



# UN4NAPs 2022

## Profiles of participating organizations



United Nations  
Climate Change

# UN4NAPs: Overview of participating organizations

Adaptation Fund

ADB

CBD

CGIAR

Commonwealth  
secretariat

CTCN

FAO

GCF

GEF

GWP

ICIMOD

IFAD

IFRC

ILO

IOM

IPCC

IRENA

ITU

SPREP

UN OCHA

UN Women

UNCCD

UNCDF

UNDP

UNDRR

UNECA

UNECLAC

UNEP

UNESCAP

UNESCO and  
UNESCO/IOC

UNESCWA

UNFPA

UN-Habitat

UNHCR

UNICEF

UNITAR

UNOHCHR

UN-OHRLLS

UNOOSA

UNU

UNWTO

WFP

WHO

WIPO

WMO

WTO





ADAPTATION FUND

**The Adaptation Fund finances concrete adaptation projects and programmes that help vulnerable communities in developing countries adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change. Initiatives are based on country needs, views and priorities, and are led by local stakeholders.**

**The Adaptation Fund is ready to help countries in:**

- Assessing climate risk & vulnerability at appropriate levels & different sectors
- Applying best available science in assessing, planning & implementing adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational & local development plans
- Advocacy and education on climate change and adaptation
- Designing implementation strategies for adaptation using a mix of climate and risk financing
- Technical advice and support in developing projects and proposals to climate funds
- Developing national knowledge and information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation and reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth, private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Direct access and enhanced direct access to climate finance
- Locally-led adaptation
- Environmental and social safeguards and integration of gender in adaptation programming



**Focal point:**

Ms. Bianka Kretschmer, Advisor  
to the Manager

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Adaptation project funding](#)
- [Readiness grant funding](#)
- [Innovation grant funding](#)
- [Learning grant funding](#)
- [Enhanced Direct Access grants](#)



**CGIAR is a global partnership that unites international organizations engaged in research about food security. CGIAR research aims to reduce rural poverty, increase food security, improve human health and nutrition, and sustainable management of natural resources.**

**CGIAR is ready to help countries in**

- Research & systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Enabling activities for initiating and/or launching the NAP formulation
- Capacity building and readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analyzing past climate and future climate change scenarios
- Developing social-economic pathway scenarios for the future
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels and in different sectors
- Applying best available science in practice of assessment, planning and implementation of adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational and local development plans
- Advocacy & Education on climate change and adaptation
- Technological support in accessing information and experience of other countries in applying appropriate adaptation technologies for local problems
- Designing implementation strategies for adaptation using a mix of climate and risk financing
- Technical advice and support in developing projects and proposals to the GCF and other funding sources
- Developing national knowledge & information systems for adaptation planning, implementation & reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks, e.g., 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Using and applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders including indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector

**Specific expertise includes**

- Provide scientific evidence and climate-smart solutions and unlock innovative finance that feed into local, national, regional, and global processes
- Co-develop production systems and portfolios of practices, adapted to the local needs of small-scale producers
- Focus on adaptation to a changing climate through adapted breeds and varieties

**Focal point:**

Dr. Caroline Mwangera  
Senior Scientist, Climate  
Action

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

[Climate adaptation & mitigation - CGIAR](#)





The Commonwealth



**The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 independent and equal countries working towards shared goals of prosperity, democracy and peace. It is home to 2.4 billion people and includes both advanced economies and developing countries.**

**The Commonwealth Secretariat is ready to help countries in**

- Technical support to access climate finance, build human and institutional capacities to enhance climate action through the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH)
- Support in use of climate data and technology in climate change and adaptation project development and planning via the *Commonsensing programme*
- Assessing climate risk & vulnerability at appropriate levels & different sectors and develop investment plans.
- Applying best available science in practice of assessment, planning & implementation of adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational & local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Designing implementation strategies for adaptation using a mix of climate & risk financing
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts in Health Sector
- Managing coherence between land, biodiversity and climate change in coordination with the three UN Rio Conventions; UNFCCC, UNCCD and UNCBD under the Commonwealth Call to Action on Living Lands.
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Provides long-term in-country technical expertise and capacity building to enhance and facilitate access to public and private climate finance and fast-track implementation of NDCs



