the report.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Status of country profile updates:** The secretariat informed the AC of the status of updates to each country profile, with continuous updates planned as new national reports are submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat.
- **Structure of the 2026 synthesis report: two-part approach:** Members supported a two-part structure for periodic SoA synthesis reports, consisting of (i) a periodic, standardised statistics and trends section (the "fixed" part, allowing comparison across cycles) and (ii) a flexible thematic section focused on a particular aspect of adaptation per cycle. This structure would serve as a recognisable template for future state-of-adaptation synthesis reports.
- **Coverage across the adaptation cycle, not only reporting:** Several members stressed that the synthesis report should cover the full adaptation cycle — risk and vulnerability assessment, planning, implementation, and MEL — rather than focusing primarily on reporting and dimensional targets. Linking to and distinguishing the roles of IVR (Item 5), adaptive capacity (Item 6), MEL (Item 8), and the paragraph 44/45 workstreams was emphasised.
- **Cut-off date for the 2026 report and relationship with GST2:** Members discussed the proposed cut-off date for data inputs, balancing the need for the most recent information (including ACs and BTRs submitted after COP 30) against the need for a stable evidence base for the 2026 report. The relationship with the AC's synthesis report for the technical assessment of the second global stocktake (GST2) (see Item 11(b)) was a central consideration.
- **Communications and accessibility:** Members proposed that the portal be featured at the 2026 Adaptation Forum and promoted through the Adaptation Action Newsletter, with "last-updated" date labels on each country page and additional regional/thematic filters.

Summary Outcome:

The AC took note of the status of updates to each country profile and requested the secretariat to update the portal on a continuous basis. The AC further considered the draft annotated

outline and proposed cut-off date for the 2026 synthesis report, agreed on the two-part structure (periodic statistics + flexible thematic section), and requested the secretariat to revise the annotated outline intersessionally based on members' guidance, for consideration at AC 30.

11(b). Information collection and preparation for the second global stocktake

Date: 17 April 2026

Time: Late morning (Day 2, Slot 1 continued)

Doc: AC29/CN/11B — Information collection and preparation for the second global stocktake.
Draft concept note

Background:

As in each cycle of the global stocktake, the second global stocktake (GST2) will consist of information collection and preparation, technical assessment, and consideration of outputs (decision 19/CMA.1). Relevant constituted bodies, including the AC, are invited to prepare synthesis reports for the technical assessment on the information identified in paragraph 36 of decision 19/CMA.1 in their areas of expertise. The Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI will issue a call for such inputs, expected at least three months before consideration in the technical assessment (around March 2027).

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Scope and focus of the AC's GST2 synthesis report:** Members discussed the proposed scope and focus, agreeing that the AC's GST2 synthesis report should leverage the State of Adaptation Action portal and build on the 2026 State of Adaptation synthesis report. It should cover the full adaptation cycle and be framed to align with the AC's contributions to the first GST while reflecting new elements introduced by the UAE Framework and the GGA indicator set.
- **Coherence with the 2026 State of Adaptation synthesis report (Item 11(a)):** Members emphasised that the 2026 synthesis report and the GST2 synthesis report must be coherent but serve distinct functions: the 2026 report recognises developing-country efforts and informs adaptation stakeholders; the GST2 report informs the technical assessment of collective progress.
- **Timeline and cut-off:** Given the expected GST2 technical assessment in 2027–2028, members agreed on the need to start scoping work now, with the AC's contribution submitted in accordance with the SBSTA/SBI call for inputs. The cut-off for the 2026 State of Adaptation synthesis report would be earlier; the GST2 input could build on that with updates.
- **Use of existing AC products:** The AC's earlier synthesis reports (institutional arrangements, stakeholder engagement, adaptation cycle, the forthcoming 2026 report on integrated knowledge/science/technology/data systems), the landscape-of-support

online resource, the MEL toolkit, and outputs under paragraphs 44 and 45 should feed directly into the GST2 input.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the draft concept note on information collection and preparation for the second global stocktake and provided initial guidance on the scope and focus of the AC's synthesis report for the technical assessment of GST2. The secretariat was requested to further elaborate the concept note and to bring a revised draft to AC 30, reflecting the coherence with the 2026 State of Adaptation synthesis report and the AC's other 2026–2027 deliverables.

