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COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action

Adaptation Action

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

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1500-1700 London (BST)

Virtual - Zoom meeting

Register here: <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/event/cop26-catalyst-for-climate-action-global-gathering-on-capacity-building/>

Session Description

This session continues a series of dialogues as part of the COP26 Catalyst for Adaptation Action 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 COP26 Catalyst Adaptation Action Group will share the key challenges on capacity building which they have identified, and seek advice, input and feedback on the practical solutions to meet these challenges.

This is an open session to hear from stakeholder groups and practitioners including governments, sub-national governments, youth, gender specialists, indigenous peoples, academics, civil society and farmers.

Adaptation Communications

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.

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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.

There will be simultaneous translation in French and Spanish.

*speakers who are NOT yet confirmed

Agenda - All times BST

1500	<p>COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action: Adaptation Action: Introductions</p> <p>Chair: Robin Hart Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park</p> <p>Capacity building for ADCOMS: The journey so far</p> <p>Christian Ledwell Manager, NAP Global Network</p>
1510	<p>Capacity building for ADCOMS</p> <p>Some highlights of capacity building needs that have emerged from the consultations during the regional UNFCCC Climate weeks. Followed by open discussion of issues raised about the capacity issues in developing an ADCOM, and that provide insights for adaptation planning more generally.</p> <p>Introduction from the Action Group</p> <p>Anju Sharma, Lead, Locally-led Action, Global Center for Adaptation</p> <p>Shehnaaz Moosa, Director, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) programme; Southsouthnorth, South Africa</p> <p>Questions to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. When we talk about capacity building for ADCOMS whose capacity are we talking about? Who should be the targets of capacity building efforts?2. How can capacity building for ADCOMS be delivered in a way that targets the specific capacity needs for ADCOMS, but at the same time builds capacity for other adaptation-related activities under the Paris Agreement, and at the national level?
1525	<p>Developing ADCOMS: practical solutions for building capacities I – Focus on governments</p> <p>Facilitator: Anju Sharma, Lead, Locally-led Action, Global Center for Adaptation</p> <p>Opening survey in Mentimeter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you think are the top three capacities for governments to develop their Adaptation Communication? <p>Open discussion with panelists and participants</p> <p>Questions to consider: <u>National governments/ National Focal Points</u></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could design the ideal institutional and human resource infrastructure needed to produce regular ADCOMs, NAPs, BTRs etc, that reflect cross-sectoral and sub-national/ multistakeholder concerns, while maximising the use of existing infrastructure, what would it look like? 2. What are the specific capacity needs related to providing information on finance mobilised and received in the ADCOMs? 3. What is the ideal way to engage sub-national governments? And other sectors? What capacity is needed to do so? 4. What is the ideal way to engage other stakeholders? Are specific policies needed, to make it mandatory for different vulnerable groups to contribute and engage? What capacity is needed for them to do so? <p><u>Sub-national/ local governments</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role can and should sub-national governments play in the ADCOMs, and what is the nature of capacity building they need in this regard, for sustained engagement? 2. What can be done to enhance the technical capacity at the local level to understand local impacts of climate change and impacts on different sectors and stakeholders? 3. How can the capacity of sub-national governments to identify the most vulnerable communities and groups, and to prioritise their adaptation needs, be enhanced? 4. How can the capacity be enhanced of sub-national and local governments to track progress on adaptation, including through indicators to measure progress towards local goals? <p><u>Donors and funding institutions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How and in what ways should funding be best delivered for capacity building? 2. How can developing countries regularly access the resources they need to update the ADCOMs? <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, General Secretary, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa</p> <p>*Nora Páez, Head of Adaptation Department, National Division on Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Paraguay</p> <p>*Khetsiwe Khumalo Climate Change Programme Coordinator, Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Eswatini Meteorological Services</p> <p>Nasreen Al-Amin, Founder, Surge Africa, Nigeria; working with Kano state to develop adaptation plans;</p>
1610	Developing ADCOMs: practical solutions for building capacities II: non-government

	<p>To include focus on the most vulnerable members and sections of society, community leaders and representatives, academics, professionals, media, CSOs and NGOs, private sector.</p> <p>Survey in Mentimeter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to ensure that the voices of non-government stakeholders are included in developing ADCOMs? <p>Open discussion with panelists and participants</p> <p>Questions to consider might include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can be done to enhance the capacity of key/ most vulnerable stakeholders at the local level, to understand the impacts of climate change on their lives and livelihoods? 2. How to improve the capacity of stakeholders and the most vulnerable to participate in, and influence, national and sub-national adaptation efforts, including in identifying vulnerabilities, developing solutions, and tracking progress? 3. How to encourage local stakeholders to engage and contribute to the different adaptation processes, reports and instruments including ADCOMs? 4. How to ensure that the representatives of the most vulnerable, at every level, are truly representative of the interests and concerns of the most vulnerable, and have an obligation to report back after engaging in processes linked to the ADCOMs? <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Angie Dazé, Senior Policy Advisor and Gender Equality Lead, Resilience, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)</p> <p>*Victor Orindi, Climate change researcher and adviser; Coordinator, Adaptation Consortium</p> <p>*Leah Wahro, Independent Diplomat</p> <p>Amy Savage, Climate Change and Health Unit, Environment, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organisation</p>
1640	Final reflections
1645-1700	Session concludes. Informal discussion/networking for those who can stay on.



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