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COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for Asia-Pacific

Adaptation Action

Reporting adaptation progress and priorities under the Paris Agreement: focus on Adaptation Communications

Friday 9 July at 1400-1545 Tokyo; 1100-1245 Dhaka; 0600-0745 London

Zoom meeting: [Register here in advance](#)

COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action

The Paris Agreement provides us with a truly global framework for climate ambition and action. To unlock the full potential of the Paris Agreement, it is important that all countries can participate to their maximum potential and that a lack of capacity does not hold them back.

In its role as the incoming COP26 Presidency, the UK is committed to better understanding the capacity building challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to climate impact, and to providing opportunities to share positive experiences and lessons learned across the Asia-Pacific Region.

Session Description

This session will continue a series of COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assemblies designed to hear countries' views on opportunities and challenges—as well as build capacities and understanding among developing country actors—on preparing an Adaptation Communication (ADCOM) to the UNFCCC.

The Adaptation Communication was established by Article 7 of the Paris Agreement as a flexible, country driven reporting instrument. It can serve multiple purposes, including to increase the visibility and profile of adaptation and balance it with mitigation; to strengthen adaptation action and support for developing countries; to provide input to the first Global Stocktake of progress toward the Paris Agreement's goals; and to enhance learning and understanding of adaptation needs and actions.

Though voluntary, developing an ADCOM in 2021 is a strategic opportunity for countries to distil, synthesize and report progress on adaptation as well as articulate their future needs and priorities.

As many countries are preparing their first ADCOM, this session will be an opportunity for South-South peer learning and exchange to compare approaches and share common questions. It will also explore how countries are leveraging existing adaptation planning processes (including through National Adaptation Plans, Nationally Determined Contributions, and National Communications) to reduce reporting burdens and deliver well-coordinated national approaches to adaptation.

Objectives

- To increase understanding among governments on the purpose of and process for developing an ADCOM.
- To explore the ways that ADCOMs are contributing to countries' adaptation efforts (e.g. better positioning, as awareness raising, as complementing consultative processes) and their added value.
- To highlight capacity building and technical support available to assist countries to develop ADCOM.
- To collect and synthesize recommendations from country experiences with preparing ADCOMs to share internationally.

Agenda

*denotes speakers to be confirmed

Time	Theme and speakers
0600 London	<p>1. COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action: Adaptation Action: Introductions</p> <p>Chair: Robin Hart Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park</p> <p>Morgane Chiocchia Negotiator, Adaptation and Loss and Damage, COP26, United Nations Climate Change Conference, UK</p> <p><i>To include: opening survey in chat</i></p>
0610	<p>2. Introduction presentation on Adaptation Communications</p> <p>Christian Ledwell Manager, NAP Global Network</p>
0615	<p>3. Developing an ADCOM – taking the first steps: Vietnam</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Mizan Khan, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)</p> <p>Vu Duc Dam Quang Head of Adaptation Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with moderator (<i>asking thematic questions and any questions that arise in the chat</i>)
0630	<p>4. Developing a standalone ADCOM: Republic of the Marshall Islands:</p> <p>Kathy Jetñil-Kijiner Climate Envoy, Republic of the Marshall Islands</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with moderator (<i>asking thematic questions and any questions that arise in the chat</i>)
0645	Interactive Mentimeter poll: What do you think are the key capacities needed for countries to develop Adaptation Communications?
0650	<p>5. Developing ADCOMS: Discussion with panelists and final reflections</p> <p>Discussion of issues raised during the session on developing ADCOMS, including questions and points raised by participants.</p> <p>To include:</p> <p>Liu SHUO, Assistant Professor, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences China, Adaptation Committee</p> <p>Espen Ronneberg, Climate Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Archana Soreng, Member of UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change</p> <p>Facilitated by: Robin Hart, Wilton Park</p>
0720	Final reflections from country speakers and Morgane Chiocchia , COP26 Unit Facilitated by: Robin Hart , Wilton Park
0730	Formal dialogue ends
0730-0745	Opportunity for informal discussion and networking



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