

The Adaptation Committee and its work related to disaster risk reduction

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What is the Adaptation Committee?

- The Adaptation Committee is the **overall advisory body on adaptation under the Convention** established in Cancun at COP 16 in 2010
- It seeks to **raise the profile of adaptation** and to **promote greater coherence in the way that adaptation is addressed**, including through:
 1. Providing **technical support and guidance** to the Parties, including on **enhancing climate change related disaster risk reduction strategies, early warning systems, risk assessment and management, and sharing and transfer mechanisms**
 2. **Sharing of relevant information**, experience and good practices
 3. Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with **national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks**
 4. Providing information and recommendations for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on **means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions**
 5. Considering information communicated by Parties on their **monitoring and review** of adaptation actions, support provided and received



The Adaptation Committee's three-year work plan

- COP 18 in 2012 adopted the Adaptation Committee's ambitious **3-year work plan**
- Work includes a wide variety of activities in the areas of:
 - **Coherence and collaboration** on adaptation-related issues under and outside the Convention
 - Strengthening the role of relevant **UN agencies, regional centres and networks** in supporting adaptation
 - **National adaptation planning**, including the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process
 - **Synthesizing, sharing and disseminating relevant information and knowledge** through technical meetings, adaptation fora and regular reports



Specific AC activities of relevance to DRR

- 2014 M&E workshop on adaptation seeking to build a common understanding of indicators and “success” in achieving climate resilience, how to link individual assessments with national-level assessment, and how to enhance feed-backs in M&E to enhance learning
- Mapping of support from UN agencies and regional institutions supporting adaptation in developing countries, including in the area of climate change related disaster risk reduction strategies
- AC ad hoc group on technical support to build on that mapping exercise to identify gaps, needs and opportunities for strengthening support for adaptation in developing countries



Opportunities for greater integration of DRR and adaptation

- NAPs process: the National Adaptation Plan process seeks to:
 - a) To reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, by building adaptive capacity and resilience;
 - (b) To facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation, in a coherent manner, into relevant new and existing policies, programmes and activities, in particular development planning processes and strategies, within all relevant sectors and at different levels, as appropriate.
- On-going work on coherence to identify areas of duplication as well as synergies.

This work seeks to enhance cooperation and coordination within the Climate Convention, and it could provide opportunities to reduce “silos” in work related to DRR and adaptation, including on matters related to national institutions working DRR and adaptation



Thank you

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