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COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for Africa and MENA

Adaptation Action

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

Tuesday 28 September 2021

1700-1900 Kampala (Eastern Africa Time) (as host of African Regional Climate week)

1400-1600 Monrovia (West Africa Standard Time)

1600-1800 Johannesburg (Southern Africa Standard Time)

1700-1900 Beirut (GMT+3)

1500-1700 London (BST)

Virtual - Zoom meeting

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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 Africa.

Session Description

This session will continue a series of COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Dialogues designed to hear countries' views on the opportunities and challenges—as well as build capacities and understanding among developing country actors—associated with 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 among governments from Africa and the Middle East. 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 from Africa and the Middle East 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 the added value of these instruments.
- To highlight capacity building and technical support available to assist countries to develop their ADCOMs.
- To collect and synthesize recommendations from country experiences with preparing ADCOMs to share internationally.
- To share information on capacity building for adaptation efforts which can improve partner understanding of capacity needs

There will be simultaneous translation in French and Arabic.

Agenda

Times: Kampala EAT	Theme and speakers ^invited (others are confirmed);
1700	COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action: Adaptation Action: Introductions Chair: Robin Hart Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park Speaker from the Adaptation Committee invited Morgane Chiocchia Negotiator, Adaptation and Loss and Damage, COP26, United Nations Climate Change Conference, UK Opening survey in Mentimeter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What country are you joining from? ● How well do you understand Adaptation Communications? (1-5)

1710	<p>Introduction presentation on Adaptation Communications</p> <p>Christian Ledwell Policy Advisor and Manager, NAP Global Network</p>
1715	<p>Ghana: Early stages of developing an ADCOM</p> <p>Antwi-Boasiako Amoah Deputy Director, Climate Vulnerabilities & Adaptation, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana</p> <p>Moderator: Kulthoum Omari-Motsumi Special Advisor, Africa Adaptation Initiative</p>
1730	<p>Eswatini</p> <p>Khetsiwe Khumalo Climate Change Programme Coordinator, Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Eswatini Meteorological Services</p> <p>Moderator: Kulthoum Omari-Motsumi Special Advisor, Africa Adaptation Initiative</p>
1750	<p>Interactive Mentimeter poll</p> <p>What do you think are the key capacities needed for countries to develop Adaptation Communications?</p>
1755	<p>Developing ADCOM: Discussion with panelists</p> <p>Discussion of issues raised during the session on the capacity issues in developing an ADCOM, and that provide insights for adaptation planning more generally.</p> <p>What are the core capacities that are needed but currently missing in national adaptation planning and reporting (whether ADCOM, NAP, NDC etc)?</p> <p>Additional questions and discussion might include the capacities needed in developing ADCOMs around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodologies and governance: how to start, engaging nationally and cross-sectorally. What are the capacity building needs of central government/government officials in order to get started in preparing an ADCOM, to collect the information they need, and to consult? • Subnational engagement: When preparing for ADCOMs how can central government engage at the subnational level most effectively? What are the capacities/skills that are needed at the national and subnational government levels for ADCOMs and adaptation planning to have local leadership? • Inclusivity: how to enable greater engagement with different communities and key stakeholders on adaptation planning – with for example focus on gender, indigenous peoples, youth, farmers groups etc. What are the capacities that members of these communities need could support this (i.e., capacities to understand the impacts of

	<p>climate change on their lives and livelihoods; capacities to participate in, and influence, national and sub-national efforts to identify key vulnerabilities and vulnerable groups, and priority needs and gaps; capacities engage with other stakeholders, design and implement solutions, and track progress; capacities to understand different adaptation processes, reports and instruments including ADCOMs; and why they should engage; capacities to hold office bearers accountable, and to contribute to M&E?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge partners: How to engage with the national knowledge and research communities, universities and others? What role can and should international knowledge partners play, recognizing the importance that adaptation planning be country-owned and country-driven? • Sectoral integration: What are the capacities needed to understand the impacts of climate change on sectors, and to engage on sector-specific stakeholders to identify adaptation needs? What capacities are needed to capture financing needs in ADCOMs? What capacities are needed for sectoral stakeholders to contribute to monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL)? <p>Panel:</p> <p>Shehnaaz Moosa Director of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) programme, South South North, South Africa</p> <p>Binyam Gebreyes Researcher, Global Climate Law, Policy and Governance, Climate Change Group, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); LDC Initiative for Effective Adaptation and Resilience (LIFE-AR)</p> <p>Muluneh G. Hedeto Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission, Ethiopia</p> <p>Obed Koringo Regional Facilitator for Africa, Southern Voices, Kenya</p> <p>Moderated by: Robin Hart, Wilton Park</p>
<p>1850</p>	<p>Capacity building needs in Africa/MENA regions for Adaptation: Final reflections</p> <p>^Egypt representative (TBC)</p> <p>Moderated by: Robin Hart, Wilton Park</p>
<p>1900</p>	<p>Session finishes</p> <p>Opportunity for informal discussion/networking</p>



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