

Adaptation component of an NDC: guidelines and considerations, linkages

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- Under the Paris Agreement and Katowice decisions, **adaptation components of NDCs are considered part of adaptation communications**. Decision **9/CMA.1** (guidance for adaptation communications) **provides the guidance** for adaptation components of NDCs.
- 9/CMA.1 outlines the **purpose, process, linkages**, and possible **sources of support** relevant to adaptation communications, including as adaptation component of NDCs. It also identifies **nine types of information** to include and encourages inclusion of forward-looking information.
- In context of the multiple arrangements for adaptation information, to reduce duplications and additional burdens, **Parties can build their adaptation communication on the information generated during the process to formulate and implement NAPs** - consistent with the role the NAP as the planning instrument, and of the adaptation communication as a communication instrument. Biennial transparency reports can contain information on progress.



Instrumento	Mandate	Established in	Frequency
Adaptation communication (including as component of NDCs)	Paris Agreement, Art 7.10-12 Decision 9/CMA.1	2015/2018	Flexible (in time to inform the global stocktake)
Biennial transparency reports (adaptation sections)	Paris Agreement, Art 13 Decision 18/CMA.1, section IV	2015/2018	Every 2 years (starting in 2024)
Documents related to national adaptation plans (NAPs)	Decisions 5/CP.17, 3/CP.20 and 8/CP.24	2010/2011	Not specified
National communications (developed countries)	FCCC/CP/1999/7, section II	1999	Every 4 years
National communications (developing countries)	Decision 17/CP.8	2002	Every 4 years, with flexibility

- **Art. 7.10:** each Party should submit an adaptation communication reflecting its priorities, implementation and support needs, and plans and actions.
- **Art. 7.11:** the adaptation communication shall be submitted, as appropriate, “as a component of or in conjunction with” other communications or documents, including NAP, NDC or national communication.
- **Art. 7.12:** adaptation communications are recorded in an international registry maintained by the secretariat.
- **Decision 4/CMA.1, para. 8:** Parties may provide information other than mitigation in their NDCs, in particular, an adaptation communication may be submitted with an NDCs, noting the guidance in decision 9/CMA.1.
- **Decision 9/CMA.1, para. 11:** those Parties submitting an adaptation communication with an NDC are encouraged the guidance in this this decision (9/CMA.1).



Aspect	Provisions
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visibility and profile of adaptation, balance with mitigation- Strengthen action and support- Input to global stocktake- Learning and understanding
Principles	Country-driven, flexible, no additional burden or basis for comparison or review
Process	Submitted together with other documents (NAP documents, NC, NDC, BTR) => registry maintained by UNFCCC secretariat => synthesized for global stocktake
Timing	Parties invited to submit in time to inform each global stocktake
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Include information on elements (a-d), and additionally on (e-i), or the annex- May “tailor” information, considering the document used for submitting- Invited to include ex ante information
Linkages	If submitted together with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NDCs: use guidance in 9/CMA.1 + invited to include information on mitigation co-benefits- NCs or NAP: consider existing guidelines



(a) National circumstances, institutions, legal frameworks

(b) Impacts, risks, vulnerabilities

(c) Adaptation priorities, strategies, policies, plans, goals, actions

(d) Implementation and support needs, provisions of support

(e) Implementation of adaptation (progress, results, cooperation, barriers, good practices, monitoring and evaluation)