**Focal point:**

Mr. Unnikrishnan Divakaran Nair  
Head, Climate Change Section  
Economic, Youth and Sustainable  
Development Directorate

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub](#)
- [IPP Commonsensing Project](#)
- [Commonwealth Climate Change Programme](#)



Convention on  
Biological Diversity

**The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is an international treaty for the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of the components of biodiversity and the equitable sharing of the benefits derived from the use of genetic resources. The CBD seeks to address all threats to biodiversity and ecosystem services, including threats from climate change, through scientific assessments, the development of tools, incentives and processes, the transfer of technologies and good practices and the full and active involvement of relevant stakeholders including indigenous peoples and local communities, youth, women, NGOs, sub-national actors and the business community.**

**CBD is ready to help countries in**

- Research & systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Integrating adaptation into national development plans
- Designing implementation strategies for adaptation using a mix of climate and risk financing
- Developing national knowledge and information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation & reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth & private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Provides guidance on the implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
- Provides guidance on the integration of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management approaches in climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives.



**Focal point:**

Ms. Annie Cung  
Programme Management Assistant –  
Biodiversity and Climate Change

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Biodiversity and climate change cross-cutting issue](#)
- [Global Biodiversity Outlook](#)
- [Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices](#)

**The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is the implementation arm of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism, hosted by UNEP. It promotes the accelerated transfer of environmentally sound technologies for low carbon and climate resilient development at the request of developing countries.**

**The CTCN is ready to help countries in**

- Assessing climate risk & vulnerability at appropriate levels & different sectors
- Applying best available science in assessing, planning & implementing adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational & local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Technological support in accessing information & other countries' experience in applying different adaptation technologies to facilitate the selection, installation & operation of appropriate technologies for local problems
- Designing adaptation implementation strategies using a mix of climate & risk financing
- Technical advice & support in developing projects & proposals to the GCF, specifically readiness and PPF.
- Developing national knowledge & information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation and reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes & impacts
- Applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth & private sector
- Capacity building and Innovation

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Digital Technologies for Adaptation Planning
- Water resources management
- Decision making tools and/or information provision
- Technology feasibility, identification and prioritization
- Roadmaps and strategies



**Focal point:**

Mr. Rajiv Garg,  
Regional Manager-CTCN

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [CTCN – active technical assistance](#)



The UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is the most inclusive intergovernmental platform in the Asia-Pacific Region. It supports regional and subregional cooperation in disaster and climate information management by providing policy options and strategies on multi-hazard disaster risk reduction, adaptation, resilience and mitigation. It promotes the use of innovative technologies and builds capacity of countries to use state-of-the-art advances in integrated multi-hazard risk assessment, dynamic impact-based forecasting, and early warning systems related to cascading and systemic risks from biological and other natural hazards.

**ESCAP is ready to help countries**

- Understand and put into action their climate risk and adaptation profiles through the [Risk and Resilience Portal](#) developed under the aegis of the Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Network
- Apply the best available science for adaptation through its biennial flagship publication, The Asia Pacific Disaster Report and its- Ready for the Dry Years, a report that monitors drought and recommends adaptive policies.
- Build capacity for impact-based forecasting which focuses on the impact of climate extremes and weather on populations and economies
- Apply frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning and implementation



**Focal point:**

Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP

**Alternate focal point:**

Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction Section, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

[Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Network](#)  
[ESCAP Risk and Resilience Portal](#)  
[Asia Pacific Disaster Report](#)  
[Ready for the Dry Years Series for Building Resilience to Drought in South-East Asia](#)  
[Impact-based forecasting manuals and guidelines](#)



**The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger and to achieve food security. With over 194 member states, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide. To meet climate change challenges, FAO is supporting countries to both adapt to and mitigate climate change impacts in the agriculture sectors.**

