

GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE ADAPTATION COMPONENTS OF INDCs

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Including Adaptation in INDCs



- **Lima decision** invites Parties to “consider communicating their undertakings in adaptation planning or consider including an adaptation component in their INDCs” (para. 12)
- Parties have **considerable flexibility** regarding whether, how, and why to communicate their adaptation planning to the global community

Draft Chapter on Adaptation in INDC Guidance



- Guidance in this draft chapter provides a set of **options for Parties to consider** as they decide whether and how to include an adaptation component in their INDCs
 - Designed to be logical and user-friendly
- Chapter attempts to incorporate and respond to ideas that Parties have expressed through the UNDP/UNFCCC **Regional Technical Dialogues on INDCs**

Chapter is in review until **24 April**; comments to strengthen the content are most welcome

Why Consider Including Adaptation in INDCs?



- ❖ Gain **international recognition** for national actions and investments on adaptation
- ❖ **Raise the profile of adaptation** planning, action, and needs at the national level
- ❖ Articulate a **long-term vision** of nationally appropriate, climate-resilient development
 - ✧ Outline a **national plan** and timeline to achieve that vision
 - ✧ Outline a **process and timeline** for developing a long-term vision
- ❖ Describe **support needs** for completion and implementation of the national adaptation plan and/or activities
- ❖ **Contribute to a platform** for sharing lessons learned and for addressing shared challenges between countries

Adaptation Component Will Differ from Mitigation Component



- There are differences in the **rationale and purpose** for including mitigation and adaptation in INDCs
- There are **technical differences** between mitigation and adaptation
 - **Mitigation issues** often do not translate easily to adaptation
 - E.g., reference point, the type and setting of targets, methods of calculating emissions reductions

Categories of Adaptation Information that Could Be Communicated in an INDC



1. Climate change trends, impacts, and vulnerabilities
2. Long-term goals or vision
3. Current and near-term planning and action
4. Gaps, barriers, and needs
5. Summary of support
6. Description of monitoring plans

1. Climate Change Trends, Impacts, and Vulnerabilities



- The INDC can provide a brief summary of current and projected **climate change threats and impacts** and their effects on vulnerable groups and sectors within the country

2. Long-Term Goals or Vision



- Can include an outline and justification of national **goals/vision to reduce identified threats and impacts**
 - I.e., description of nationally determined needs, options, and priorities for increasing resilience of vulnerable communities, regions, or sectors
- In cases where countries have not yet established specific adaptation goals, a clear vision statement or broad **description of priorities** can help to guide further adaptation planning and action

3. Current and Near-Term Planning and Action



- Can include a description of recently completed, ongoing, and planned **domestic adaptation efforts** and national investments, as well as other contributions to their implementation
- May also include:
 - Changes in institutions to address adaptation issues
 - Modified policies and measures
 - Major projects/programs
 - Planning processes related to adaptation
 - Financial investments (using international or domestic resources)

4. Gaps, Barriers, and Needs



- Can include a **description** of:
 - Gaps in information or access to technology
 - Barriers to adaptation action
 - Needs for capacity support required to execute near-term action or planning (including support needed to expedite the preparation of a NAP or equivalent)
- Can also extend to what is needed to carry out **long-term action or planning**
 - E.g., assessment of the needs to carry out planned actions to achieve the integration of adaptation in development planning

5. Summary of Support



- **A summary of recent support**
 - Received from adaptation funds, other Parties, multilateral agencies and NGOs, private investors
 - Amount and type (e.g., knowledge sharing, capacity building, grants, loans, guarantees)
 - Also, what domestic resources have been spent
- For **donor countries**, a brief description of the amount and goals of their international assistance for adaptation and resilience efforts could be included

6. Description of Monitoring Plans



- Adaptation planning is an **iterative process**, gradually growing in scope and learning from the monitoring and review of ongoing adaptation actions
 - Description of how adaptation progress will be nationally monitored, reviewed, updated, and reported can be an important element

Not All Countries Will Include All of These Categories



- High degree of **flexibility** in designing adaptation component
- Not all categories are equally relevant to all **national circumstances**
- Parties encouraged to use information that best **fits their rationale** for including adaptation in their INDC
- Decisions about what to include will vary depending upon the nature and **extent of adaptation planning underway** in the country at the time of INDC submission

For Countries That Have Begun a NAP Process or Equivalent Planning Process

- Much of the information for the INDC can **be drawn from those efforts**
 - NAP (or equivalent process) typically synthesizes a broad body of existing analysis and ongoing activity as part of the initial phase of planning
- NAP also considers the interests, needs, and priorities of a range of **stakeholders** both inside and outside of government
 - Important aspect of information included in INDC

For Countries That Do Not Have a NAP or Equivalent Process Underway



- Adaptation component of an INDC represents an opportunity to **lay the groundwork** for such a process
- Could mean:
 - Outlining a planning process
 - Choosing a planning timeline
 - Synthesizing existing climate vulnerability and risk analysis
 - Reviewing adaptation activities underway in the country
 - Otherwise taking early steps toward planning

A Final Word: Flexibility is Key Feature

- Options offered here are **not the only options** for including adaptation in INDCs
- Annexes V, VI, and VII in the draft chapter each outline **other structures** Parties could potentially use to categorize information in their INDCs
- Given the flexibility available to them, it is likely Parties will take a **variety of creative approaches** to communicating their adaptation actions, plans, and needs in INDCs

Thank you

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