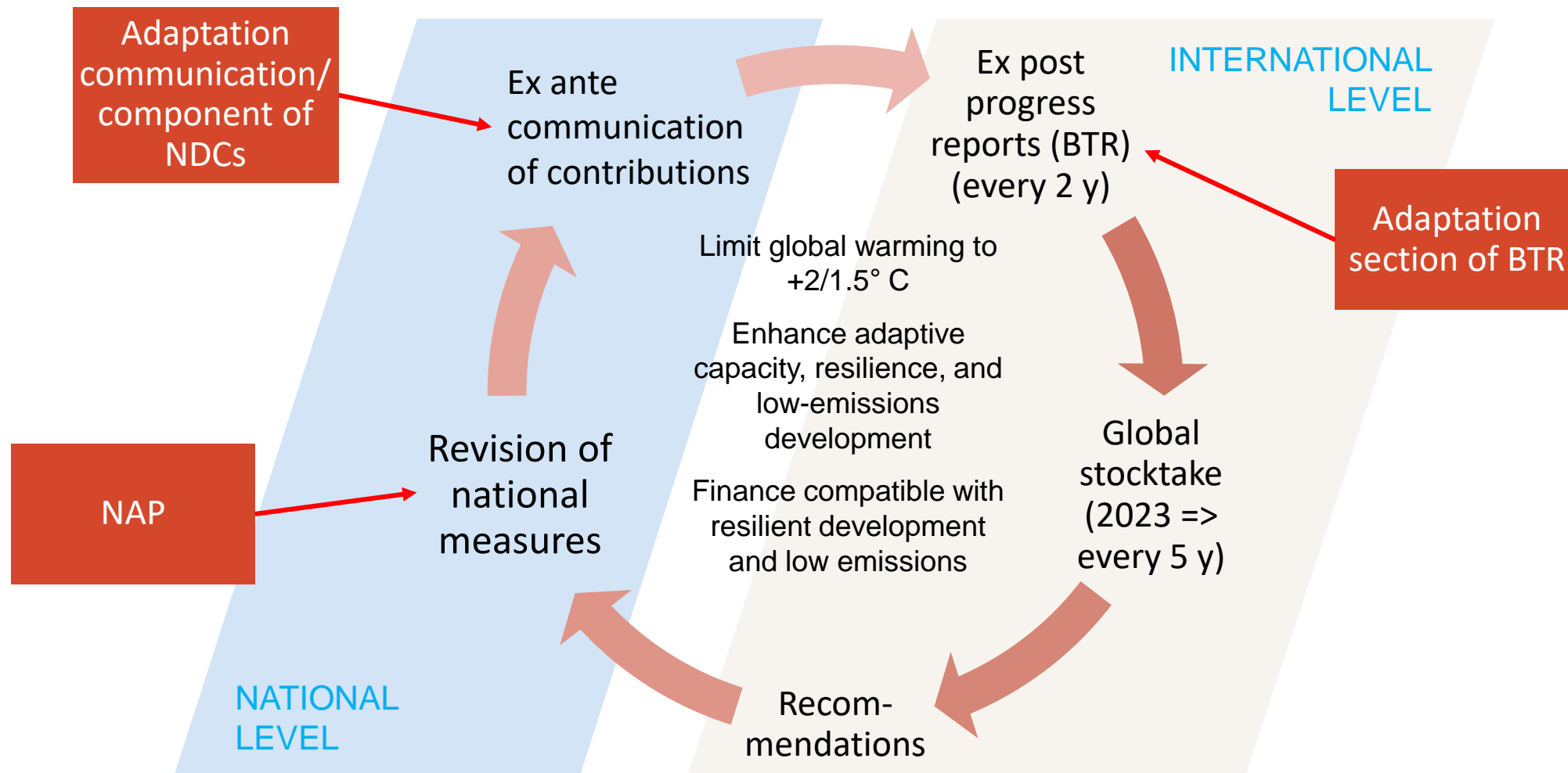
(f) Adaptation/economic diversification, co-benefits

(g) How adaptation contributes to other international frameworks

(h) Gender-responsive adaptation and traditional/indigenous/local knowledge

(i) Other information

ROLE OF ADAPTATION ARRANGEMENTS IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT CYCLE





	Cancun Adaptation Framework	Paris Agreement
Purposes	Plan and implement	Communicate and report
Instrument	National Adaptation Plans	Adaptation communications Adaptation sections of BTRs

