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## **COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for Latin America and Caribbean**

### **Adaptation Action**

Reporting adaptation progress and priorities under the Paris Agreement focus on Adaptation Communications

**Friday 14 May 2021 at 1100-1245 Santo Domingo; 1600-1745 London**

**Zoom meeting:** [Register here in advance](#)

### **COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action**

The Paris Agreement provides us with a truly global framework for climate ambition and action. To unlock the full potential of the Paris Agreement, it is important that all countries can participate to their maximum potential and that a lack of capacity does not hold them back.

In its role as the incoming COP26 Presidency, the UK is committed to better understanding the capacity building challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to climate impact, and to providing opportunities to share positive experiences and lessons learned across the Latin American and Caribbean Region.

### **Session Description**

This session will launch a series of COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assemblies designed to hear Parties' views on opportunities and challenges—as well as build capacities and understanding among developing country actors—on preparing an Adaptation Communication (ADCOM) to the UNFCCC.

The Adaptation Communication was established by Article 7 of the Paris Agreement as a flexible, country driven reporting instrument. It can serve multiple purposes, including to increase the visibility and profile of adaptation and balance it with mitigation; to strengthen adaptation action and support for developing countries; to provide input to the first Global Stocktake of progress toward the Paris Agreement's goals; and to enhance learning and understanding of adaptation needs and actions.

Though voluntary, developing an ADCOM in 2021 is a strategic opportunity for countries to distil, synthesize and report progress on adaptation as well as articulate their future needs and priorities.

As many countries are preparing their first ADCOM, this session will be an opportunity for South-South peer learning and exchange to compare approaches and share common questions. It will also explore how countries are leveraging existing adaptation planning processes (including through National Adaptation Plans, Nationally Determined Contributions,

and National Communications) to reduce reporting burdens and deliver well-coordinated national approaches to adaptation.

## Objectives

- To increase understanding among governments on the purpose of and process for developing an ADCOM.
- To explore the ways that ADCOMs are contributing to countries' adaptation efforts (e.g. better positioning, as awareness raising, as complementing consultative processes) and their added value.
- To highlight capacity building and technical support available to assist countries to develop ADCOM.

## Agenda

Time	Theme and speakers
1100 Santo Domingo  1600 London	<p><b>COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action: Adaptation Action: Introductions</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Robin Hart</b> Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park</p> <p><b>Jonathan Stern</b> Agriculture, Adaptation and Loss and Damage Negotiations, COP26, United Nations Climate Change Conference, UK</p> <p><b>Anne Hammill</b> Senior Director, Resilience, International Institute for Sustainable Development; NAP Global Network, Canada</p>
1110/1610	<p><b>Adaptation Communications: opportunities and challenges</b></p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How preparing an ADCOMs in 2021 can elevate the profile and visibility of adaptation</li> <li>● How to leverage existing adaptation planning and reporting</li> <li>● How to reflect gender, traditional and indigenous knowledge, nature and social inclusion considerations in ADCOMs</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair: Daniel Morchain</b>, NAP Global Network</p>

	<p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <p><b>María del Pilar Bueno</b> National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina, National University of Rosario, Argentina</p> <p><b>Gladys Santis García</b> Adaptation and Loss &amp; Damage Negotiator, COP25 Presidency, Ministry of Environment, Chile</p> <p><b>Le-Anne Roper</b> Senior Technical Officer (Adaptation), Climate Change Branch, Ministry of Housing, Urban Renewal, Environment and Climate Change, Jamaica</p> <p><b>Nora Páez</b> Head of Adaptation Department, National Division on Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Paraguay</p> <p><b>Ximena Apéstegui</b> NAP Coordinator, Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica</p>
1150/1650	<p><b>Why do you see ADCOMs as important?</b></p> <p>Contribution from a number of countries and partner organisations</p>
1200/1700	<p><b>Adaptation Communications: practical discussion</b></p> <p><b>Facilitated discussion in 3/4 breakout groups</b></p> <p>Opportunity for participants joining this session to raise issues about preparing for ADCOMs and for interactive discussion.</p> <p>Facilitators to include:</p> <p><b>María José Pacha</b> Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA)</p> <p><b>María Gracia Aguilar</b> Fundación Avina</p> <p><b>Asier Rodríguez Ochoa</b> IDOM</p> <p><b>Aram Rodriguez de los Santos</b> Instituto Nacional de Ecología y Cambio Climático (INECC)</p>
1225/1725	<p><b>Adaptation Communications – lessons for capacity building</b></p> <p>Key highlight from each group</p>

1235/1735	Final reflections
1240-1300 1740-1800	Opportunity for informal discussion and networking



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