### **FAO is ready to help countries in**

- Enabling activities for initiating and/or launching the NAP formulation
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analysing past climate and future climate change scenarios
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels and in different sectors
- Integrating adaptation into subnational and local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Technical advice & support in developing projects & proposals to the GCF and other funding sources
- Capacity building & readiness support for proposals to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth & private sector

### **Specific expertise includes:**

- Access to financial and other support to formulate and implement adaptation strategies, policies and programs
- Early Warning, Early Action and Disaster Management
- Sustainable food systems and diets
- Forest management, reduction of deforestation and restoration of degraded forests and landscapes
- Protection and restoration of fisheries, coastal and marine ecosystems



### **Focal point:**

Ms. Julia Wolf, Natural Resources  
Officer, Office of Climate  
Change, Biodiversity and Environment  
(OCB)  
FAO, Rome, Italy

### **Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Scaling up Climate Ambition on Land Use and Agriculture through NDCs and NAPs \(SCALA\)](#)
- [Strengthening Agricultural Adaptation \(SAGA\)](#)
- [Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture](#)
- [FAO and the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework](#)

**The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is an international network created to foster an integrated approach to water resources management and provide practical advice for sustainably managing water resources.**

**GWP is ready to help countries in**

- Research and systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Enabling activities for initiating/ launching the NAP formulation (formulating a mandate; stocktaking)
- Capacity building and readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analysis of past climate and future climate change scenarios
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels and in different sectors
- Applying best available science in practice of assessment, planning and implementation of adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational and local development plans
- Accessing other countries' information and experience in applying different adaptation technologies to facilitate selection, installation and operation of appropriate technologies for local problems
- Technical advice and support in developing projects and proposals to the GCF and other funding sources
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth & private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Green Climate Fund Readiness Programme Delivery Partner
- Integrated flood and drought management
- Water policy advocacy and Integrated Water Resources Management
- NDC strengthening and implementation



**Focal point:**

Mr. Alex Simalabwi

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

[Strategic framework for climate resilience and WASH](#)  
[Global Support Programme for NDCs, Water, Climate](#)  
[and Development](#)  
[Flood and Drought](#)



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies acts before, during and after disasters and health emergencies to meet the needs and improve the lives of vulnerable people. The IFRC is an international membership organization that unites 192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and supports them through a global secretariat.

As auxiliaries to public authorities in the humanitarian field, National Societies are in a unique position to support their government counterparts in taking necessary climate action. The IFRC is supported by its global reference centres that provide specialized knowledge and services, including the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre which provides specific technical expertise related to climate change and extreme weather events.

### **IFRC is ready to help countries in**

- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. the 2030 Agenda and Sendai Framework
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels & different sectors
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth, and the private sector
- Integrating adaptation into subnational and local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation

### **Specific expertise includes:**

- Reaching and engaging the most vulnerable people and communities
- Climate-smart disaster risk reduction
- Anticipatory Action (forecast-based financing)
- Nature-based solutions
- Assessing climate change impacts on health
- Climate-smart livelihoods
- Climate displacement and migration

### **Focal point:**

Tessa Kelly, Climate Change  
Coordinator



### **Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Climate smart disaster risk reduction](#)
- [Early warning early action](#) and the [Anticipation Hub](#)
- [Community knowledge and awareness raising](#)
- [Improving disaster laws](#)
- [Climate and health](#)
- [National adaptation planning training module](#)

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a UN agency and IFI with the specific mandate to eradicate poverty and hunger by investing in poor rural people through financial and technical assistance to agriculture and rural development projects in developing members states.

**IFAD is ready to help countries in**

- Applying best available science in assessing, planning & implementing adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into subnational and local development plans
- Designing implementation strategies for adaptation using a mix of climate and risk financing
- Technical advice and support in developing proposals to the GCF, AF and GEF/LDCF and other funding sources
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Building adaptation and resilience of agriculture, food systems and rural communities;
- Facilitating the availability and accessibility of rural finance to the most vulnerable;
- Implementing adaptation plans through large-scale investments with national governments;
- Sharing data and knowledge from projects implementation to inform planning processes and future investments.



