Oral intervention by the Co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee during the third informal consultation on guidance relating to adaptation communications

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Thank you, co-facilitators, for giving myself and my fellow Co-Chair the floor to report on the work of the Adaptation Committee, in collaboration with the Consultative Group of Experts and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, on developing recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress, including with a view to informing the review and update, as appropriate, of the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 and the review of the training course referred to in decision 9/CMA.4, paragraph 10, as mandated in paragraph 45 of decision 2/CMA.5.

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The AC initiated work on this mandate in 2024 and has so far considered the issue at its 25th to 29th meetings, as described in the information notes[1] prepared for the respective meetings. All regular meetings of the AC are open to observers, and the AC greatly benefits from the active engagement of, and contributions by, Parties, constituted bodies, and relevant organizations. In addition to its regular meetings, the AC has held three joint meetings with the CGE and the LEG to discuss the mandate, exchange information and strengthen collaboration on this matter.

The AC launched a call for submissions[2] of views to support the development of recommendations on improving adaptation reporting in November 2025, with an initial deadline of 31 March 2026, subsequently extended until 30th June 2026. The submissions received thus far have been among the primary sources of information to inform the work. We encourage Parties and non-Party stakeholders to continue to share their views and experiences through this submission process. The work undertaken so far has been informed by inputs received from Parties and relevant stakeholders through these submissions and related engagement activities.

At its 28th meeting, the AC held an information session on existing adaptation reporting tools and practices, followed by an interactive workshop aimed at developing an initial set of draft recommendations on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress. Representatives of the CGE and the LEG attended and contributed inputs.

More recently, at NAP Expo 2026, held in Kigali, Rwanda, the AC held a session as part of its work on the mandate to engage country practitioners to identify practical solutions to challenges relating to reporting on adaptation action and progress that have been identified through the work of the AC so far. These activities have also facilitated the exchange of experiences, lessons learned and emerging practices among Parties, experts and practitioners, contributing to a better understanding of challenges and opportunities related to adaptation reporting.

I will now hand over to my fellow Co-Chair, Marianna, who will continue with an overview of the approach taken by the AC in responding to this mandate and the next steps in this work.

Thank you Aziz, my Co-Chair.

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[1] See documents AC25/INFO/5A; AC26/INFO/6; AC27/INFO/10; and AC28/INFO/9.

[2] The AC call for submissions is available at https://submissions.unfccc.int/ using the filter "adaptation committee".

The approach taken by the AC in responding to the mandate has been to consider adaptation-related reporting, planning and communication instruments, namely adaptation communications, BTRs, NAPs, NCs and NDCs and the respective guidance thereon. This reflects the interconnected nature of these instruments and the importance of promoting coherence while avoiding duplication across adaptation-related reporting and communication processes.

These are the instruments explicitly mentioned in paragraph 16 of decision 2/CMA.5, in which Parties were invited to voluntarily include in these instruments quantitative and/or qualitative information related to the targets and cross-cutting considerations contained in the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience. The AC has started the work with the synthesis of all the submissions provided, and initiated considerations of the first set of recommendations as outlined in the informal note of AC 29.

The AC will also revise the information note prepared for its 29th meeting[3] on the basis of inputs received from AC members and observers during that meeting and collected through the submissions, with a view to publishing an updated version intersessionally before the 30th meeting of the AC. We invite Parties to check the AC 29 informal notes, submissions, and invite Parties to engage in the next AC meetings to provide any needed feedback.

Regarding outputs on this work,

The AC agreed to adopt a stepwise approach to defining the timeline for developing the recommendations, starting by preparing a first set of recommendations for inclusion in its 2026 report for consideration at SB 65, COP 31 and CMA 8 in November 2026. The first set of recommendations will focus on the first part of the mandate, namely on how to improve reporting on adaptation action and progress including with a view to informing the review and update, as appropriate, of the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1.

A second set of recommendations will be included in the 2027 report of the AC for consideration at SB 67, COP 32 and CMA 9 in 2027, which will focus on improving the training course for BTR review experts.

Co-facilitators,

More details are available on the AC web page,[4] and we look forward to continuing engagement with Parties and relevant stakeholders as this work progresses.

Thank you.

[3] See document AC29/INFO/10.
[4] See https://unfccc.int/Adaptation-Committee.