12. Recognising the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties

Date: 17 April 2026

Time: 14:00 (Day 2, Slot 3)

Doc: AC29/CN/12 — Recognising adaptation efforts of developing country Parties. Revised concept note

Background:

Under decision 11/CMA.1, the secretariat, under the guidance of the AC and the LEG and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, prepares synthesis reports every two years on specific adaptation themes, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties. The first three reports (2018, 2021, 2023) covered institutional arrangements, stakeholder engagement, and the four elements of the adaptation cycle. At AC 28 the Committee considered the revised concept note and requested the secretariat to further elaborate it and start collecting case studies. During the intersessional period, the AC agreed the refined theme: "Strengthening integrated knowledge, science, technology and data systems to advance adaptation action and reporting" and agreed to finalise the concept note at AC 29 and, subject to guidance, prepare a draft report intersessionally.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Endorsement of the refined theme:** Members confirmed the refined theme agreed intersessionally and endorsed the overall framing centred on integrated knowledge, science, technology and data systems as enablers of adaptation across the full adaptation cycle (risk assessment, planning, implementation, MEL, and reporting).
- **Scope and balance:** Members stressed the need for regional balance in case studies (including LDCs, SIDS, African countries, Middle East, Latin America, and Asia-Pacific), inclusion of traditional and Indigenous knowledge systems as integral to data and knowledge, and a focus on practical lessons rather than theoretical framing. The synthesis report should not only describe national data systems but also the science–policy–education interface that sustains them.

- **Stepwise approach and intersessional preparation:** Members supported a stepwise approach in which the concept note is endorsed at AC 29 and a draft report is prepared intersessionally for review at AC 30. The draft will integrate case studies collected by the secretariat since AC 28 and new material from the State of Adaptation Action portal, the landscape of support, and the MEL toolkit.
- **Two-week review period for AC member inputs:** Consistent with the approach applied to other items at AC 29, members will have two weeks after AC 29 to provide track-changed comments on the concept note and initial case-study material.
- **Avoiding overlap with previous synthesis reports and with Item 11(a):** Members emphasised that the report should add value beyond previous syntheses, particularly the 2023 report on the four adaptation-cycle elements, by focusing on how data systems and science–education–technology collaboration operationalise the UAE Framework. Coherence with the 2026 State of Adaptation synthesis report (Item 11(a)) must be maintained; the two reports serve distinct but complementary purposes.

Convergences and Divergences

- **Convergence:** Endorsement of the refined theme; support for a stepwise approach with intersessional preparation; inclusion of traditional and Indigenous knowledge; and the two-week comment window.
- **Divergence:** Wording of the summary text on the "overall approach" endorsement — members agreed to remove the bullet on endorsing the overall approach (to align with language used elsewhere in AC 29 decisions) and to retain the requests for intersessional work and the two-week comment window.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the revised concept note for the 2026 synthesis report on recognising adaptation efforts of developing country Parties and agreed on the refined theme: "Strengthening integrated knowledge, science, technology and data systems to advance adaptation action and reporting." The AC requested the secretariat to take into account the inputs provided by members at AC 29 and the additional inputs to be submitted within two weeks after AC 29, to finalise the concept note, and to prepare a first draft of the report intersessionally for consideration at AC 30.

13. Communication

13(a). Communications plan and strategy of the Adaptation Committee

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: 10:00 (Day 1, Slot 1)

Doc:

Presentation:

Background:

