

Call for inputs: Information and data for the preparation of the report on the UNEP Adaptation Finance Gap

Background

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report (AGR) series provides an annual science-based assessment of the global progress and gaps on adaptation planning, financing, and implementation.

The AGR series was commissioned in 2014, in response to a request from UNFCCC Parties for a global assessment of adaptation that could support UNFCCC discussions on adaptation ahead of COP 21 in Paris.

UNEP has produced the AGR every year since 2014. While it remains an independent assessment, the objective of the AGR is closely aligned with that of the UNFCCC Global Stocktake. The AGR is co-produced by UNEP, the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC) and the World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP)

The AGR includes an assessment of the adaptation finance gap. This is defined as the difference between the estimated costs of meeting a given adaptation target and the amount of finance available (UNEP 2014). For the AGR, this is estimated as the gap between the estimated costs of adaptation / adaptation financing needs in developing countries (the non-Annex I countries under the UNFCCC¹), and the adaptation finance flows to developing countries. The comparison of adaptation costs versus finance flows is then used to assess the indicative adaptation finance gap and on how to bridge the gap.

In 2021, the CMA urged developed country Parties to at least double their collective provision of climate finance for adaptation to developing country Parties from 2019 levels by 2025, in the context of achieving a balance between mitigation and adaptation in the provision. There are also discussions and negotiations on the new climate finance goal for the post-2025 period (the New Collective Quantified Goal). Against this background, the AGR2023 is seeking to provide an update of the adaptation finance gap.

Call for inputs

For the 2023 AGR, a more detailed review and synthesis is being undertaken on the adaptation finance gap. This will draw on updated estimates of the costs of adaptation in the academic and grey literature, as well as country submissions to the UNFCCC. We are particularly interested in capturing any high quality or peer reviewed studies from the grey literature.

To support this review, the AGR team is looking for quantitative and qualitative information on the following:

- Studies and estimates on the costs of adaptation in developing countries. These include global studies, but particularly national studies, for both multiple and individual sectors or themes.
- Studies that underpin the adaptation finance needs or costs of adaptation reported in Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, long term strategies or other submissions to the UNFCCC by countries with adaptation finance needs or cost estimates included.
- Latest trends and data on adaptation finance flows to developing countries to date, and any projections towards 2025. Information on private investments in adaptation and domestic finance (in-country finance) of particular interest.

¹ See www.unfccc.int/process/parties-non-party-stakeholders/parties-convention-and-observer-states.

- Qualitative information on barriers to accessing finance for vulnerable countries and barriers related to low disbursement rates for adaptation finance projects.
- Qualitative or quantitative information on finance for adaptation to Indigenous People organizations
- Quantitative and qualitative information on the bridging the adaptation finance.

How to submit your response

Parties and non-Party stakeholders are invited to respond to the call for inputs, including observer organizations, financial institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector.

Information and data should be submitted by 30 June 2023 via email to Blanche Butera (buterablanche@gmail.com) and copied to Lars Christian (lars.christiansen@un.org).

Submissions will be available on the information repository on the UNEP website. The sources of information and data used in the report will be adequately referenced in the report. Reference documents and other related background information

Further information

Further information on the Adaptation Gap and Adaptation Finance Gap is available.

The Adaptation Gap report series is available at <https://www.unep.org/resources/adaptation-gap-report>

The Adaptation Finance gap report is available at <https://www.unep.org/resources/adaptation-finance-gap-update>