



Adaptation
Committee

Update from the Adaptation Committee to the 15th Advisory Board meeting of the CTCN

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- ▶ The Adaptation Committee has the mandate to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention. To do this, we elaborate flexible workplans spanning three years, and we ensure that activities build on each other and enhance impact over time.
- ▶ We work on different work streams that comprise the enhancement of overall coherence and collaboration, technical support on adaptation action as well as on finance, technology and capacity building. We also conduct awareness-raising and outreach activities.
- ▶ I would like to focus on only five current activities that will be of interest to the CTCN Advisory Board and network members.



First Activity

- ▶ the AC, in collaboration with the LEG and other stakeholders, is launching an **inventory of the different methodologies that Parties use to assess their most urgent adaptation needs** and how these can be addressed. This inventory will offer a centralized hub of information for those looking to understand which tools are available for assessing various types of adaptation needs in different contexts.
- ▶ We are mandated to launch the inventory this month and we invite you and members from your network to submit methodologies, ideally before the end of this month, but also beyond that.



Second Activity

- ▶ I would like to mention the **Technical Examination Process on Adaptation**, which has entered its final year. This year's topic is 'Education and training, public participation and youth to enhance adaptation action'.
- ▶ This year, we are approaching the process differently from business as normal. We are not conducting a one-off event, but instead many activities will take place over several months. The launch took place earlier this month and events and related activities are concluding in October with a wrap-up event. The process includes creative ideas for policy briefs and case studies, video messages, virtual talks and workshops, art competitions and more. The CTCN network is warmly invited to spread the word and to contribute to the various activities.



Third Activity

- ▶ The AC is finalizing a technical paper on **data for adaptation at different spatial and temporal scales**. The AC recognizes that the demand for data for adaptation is growing in response to different political and practical needs. It therefore decided to prepare an overview on this topic and make it available at the end of this year in the form of a user-friendly publication. The draft has been peer-reviewed by a variety of stakeholders, including the WMO, GEO, and GCOS, and we hope that this publication will be of interest to the CTCN as well.



Fourth Activity

- ▶ The Adaptation Committee and the LEG are working together to identify - and respond to - **gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans**. Throughout the years, the two bodies have identified such gaps and needs in their work, and they have now compiled them into a structured overview that is available on the website of the LEG.
- ▶ The COP has extended an invitation to constituted bodies and other organizations to provide information to the AC and the LEG on activities they have undertaken to address gaps and needs related to the NAP process. Again, we warmly invite you to spread the word and send information to the AC and the LEG, and the information will then be included in the compilation on our website.



Fifth Activity

- ▶ I would like to say a few words on work that the Adaptation Committee is undertaking on **recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing countries**.
- ▶ We are currently producing the first report in a series that will contribute to this effort, in line with the provisions of the Paris Agreement.
- ▶ This first report is looking into how countries are dealing with the different hazards that are caused by the impacts of climate change. I trust that this topic will be of interest to the CTCN as well, as the core of the CTCN's work lies in providing technical support to developing countries so that, in a hopefully not too distant future, developing countries will have the capacity to successfully address these hazards by themselves and embark into a more resilient future

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