**Focal point:**

Ms. Janie Rioux,  
Senior Technical Specialist  
(Climate Change)

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- <https://www.ifad.org/en/asap-enhanced>
- <https://www.ifad.org/en/asap>
- <https://www.ifad.org/en/gef>
- <https://www.greenclimate.fund/ae/ifad>



International  
Labour  
Organization

**The International Labour Organization (ILO) is devoted to promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights. It is the only tripartite U.N. agency. It brings together governments, employers and workers to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programmes promoting decent work for all women and men.**

**The ILO is ready to help countries in**

- Research & systematic observations to support adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Capacity building and readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Developing socio-economic pathway scenarios for the future
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels & different sectors
- Integrating adaptation into national development plans
- Technical advice & support in developing projects & proposals to GC/other funding sources
- Developing national knowledge and information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation and reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth, and the private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Macroeconomic frameworks & research networks to assess the impact of climate policies on jobs & the economy
- Technical assistance on just transition (incl. policy development on overarching just transition frameworks, skills & social protection, social dialogue, enterprise development & investment)



**Focal point:**

Mr. Moustapha Kamal  
Gueye,  
Global Coordinator,  
ILO Green Jobs  
Programme

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Roads for Development \(R4D\) \(Timor-Leste\)](#)
- [Employment through Labour-intensive Infrastructure in Jordan](#)
- [Gonaives: Preparing for the next big storm](#)
- [The Philippines: Climate change adaptation for vulnerable farming populations](#)
- [Green Livelihood Access for Central Kalimantan's Inclusive Environmental Response to Climate Change](#)

**The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental organisation that supports countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future, and serves as the principal platform for international cooperation, a centre of excellence, and a repository of policy, technology, resource and financial knowledge on renewable energy.**

**IRENA is ready to help countries in:**

- Analyzing past and future climate change scenarios;
- Developing social-economic pathway scenarios for the future;
- Assessing best available science to assess, plan & implement adaptation measures;
- Integrating adaptation into national development plans;
- Developing projects and proposals to the GCF and other funding sources;
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. the 2030 Agenda and Sendai Framework;
- Applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector.



**Focal point:**

Ms. Elizabeth Press,  
Director, Planning and  
Programme Support



**The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs. ITU is committed to connecting all the world's people.**

**ITU is ready to help countries in:**

- Accessing information/ other countries' experience in applying adaptation technologies;
- Using frontier technologies for adaptation assessments, planning & implementation;
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda and Sendai Framework;
- Developing national knowledge & information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation and reporting;
- Research and systematic observations for adaptation assessments, planning & implementation;
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability;
- Integrating adaptation into subnational and local development plans;
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation;
- Engaging stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector.

**Specific expertise includes:**

- ICTs for disaster risk reduction & management, through the design of national emergency telecommunication plans, setting up early warning & monitoring systems, and providing emergency telecommunications equipment when disasters strike;
- Protecting the environment from e-waste & shifting to a circular economy for ICT equipment;
- Radiocommunications systems and applications in support of monitoring, mitigating & adapting to the effects of climate change;
- Standards that help to adapt different sectors of the economy to the impacts of climate change;
- Facilitating digital solutions for energy efficiency by reducing emissions & carbon footprints.



**Focal point:**

Ms. Rosie McDonald,  
E-waste Data Associate

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Environment and Climate Change](#)
- [Emergency Telecommunications](#)
- Study Group Questions linked to climate change: [ITU-D](#) and [ITU-T](#)



The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the global vision and voice for land. There are 197 Parties to the Convention, including 196 country Parties and the European Union. The Convention – based on the principles of participation, partnership and decentralization – is a multilateral commitment to mitigate the impact of land degradation, and protect our land so we can provide food, water, shelter and economic opportunity to all people.

The UNCCD unites governments, scientists, policymakers, the private sector and communities around a shared vision to restore and manage the world's land. This work is crucial to ensure the sustainability of the planet and the prosperity of future generations.

**The UNCCD plays an instrumental role in addressing the causes and devastating impact of desertification, land degradation and drought. It supports countries with the ambition to:**

- Achieve land degradation neutrality through policies that also enhance food security, human wellbeing and climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- Capitalize on the pivotal role of health soils, particularly soil carbon;
- Build community and ecosystem resilience to drought;
- Design transformative land restoration projects and programmes;
- Ensure policies are grounded in current science.



