



The adaptation communication - links with the Enhanced Transparency Framework, the Global Stocktake and the NDCs

What are the key aspects in relation to adaptation in the Paris Agreement?

What are the information requirements for Parties?

What could an adaptation communication look like?

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Key observations



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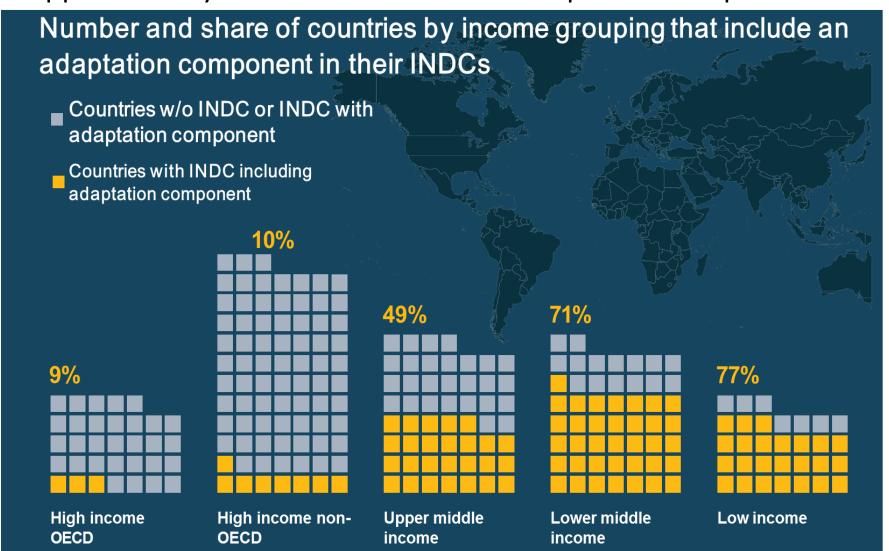
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 - the type of information (qualitative/quantitative) and guidance



Adaptation components in the NDCs



Approximately 85 % of NDCs include adaptation components

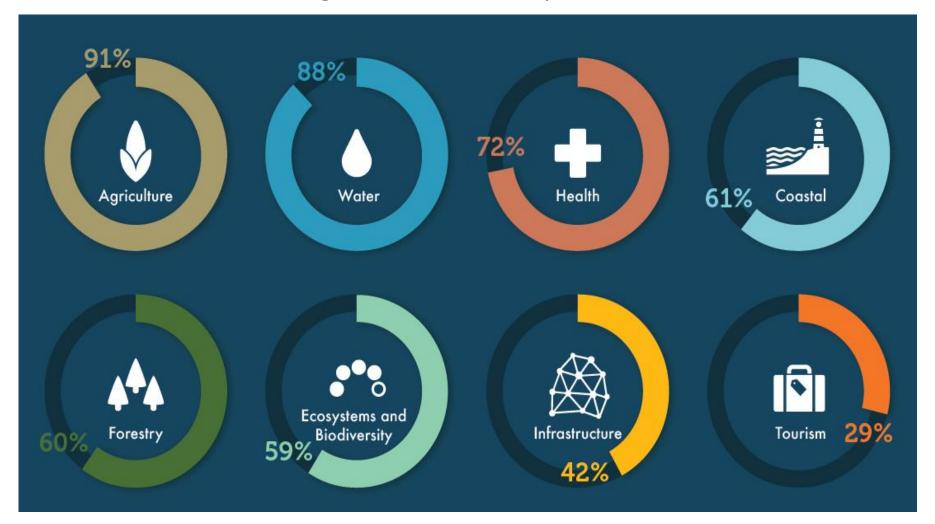




Adaptation components in the NDCs



Considerable convergence in sectoral priorities of countries





Adaptation components in the NDCs



Timeframes: About half set the period 2015-2030 as a timeline. Some have multiple timeframes. About one-third do not mention timeframes.

Linkages with national adaptation plans: About one-fifth mention linkages between adaptation components and future NAP processes.

Monitoring and evaluation: Nearly half mention M&E systems, but most indicate that these systems are still being developed.

Indicators to measure progress: Around two-thirds include qualitative indicators, while fewer have quantitative progress indicators.

Need for support: More than half indicate a need for international support (technical and/or financial). Many quantify support needs, while others do not. It is often not clear how costs were calculated or what they include.



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Adaptation (Article 7)

- Global goal on adaptation in the context of the temperature goal (7.1)
- Parties shall, as appropriate, engage in adaptation processes and actions, including monitoring and evaluation. (7.9)
- Adaptation communication:
 - should be submitted and updated, as appropriate, without creating any additional burden for developing country Parties. (7.10)
 - may include each Party's priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions. (7.10)
 - shall be, as appropriate, submitted through (e.g.) a national adaptation plan, a nationally determined contribution and/or a national communication, as a component of, or in conjunction with, such documents (7.11)
- Continuous and enhanced **international support** shall be provided to developing country Parties (7.13)



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The Global Stocktake (Article 7 and 14) shall

- Recognise the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties (7.14)
- Take into account the adaptation communication in order to enhance the adaptation action (7.14)
- Review the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support (7.14)
- Review the collective progress towards the purpose and the longterm adaptation goal of the Paris Agreement. (7.14 & 14.1)



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The Enhanced Transparency Framework (Article 13)

- Aims to provide a clear understanding of Parties' **adaptation actions**, including good practices, priorities, needs and gaps, to inform the global stocktake (13.5)
- Aims to provide clarity on support provided and received. (13.6)
- Each Party should provide information related to climate change impacts and adaptation, as appropriate. (Article 13.8)
- The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement shall adopt common modalities, procedures and guidelines for transparency at its first session. (13.13)



Information requirements differ



National Communications

Planned actions

Impacts & vulnerability

Global Stocktake

Adaptation priorities

Adaptation plans & strategies

Implementation & support needs and provision

Implemented actions & results

Adaptive Capacity

Resilience

Effectiveness

Adequacy

Adaptation Communications



Adaptation communication - possible structure



Possible structure of an adaptation communication		Information specifically mentioned in the context of adaptation communications
Section 1: Background	Impacts, climate resilience and climate vulnerability	No (but requested in NatComms)
Section 2: Adaptation actions and plans	Adaptation plans/strategies	Yes
	Adaptation priorities	Yes
	Planned actions and their expected results	Yes
	Implemented adaptation actions and their results	Yes
	Process to formulate plans and M&E system	Only for NA-I (requested in NAPs)
Section 3: Adaptation goals and progress towards them	National goals related to adaptive capacity, resilience, vulnerability	No (but included in most INDCs)
	Progress measured in qualitative and/or qualitative indicators; learning	No
Section 4: Needs for support for adaptation	Qualitative and/or quantitative needs for support	Yes
	Support provided or received by Parties	Yes
Section 5: Further information, e.g. for global stocktake	Adequacy of support received	No (needed for GS)
	Adequacy of adaptation	No (needed for GS)
	Effectiveness of adaptation	No (needed for GS)
	Effectiveness of support	No (needed for GS)

Source: Kato and Ellis (2016), Table 7



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