

# Reviewing adaptation information

Considerations for enhancing adaptation action

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# What is the purpose of reviewing adaptation information ?

- Ensure transparency in assessing progress towards (forthcoming) GGA
- Improve reporting efficiency
  - Sharing view, best practices & experience
- Voluntary
- Currently little information on the review process

- SBSTA 56 agenda item 11 & Reference Manual on ETF

***The purpose of transparency lies in enhancing effectiveness through access to (valid) information and assessments of collective progress (GST)***

***What does this mean for adaptation?***

# No one-size fits all approach



**Adaptation is context-specific...**

**... there is no global adaptation metric to measure success**

**Assessing attribution /contribution is tricky: multiple compounding factors contribute to adaptation results**

**Data robustness and gaps can be due capacities rather than lack of progress**

**Evaluating the success of an adaptation measure takes a long time**

# Linking national actions to the global ambitions: the global goal on adaptation (& GST)

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The Paris Agreement established the global goal on adaptation in 2015 in response to calls from developing countries to scale up action on adaptation:

- Bring adaptation on a parity with mitigation;
- Increase visibility of adaptation actions and needs.

The GGA is currently being discussed through workshops in the Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh work programme **until COP28**

Article 7.1 of the Paris Agreement states:

*“Parties hereby establish the global goal on adaptation of **enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change [...]**”*

# There is already a basis for common grounds on which to discuss the GGA

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- The GGA should include several dimensions of adaptation.
- Methods for the GGA must be country driven.
- The GGA should inform the scaling up of finance for adaptation.
- The GGA is a learning and iterative process.
- AdComms and BTRs, as well as NAPs and NDC, will inform the GGA.

But there is a lack of consensus on how to assess collective progress on adaptation.

AC 2022. Technical report Approaches to reviewing the overall progress made in achieving the global goal on adaptation  
[https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC\\_TP\\_GlobalGoalOnAdaptation.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AC_TP_GlobalGoalOnAdaptation.pdf)

Beauchamp & Motaroki. 2022. Taking stock of the GGA: from the Paris Agreement to the GlASS work programme (En, Fr, Sp, Pt)  
<https://pubs.iied.org/20876iied>



## Taking stock of the global goal on adaptation

From the Paris Agreement to the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme

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Working Paper  
April 2022

Climate change  
Monitoring, evaluation and learning  
Working Paper  
Climate Change Adaptation, Paris Agreement, climate change  
resilience, monitoring and evaluation

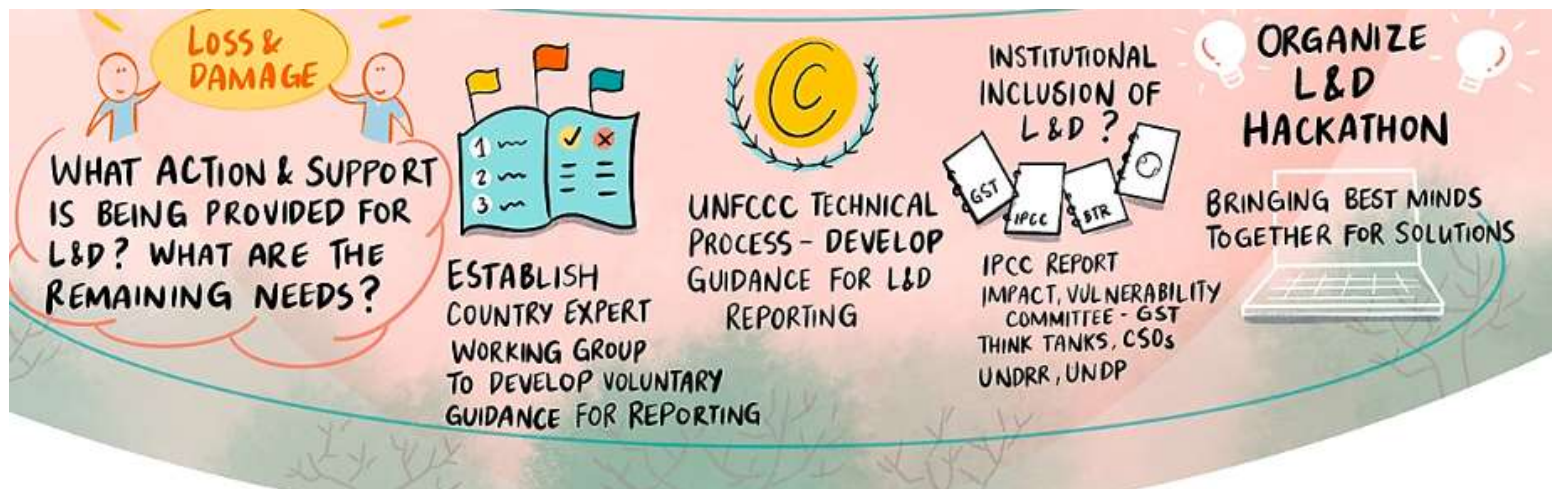


# What about loss and damage...?

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Yet unchartered dimension of the Paris agreement linked to adaptation, yet already discussed as:

- Assessing risks and identifying priorities – regions, actions and sectors
- Assessing (expected) damages and needs – assets, people, finance



# Countries are already reporting adaptation (and L&D) information

Example: progress reporting of Kenya's NAP

- Countries are already using NDCs, NAPs, Adcoms, national comms to share information on adaptation
- It's critical for BTRs to build on existing data, tools and communications (e.g. look at the NAP process)
- Countries have different configurations of national Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning systems (e.g. progress reporting )



## 3.2 Food and nutrition security

Agriculture plays a key role in terms of food and nutritional security, rural livelihoods, and poverty alleviation. The NCCAP reported that the agriculture sector contributed 31.5% of GDP in 2017; provided around 75% of employment and supported over 80% of the rural population. Agriculture remains largely rain-fed making it highly susceptible to climate vagaries such as temperature increase, changes in precipitation, and extreme events.

Table 2: Food and nutrition security

Actions	Expected Results by 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Results Achieved as of June 2020 (Cumulative)
1. Improve crop productivity through implementation of CSA interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. of institutions /value chain actors and households harvesting water for agricultural use/production increased to 500,000.</li> <li>Agricultural pre- and post-harvest losses reduced from 40% to 13%.</li> <li>No. of beneficiaries accessing climate-oriented crop insurance increased from 200000 to 3500000 farmers.</li> <li>No. of farmers accessing subsidies for appropriate agricultural inputs increased from 139,000 to 311,300.</li> <li>No. of households and acreage under sustainable land management increased for agricultural production.</li> <li>Support for the reclamation of 60,000 ha of degraded land.</li> <li>Areas under integrated soil nutrient management increased by 250,000 acres.</li> <li>Farm area under conservation agriculture increased to 250000 acres, incorporating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>156,391 actors harvested water.</li> <li>8.13% reduction in pre- and post-harvest losses</li> <li>382,929 farmers accessed climate-oriented crop insurance.</li> <li>134,308 farmers accessed appropriate agricultural inputs.</li> <li>52,075 Ha of degraded lands reclaimed.</li> <li>Area under soil nutrient management increased by 10,288 acres</li> <li>Area under conservation agriculture increased by 20,050 acres.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>entry at farm level increased from 202,000 to 250,000</li> <li>irrigated fields increased by 5,013 Ha.</li> <li>rainfed fields reseeded: 1,969 Ha of rangelands re-seeded.</li> <li>Annual ASALs water harvesting and storage capacity improved by 1,130,000 MP from the 38 water pans, 8 subsurface dams constructed and 73 bore holes and shallow wells in 11 ASAL counties.</li> <li>Over 10,086,752 head of cattle were vaccinated in 30 counties in 2019/2020.</li> <li>13 million doses of vaccines completed in 2018-2019</li> <li>18,012 farmer households insured</li> <li>90,060 head of cattle.</li> <li>1,297 households adopted improved</li> </ul>	



# Key benefits of reviewing adaptation information

- Identify data gaps and capacity needs for future reporting
- Review the quality and justification of methods used
- Ensure representation of local and marginalized voices
- Support analysis of regional and collective adaptation information (GST & GGA)





# Key questions / risks

## **Who are the experts?**

- Need for local / national understanding of needs and practices

## **Burden on experts and countries?**

- Additional support and knowledge transfers for performing review?

## **Can/should resilience outcomes be verified?**

- Is it desirable (and possible) to establish approved methods while recognizing country capacities?
- Methodological limits (shifting baselines, subjective indicators, attribution).

## **How to ensure long-term learning?**

- Ultimate aim is to enhance adaptation actions – how to promote mutual accountability ?



# Linking transparency to the cycle of ambition

## Potential pathways - seeing the reviews as:

- **A capacity-building process** : long-term, supported pairing between experts and countries
- **An exchange platform**: repository for publicly available information, resource exchange and consideration of transboundary risks
- **A learning process**: facilitate peer-to-peer learning, knowledge transfer and
- **A communication process**: supporting downward accountability and fair representation



# Last thoughts...

No one-size-fits-all in adaptation: review process is unlikely to be similar to mitigation's

The review process must:

- Align with requirements of the GGA
- Build on existing systems and structures
- Foster mutual accountability and learning

Area of uncertainty - but opportunities for innovation and creativity!



# Some references

- Reference Manual for the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement:  
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- Draft text on agenda item 11 from SB56: <https://unfccc.int/documents/510572>
- Understanding reporting and review under Articles 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement (OECD CCEG)  
[https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/environment/understanding-reporting-and-review-under-articles-6-and-13-of-the-paris-agreement\\_03d6d0f9-en](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/environment/understanding-reporting-and-review-under-articles-6-and-13-of-the-paris-agreement_03d6d0f9-en)
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