



Transparency of adaptation

Insights from the negotiations

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- **Negotiations under APA 5 have progressed well** this year with evolved and more streamlined language, with no party view left behind.
- **Section “D”** of APA 5 tool covers “Information related to climate change impacts and adaptation under article 7 of the PA.
- Latest iteration released in BBK 9th Sep. Reflects more options and merges.
- **Revised iteration** APA 5 tool to be released this month.
- **APA 5 tool is still a basis for discussion.** Nothing has been agreed and new text can be added.

Current thinking on the relationship between AdapComm and BTRs:
How could they work in practice?

OPTION 1:

Separate reporting processes for sharing forward looking and backward looking information. AdapComm submitted as a component of other communication document (NDC, NAP or NC). BTR focus on tracking progress of adaptation action.

Different character and purpose

Adaptation Communication (Adap Comm) character of a contribution or undertaking. Document of forward-looking nature.

Article 7.10 *“Each Party should, as appropriate, submit and update periodically an adaptation communication which may include its priorities, implementation and support needs, plans and actions, without creating undue burden”.*

Agenda item 4 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (**APA 4**) is **developing guidance in relation to Adap Comm** under Art. 7. At the moment, there are two proposals for the AdapComm guidance: 1. Common guidance applicable to any vehicle chosen by a Party; 2. Vehicle specific guidance.

Biannual Transparency Report (BTR): a document of backward-looking nature. Ex-post report to communicate implementation, progress made in adaptation.

Adaptation communications

MPGs for transparency of adaptation

Adaptation priorities, policies, plans, actions, strategies (Element 4 APA 4)



Progress on implementation
(D.5 APA 5)

Impacts, vulnerability, risk assessments
(Element 2 APA 4)



Reporting on climate change impacts
(Loss and damage – D.7 APA 5)

Adaptation support needs
(Element 5 APA 4)



Progress on implementation, efforts towards meeting adaptation needs
(D.5 APA 5)

Periodicity

BTRs: submitted biennially, flexibility for LDCs and SIDS.

AdapComm: no timeframe or cycle.

*Art. 7.11 “Adaptation Communication ... shall be submitted and updated **periodically**, as a **component of or in conjunction with other communications** and documents, including....*

National
Adaptation Plans
(NAPs)

Nationally
determined
contribution (NDC)

National
Communication
(NC)

- Parties retain flexibility to choose vehicle and timing for AdapComm.
- Periodicity of AdapComm might follow the cycle of vehicle chosen.

OPTION 2

Stand alone document containing both forward-looking information and backward looking information. Periodicity is not subject to vehicle.

APA5 tool: Possible challenges in reporting on adaptation

D.6 “Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation actions and processes”

Option 6.2: *“In terms of monitoring and evaluation of adaptation, each Party [should] include the following information:*

a. Achievements, impacts, resilience, review, effectiveness, and results

c. Assessment and indicators for:

i. How adaptation increased resilience and reduced impacts;

ii. When adaptation is not sufficient to avert impacts;

iii. Effectiveness of implemented adaptation measures.

d. Implementation (....)

e. Review of the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation actions and support provided....”

Challenge: Many countries lack M&E systems in place.

- What experience does your country have in reporting information on adaptation? What lessons can be learned?
- Has your country assessed or will your country assess progress to adaptation objectives?
- What are the key information gaps to assessing progress in adaptation at national level?