At AC 27 the AC took note of the AC's communications strategy and plan for 2025–2026 and acknowledged the improved structure and design of its webpages. At AC 28 the AC took note of the progress report and requested its communications working group to provide guidance to the secretariat on communications activities during the intersessional period. At AC 29 the secretariat provided a progress report on implementation of the communications strategy.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Progress on communications and outreach (2025–2026):** Members took note of steady progress on the AC's communications channels, including the redesigned webpage, regular LinkedIn and X posts, expanded YouTube livestream coverage, and improved media engagement around COP 30.
- **Focus on decision- and policy-makers:** Members emphasised that the AC's communications products should primarily target decision- and policy-makers, while remaining accessible to a broader audience. Executive-level briefs, short video explainers, and joint events with the LEG, PCCB and WIM ExCom were encouraged.
- **Regional storytelling and visibility:** Members called for stronger regional storytelling and coordination with UNFCCC regional climate weeks and the NAP Expo. Partnerships with youth and civil-society networks were also encouraged.
- **Coordination with other constituted bodies:** Members supported closer coordination with the communications teams of the LEG, CGE, PCCB, WIM ExCom, TEC, NWP and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to reduce duplication and maximise reach.
- **Milestones for 2026–2027:** The Committee identified 2026 Adaptation Forum, SB 65, COP 31, and the GGA indicator rollout as key milestones. A dedicated communications plan for the 2026 Adaptation Forum will be developed alongside Item 15(a).

Summary Outcome:

The AC took note of the progress report on its communications and outreach efforts for 2025–2026 and requested its communications working group to provide guidance to the secretariat on communications activities during the intersessional period, if required, and to align the communications plan with the 2026 Adaptation Forum and the COP 31 milestones.

13(b). Adaptation Action Newsletter

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Afternoon (Day 3)

Doc:

Presentation: Dalia (UNFCCC secretariat)

Background:

At AC 27 the Committee agreed to establish the Adaptation Action Newsletter, and at AC 28 the AC considered the draft of the first issue and requested the secretariat to refine it intersessionally under the guidance of the communications working group. Following an intersessional call on 26 March 2026, the secretariat continued refining the newsletter. The revised draft was presented to AC 29 for consideration and guidance on next steps toward finalisation.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Improvements from AC 28 feedback:** Members welcomed the refinements, including the clickable table of contents at the beginning of the newsletter, the retained quick-facts and upcoming-events sections with updated data, a feature section highlighting AC products and activities, and improved infographics and visual design to enhance overall engagement and accessibility.
- **Subscription and distribution:** Members sought clarification on how stakeholders and focal points can subscribe to receive the newsletter. The secretariat confirmed that the preview shown at AC 29 is in the editing platform; the distributed version will have a different layout optimised for subscribers.
- **Content balance beyond calls for submissions on gender and Indigenous peoples:** Members highlighted that the calls-for-submissions section should cover a balanced set of adaptation-relevant calls rather than being limited to the open calls at the time of drafting (gender and Indigenous peoples). The secretariat confirmed that the extended deadline for the AC's call on improving adaptation reporting, as well as other adaptation-specific submissions, will be included.
- **Coverage of COP 30 outcomes:** Members discussed which COP 30 outcomes to feature; the secretariat noted that finance-related outcomes (e.g. tripling of adaptation finance) are covered by the Adaptation Finance Bulletin and the newsletter signposts to that product to avoid duplication. Members suggested that the next issue should also highlight the AC's 2025 annual report and related products.
- **Use of country case studies:** Members agreed that country case studies should be drawn directly from the countries' own documents and reporting to ensure accuracy, reflect national framings, and avoid the need for re-validation.
- **Ongoing role of the communications working group:** Members confirmed that future issues should continue to be developed under the guidance of the AC's communications working group, with clear editorial oversight by the secretariat.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the revised draft of the first issue of the Adaptation Action Newsletter and agreed to request the secretariat to finalise the draft intersessionally, under the guidance of the AC's communications working group and taking into account feedback received from members and observers at AC 29, including broader coverage of adaptation-related calls for submissions,

alignment of case studies with country-owned content, and integration of the AC's 2025 annual report and relevant COP 30 outcomes.

14. Work of the Adaptation Committee's Task Force on National Adaptation Plans

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Afternoon (Day 3)

Doc: AC29/INFO/14 — NAP Task Force update

Presentation: Luke Miller (AC member, Australia; co-lead of the NAP Task Force)

Background:

The NAP Task Force was established in 2013 to further support developing countries in formulating and implementing NAPs. It comprises members from the AC, LEG, SCF, TEC, Adaptation Fund, GEF and GCF, as well as contributors from the CGE, WIM ExCom, the LCIPP Facilitative Working Group, and the PCCB. The Task Force organises its work through flexible workplans aligned with the AC's workplans; the current flexible workplan (2025–2027) was agreed at the first NAP-TF meeting in February 2025 and subsequently adopted by the AC.