**Focal point:**

Mr. Johns Muleso Kharika  
Chief of Science,  
Technology and Innovation

**Adaptation-related programmes**

- [Scientific Conceptual Framework for Land Degradation Neutrality \(LDN\)](#)
- [LDN Target Setting Programme \(LDN TSP\)](#)
- [LDN Transformative Projects and Programmes \(TPP\)](#)
- [Great Green Wall Initiatives](#)
- [Drought Initiative](#) and [Drought Toolbox](#)
- [Sand and Dust Storms Toolbox](#)



Unlocking Public and Private  
Finance for the Poor

The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) hosts the Local Climate Adaptive Living (LoCAL) Facility that aims to promote green and climate-resilient communities and local economies by establishing a standard, internationally recognized country-based mechanism to channel climate finance to local authorities in developing countries, particularly in the Least Developed Countries (LDC), Small Island Developing States and African nations, for its effective use.

**The UNCDF/LoCAL Facility is ready to help countries in**

- Promoting the vertical integration of the NAP process, Integrating the subnational dimension, in alignment with country systems
- Supporting the establishment and national expansion of NAP-aligned LoCAL initiatives and NAP aligned performance-based climate resilience grants (PBCRGs) financing mechanisms
- Undertaking climate risk and vulnerability assessments for subnational adaptation, mapping climate risk, exposure and vulnerability hotspots at subnational and local levels and prioritizing adaptation actions and investments
- Raising awareness and strengthening capacities through training workshops and on-the-job learning across the various dimensions of the vertical integration of the NAP process (planning, budgeting, financing, MEL)
- Facilitating access to climate finance for subnational adaptation, supporting the accreditation of National Implementing Entities to GCF and AF and developing GCF and AF project concept notes and funding and readiness proposals related to subnational adaptation initiatives
- Promoting South-South exchange and cooperation across member countries, in particular LDCs, SIDS, African nations and other vulnerable countries.

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Subnational adaptation
- Access and deployment of climate finance for NAP-aligned locally led adaptation
- Performance-based Climate Resilience Grant (PBCRG) mechanisms

**Focal point:**

Ms. Sophie De Coninck, Global  
Climate Facility Manager

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [LoCAL Facility](#)



**The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) serves as UN focal point for disaster risk reduction and oversees the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. UNDRR brings governments, partners and communities together to reduce disaster risk and losses and to ensure a safer, sustainable future.**

**UNDRR is ready to help countries in**

- Research and systematic observations in support of risk-informed adaptation planning.
- Enabling activities for initiating/launching the NAP formulation (formulating a mandate; stocktaking process)
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analyzing past climate and future climate change scenarios together with past disaster impacts and risk projections
- Assessing climate and disaster risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels and in different sectors
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational & local development and disaster risk reduction plans
- Designing implementation strategies for adaptation and disaster risk reduction
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation and relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda and Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. women, youth, private sector, S&T community, and the civil society.

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Comprehensive climate and disaster risk management
- Risk analysis and assessments
- Monitoring of disaster losses and damages and progress in disaster risk reduction

**Focal point:**

Animesh Kumar,  
Head of UNDRR Office in Bonn

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

<https://www.undrr.org/climate-action-and-disaster-risk-reduction>



**UNEP is the global authority that sets the environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.**

**UNEP is ready to help countries in**

- Research & systematic observations for adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Enabling activities for initiating/launching the NAP formulation
- Capacity building & readiness support in submitting proposals to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance & advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analyzing past & future climate change scenarios & developing social-economic future pathway scenarios
- Assessing climate risk & vulnerability at appropriate levels and different sectors
- Applying best available science in assessing, planning and implementing adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational and local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Designing implementation strategies for adaptation using a mix of climate & risk financing
- Technical advice & support in developing projects & proposals to the GCF & other funding sources
- Developing national knowledge & information systems for adaptation planning, implementation and reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth & private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Ecosystem-based Adaptation
- Early Warning Climate Services
- National Adaptation Plans
- Knowledge sharing, analysis, and networking
- Access to adaptation finance