Main points reported at AC 29:

- The NAP Task Force held its second meeting of 2025 on 21 October 2025. Members and contributors shared updates on ongoing work and explored opportunities for collaboration.
- The first meeting of 2026, scheduled for 24 March 2026, could not take place due to limited confirmed participation; Task Force members and contributors provided written feedback instead (with notable contributions from the PCCB and the LEG).
- The Task Force contributed to the update of the AC's online resource on navigating the landscape of support for NAPs (Item 7(a)): it reviewed the draft first-step update within the current 2022 scope, and stands ready to engage in the second step of expanding the scope.
- The Task Force contributed to AC communication products, including the 21st issue of the Adaptation Finance Bulletin (published March 2026) and the forthcoming first issue of the Adaptation Action Newsletter.
- Upcoming activities the Task Force will support (subject to AC guidance): the 2026 AC thematic dialogue on opportunities for accessing adaptation finance (Item 7(b)); the 2026 NAP Expo (18–21 May 2026); and the update of the MEL toolkit (Item 8).

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Appreciation and continued collaboration:** Members expressed appreciation for the Task Force's continued efforts and intersessional engagement, and encouraged the Task Force to continue supporting the AC's relevant workstreams, including the update

of the Landscape of Support, the 2026 thematic dialogue, the MEL toolkit update, and any future mandates where input from constituted bodies and operating entities is needed.

- **Practitioner engagement at the NAP Expo:** Members highlighted the planned 2026 NAP Expo event co-organised by the LEG, the AC and the NAP Global Network to gather practitioner feedback on MEL. This event will inform the update of the MEL toolkit and related products.
- **Participation of constituted bodies:** Members welcomed the willingness of constituted bodies to participate in future Task Force meetings and to provide inputs where relevant to the AC's work.

Summary Outcome:

The AC took note of the report of the NAP Task Force and provided guidance to continue intersessional collaboration on the Landscape of Support update (Item 7(a)), the 2026 thematic dialogue (Item 7(b)), and the update of the MEL toolkit (Item 8). The AC thanked participating constituted bodies, the LEG and the PCCB for their continued contributions.

15. Collaboration and coherence

15(a). Adaptation Forum

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: 15:00 (Day 1, Slot 3)

Doc: AC29/CN/15A — Adaptation Forum convened by the Adaptation Committee. Revised draft concept note

Background:

The AC has convened Adaptation Forums since 2013. At AC 27 the AC agreed to focus the next Forum on "Technical support and guidance, assessing adaptation progress, and innovation frontiers for adaptation" and to conduct it over three days in a hybrid format. At AC 28 the AC provided inputs to the revised concept note and requested the Adaptation Forum working group to further develop the agenda intersessionally. During the intersessional period, the working group aligned the Forum concept with the COP 30 outcomes and the UAE–Belém Work Programme.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Theme and three-pillar structure:** Members reaffirmed the theme and the three-pillar structure (technical support and guidance; assessing adaptation progress; innovation frontiers). Members supported sharpening the framing to focus on practical, solution-oriented outcomes that Parties can use at the national and subnational levels, including on the means of implementation (finance, technology, capacity-building).

- **Timing and logistics:** Members converged around holding the Forum in Q4 2026, back-to-back with AC 31 where possible, to take full advantage of COP 30 outcomes and the GGA indicator framework. Logistics (venue, hybrid format, outreach) will be confirmed intersessionally.
- **Programme architecture:** Day 1 should focus on the State of Adaptation and reporting (reflecting COP 30 outcomes); Day 2 on technical support, guidance and implementation (paragraph 44 workstream); Day 3 on forward-looking innovation frontiers and the 2028 GST2 horizon. A steering group model, including UN agencies, development banks, research organisations and non-state actors, will guide design.
- **Outreach and communications:** A dedicated communications and outreach plan linked to Item 13(a) will be prepared, including a media brief, joint events with partners, and targeted products for ministers and finance actors.
- **Inputs from COP 30:** Several Day-1 sessions depend on inputs from COP 30 (notably GGA indicator guidance); those sessions will be finalised after COP 30 outputs are fully available.

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the revised concept note (AC29/CN/15A) for the 2026 Adaptation Forum, endorsed the programme architecture and target timing in Q4 2026, and requested the Adaptation Forum working group to further develop the agenda and logistics intersessionally. The secretariat will report on progress at AC 30.

15(b). Collaboration with other constituted bodies

Date: 16 April 2026

Time: Day 1 (morning and early afternoon)

Doc

Presentation:

Background:

Collaboration with other adaptation-related constituted bodies is a key element of the AC's work. Under this item, representatives of relevant bodies and entities presented their ongoing and planned work and highlighted opportunities to enhance coherence and collaboration. At AC 29, updates were provided by the LEG, CGE, TEC, NWP, WIM ExCom, PCCB, Adaptation Fund, GCF, GEF, and CTCN.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **LEG:** The LEG representative provided an update on NAP support activities, the updated NAP technical guidelines (2025), progress on the NAP tracking tool, and joint work with the AC on paragraphs 44 and 45 of decision 2/CMA.5 and on the NAP Task

Force. The LEG emphasised the added value of single joint outputs per agenda item with the AC rather than separate bodies.

- **CGE:** The CGE representative reported on BTR review training, technical materials on adaptation reporting, and readiness to contribute to the paragraph 45 workstream. The CGE confirmed its availability to co-lead draft elements on recommendations for the BTR reviewer training course.
- **TEC and CTCN:** The TEC Vice-Chair highlighted synergies on adaptation technologies (early warning systems, water–energy–food systems) and offered closer collaboration. The CTCN noted ongoing technical assistance in developing countries aligned with AC workstreams.
- **NWP:** The Nairobi Work Programme representative outlined knowledge products and thematic dialogues that directly feed into the AC's work, particularly on IVR, adaptive capacity and MEL.
- **PCCB:** The PCCB representative underlined upcoming capacity-building products under the Belém Gender Action Plan and the UAE Framework.
- **WIM ExCom:** The ExCom representative flagged the new technical guide on integrating human mobility linkages into national climate change planning processes (2024) as input to the Landscape of Support resource.
- **Operating entities (AF, GCF, GEF):** Representatives of the Adaptation Fund, Green Climate Fund and Global Environment Facility updated members on direct access finance, readiness programmes, and aligned windows of support for NAP implementation.
- **Emerging practice on single joint outputs:** Members welcomed the suggestion to develop a single joint output for each relevant agenda item rather than separate documents from each body. This approach will be tested under the paragraphs 44 and 45 workstreams and the NAP Task Force.

Summary Outcome:

The AC took note of the information shared by other adaptation-related constituted bodies and operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and welcomed the emerging practice of developing single joint outputs per agenda item, where feasible. Specific areas for collaboration were identified with each body under the relevant agenda items (notably 7(a), 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14).

15(c). Enhanced collaboration with external experts and organizations

Date: 17 April 2026

Time: Afternoon (Day 2)

Doc: AC29/CN/15C — Enhanced collaboration with external experts and organizations. Revised concept note

Presentation: Lina Yersin (AC member, Sudan, LDC group)

Background:

Since its establishment under the Cancun Adaptation Framework, the AC has been mandated to enhance coherence and engage with stakeholders at multiple levels. At AC 26 the AC decided to further determine how to enhance collaboration with external experts and organisations; at AC 27 it requested the secretariat to include a section on options for collaboration in concept notes for relevant workplan activities and to develop a note with criteria for such collaborations; at AC 28 the Committee requested the secretariat to further elaborate the criteria based on inputs provided and invited additional inputs intersessionally. The AC 29 concept note presents expanded guidelines including scope, purpose and form of the collaboration; guiding principles (integrity, transparency, confidentiality); process and criteria (initiation, selection, agreements); approval of products and activities; and a review mechanism.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Partnership agreements and legal framework:** The secretariat clarified that formal partnership agreements are required only when a collaboration is intended to lead to a joint product, because the AC as a constituted body does not hold legal personality. For other forms of collaboration (inputs to specific activities, panellists, peer reviewers), a partnership agreement is not required. Many UN entities and major partners are already covered by existing partnership agreements.
- **Structure of the document: internal versus external:** Members proposed separating the criteria and guidelines as an external-facing annex (for prospective collaborators to understand how to engage with the AC) from the internal discussion of specific workstreams (which is relevant to AC members but not the primary audience for external entities). This could potentially result in two complementary documents or a clearly separated single document with a stand-alone annex.
- **Terminology: "organisations" vs. "entities":** The secretariat proposed using the term "entities" (following the AC's revised Rules of Procedure which reference organisations, centres, and networks) as more encompassing. Some members preferred retaining "organisations" as the more commonly used term or using both interchangeably for clarity; members agreed the secretariat would align terminology with the Rules of Procedure.
- **Ownership, branding and approval of products:** Members underlined that ownership of joint products must remain with the AC, with oversight beyond sign-off — including the ability to amend content. They referenced past experience with the MEL Toolkit (joint with the NAP Global Network), where standard disclaimers were used to manage liability. The note should therefore clarify amendment rights, branding, and disclaimer practice, drawing on examples from other constituted bodies (CTCN, PCCB, AF, GCF).

- **Regional balance, inclusivity and flexibility:** Members stressed the importance of explicit regional balance (especially ensuring expertise from the Global South and developing countries) and gender balance when selecting external experts. The criteria should be broad and principle-based, with flexibility to accommodate differences between types of engagement (events, publications, technical work) and between individual experts and organisations. Rigid one-size-fits-all criteria should be avoided.
- **Sub-committees and governance:** The draft references a sub-committee with "two members from developed and two from developing" countries; members flagged that the AC's institutional structure is Annex I / non-Annex I and the language should be amended to reflect that.
- **Observer interventions (incl. CDRI):** Observers, including CDRI, expressed strong support for the voluntary collaboration framework and reiterated their readiness to contribute to AC workstreams, in particular on disaster-resilient infrastructure, NAP implementation, and the landscape of support.

Convergences and Divergences

- **Convergence:** Voluntary, non-remunerated nature of collaboration; need for explicit regional and gender balance; AC ownership with amendment rights; clear conflict-of-interest and liability provisions; separation of internal vs. external-facing content; living-document approach.
- **Divergence:** Whether the revised note is ready for endorsement at AC 29 (several members considered additional revisions necessary) and the precise choice between "organisations" and "entities".

Summary Outcome:

The AC considered the revised concept note on enhanced collaboration with external experts and organisations and requested the secretariat to further elaborate the criteria, taking into account the inputs provided at AC 29 and during the post-AC 29 comment window. The secretariat will (i) restructure the note to separate external-facing criteria from internal considerations; (ii) clarify provisions on ownership, amendment rights, branding and disclaimers, drawing on examples from other constituted bodies; (iii) reflect regional balance, gender balance and conflict-of-interest provisions; and (iv) align sub-committee and governance language with the AC's Annex I / non-Annex I structure. The AC will revisit the revised note intersessionally with a view to endorsing it and making it publicly available on the AC's website.

16. Organisation of intersessional work

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Late afternoon (Day 3)

Background:

The AC is invited to revisit its intersessional work modalities as needed, and to revise the current list of intersessional working groups established to guide implementation of its activities and identify leads/co-leads and members of such groups.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **Review of intersessional working groups:** Members reviewed the list of working groups and related tasks. As per usual practice, AC members were given one week to join the working groups of interest, with no cap on the number of members per group. After the cut-off, the secretariat will consolidate the final list of leads, co-leads and members.
- **Concerns about intersessional workload:** Several members expressed concern that an increasing share of AC work is being handled intersessionally, with multiple documents and two-week comment windows stacking up after each meeting. New members in particular flagged the difficulty of balancing AC work with other professional obligations, and requested better consolidation and advance notice of what is due when.
- **Proposal for a consolidated tracking table:** Members asked the secretariat to circulate a single consolidated table of all documents on which AC members are expected to comment in the two-week window following AC 29, rather than sending individual emails. This will help members track deadlines and commitments.
- **Modalities document for AC 30:** Members agreed that the Co-Chairs, together with the secretariat, will prepare a short document on AC working modalities, covering intersessional work, use of breakout groups during AC meetings, and liaison arrangements, for consideration at AC 30, with the goal of making the AC's work more efficient, less overwhelming, and better aligned with members' capacity.
- **Liaison arrangements:** A point was raised about revisiting liaison arrangements (one liaison from Annex I and one from non-Annex I to other constituted bodies and processes). Members agreed to collect expressions of interest during the one-week window and to consult bilaterally if necessary to finalise allocations.

Summary Outcome:

The AC agreed on the process for revising the composition of its intersessional working groups (with a one-week expression-of-interest window after AC 29) and requested the Co-Chairs and the secretariat to (i) circulate a consolidated tracking table of documents due for AC member review within two weeks after AC 29; and (ii) prepare a modalities document on the Committee's working practices (intersessional and in-meeting) for consideration at AC 30.

17. Dates and venues for future meetings

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Late afternoon (Day 3)

Background:

The AC is invited to agree on the dates and venues for AC 30 and to consider possible dates and venues for AC 31. The secretariat circulated a scheduling survey intersessionally; however, insufficient responses were received to finalise AC 30 dates before the meeting.

The main points of discussion at AC 29 were:

- **AC 30 link to Climate Week and possible Baku hosting:** The secretariat reported that there is an expression of interest from Azerbaijan to host AC 30 back-to-back with the second Regional Climate Week scheduled for 7–11 September 2026 in Baku. Final hosting arrangements (including the MOU and administrative arrangements) were still under processing. If these cannot be finalised three months before the agreed dates, the meeting will default to Bonn.
- **Scheduling constraints:** Members raised a range of concerns: visa-application difficulties in late August; travel burden for members from Latin America and Asia-Pacific attending both Climate Week and AC 30; personal national-holiday constraints (Eid for Asia-Pacific SEED); and the need to avoid clashes with other UNFCCC meetings. Members discussed weekend scheduling as a way to minimise total time away from home, with divergent views.
- **Preference to postpone a firm AC 30 decision:** Given the uncertainties, members agreed to postpone a firm decision on AC 30 dates and asked the secretariat to continue gathering information on hosting arrangements, possible windows, and the Adaptation Forum dates, and to present a range of options for intersessional agreement as soon as possible. Members' views shared at AC 29 will inform that analysis.
- **AC 31 dates agreed:** Members agreed that AC 31 will take place from 6 to 9 April 2027, avoiding conflicts with Eid and Easter and providing a firm anchor early in the year for planning purposes. The venue will be confirmed intersessionally.

Summary Outcome:

The AC agreed that AC 31 will be held from 6 to 9 April 2027 (venue to be confirmed). A firm decision on AC 30 dates was deferred to the intersessional period; the secretariat will present a range of options to AC members as soon as hosting arrangements are clarified, with the default venue being Bonn should hosting arrangements elsewhere not be finalised within the required deadline.

18. Any other matters

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: Late afternoon (Day 3)

Members reopened the discussion on modalities of work (building on Item 16) and confirmed the request to the Co-Chairs and the secretariat to prepare a written document on the modalities

of the Committee's work covering both intersessional modalities and the conduct of AC meetings (including use of breakout groups and timing of decision-point summaries) for consideration at AC 30.

No other matters were raised.

19. Closure of the meeting

Date: 18 April 2026

Time: End of Day 3

The Co-Chairs closed the twenty-ninth meeting of the Adaptation Committee, thanking AC members, observers, the secretariat and interpretation/technical staff for their engagement. The secretariat will prepare an internal report with more details on the Committee's discussions, which will be circulated for AC member review; a short summary of agreements under each agenda item will be published on the AC 29 webpage. The AC members remained in a closed session after the open meeting to review the final meeting report.