**Focal point:**

Ms. Jessica Troni, Head of the  
Climate Change Adaptation Unit

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Global Adaptation Network](#)
- [Global EbA Fund](#)
- [Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator](#)
- [World Adaptation Science Programme](#)
- [Adaptation at Altitude](#)



The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO is the United Nations body responsible for supporting global ocean science and services. The IOC enables its Member States to work together to protect the health of our shared ocean by coordinating programmes in areas such as ocean observations and research, tsunami warnings and marine spatial planning. IOC has provided a focus for all other United Nations bodies that are working to understand and improve the management of our oceans, coasts and marine ecosystems. IOC is supporting to build their scientific and institutional capacity in order to achieve the global goals incl. the UN Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction.

**IOC/UNESCO is ready to support countries by:**

- Providing expertise on alerts and early warnings systems around tsunamis, including coastal hazard warning systems and Harmful Algal Blooms.
- Providing information on ocean observation and research on ocean acidification, ocean oxygen/deoxygenation, to raise global awareness, provide knowledge for understanding causes and developing actions incl. monitoring, transdisciplinary research, bi-directional knowledge transfer among stakeholders and scientists, innovative outreach and ocean education and literacy.
- Enhancing marine research, exploitation & development through an exchange of oceanographic data and information between participating Member States, & by meeting the needs for data & information products.
- Promoting science-based, integrated, adaptive, strategic & participatory concepts on Marine Spatial Planning;
- Fostering ocean-related partnerships through multi-agency consultation processes, covering science-policy-society interfaces to increase scientific knowledge and exchange of experiences, develop research capacities and transfer marine technology, to improve ocean health and the sustainable management of coastal and marine resources;
- Promoting the Large marine ecosystems (LMEs) approach, incl. by contributing to the development of GEF LME projects.



**Focal point:**

Denis Chang Seng, PhD  
Programme Specialist

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Global Ocean Observing System \(GOOS\)](#)
- [International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange \(IODE\)](#)
- [Marine Spatial Planning \(MSP\)](#)
- [Harmful Algal Bloom Programme \(HAB\)](#)
- [Sea Level Related EWS](#)
- [Ocean Acidification Research for Sustainability \(OARS\)](#)
- [Global Ocean Oxygen Network](#)
- [CoastWAVE Project \(Sea Level Related Hazards and Risk\)](#)



**UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Its mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.**

**UNFPA is ready to help countries in:**

- Research & systematic observations for adaptation assessments, planning & implementation
- Enabling activities for initiating/launching the NAP formulation
- Capacity building and readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Developing social-economic pathway scenarios for the future
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at different levels & different sectors
- Applying best available science in assessing, planning & implementing adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational & local development plans;
- Advocacy & education on climate change & adaptation
- Design of implementation strategies for adaptation using a mix of climate & risk financing
- Developing projects & proposals to access climate finance from the GCF and other multilateral or bilateral funding sources
- Development of national knowledge & information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation and reporting
- Monitoring & evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector.

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Integrating Gender, SRHR, and Health Systems into climate adaptation plans



**Focal point:**

Dr. Angela Baschieri, Population  
Dynamics Policy Adviser  
Regional Office for Eastern &  
Southern Africa

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [NDC Review on SRHR and Adaptation](#)
- [UNFPA Climate page](#)
- [Symposium on SRHR, Gender and Climate Justice](#)
- [UNFPA Value Proposition on Climate Change](#)
- [Work in Somalia](#)



**The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) is the United Nations agency mandated to support sustainable urbanization as a driver of development and peace to improve living conditions for all. UN-Habitat's mission is to promote transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action to leave no one and no place behind.**

**UN-Habitat is ready to help countries in**

- Research and systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Capacity building & readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analyzing past climate and future climate change scenarios
- Developing social-economic pathway scenarios for the future
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels and in different sectors
- Applying best available science in practice of assessment, planning and implementation of adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational and local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Technical advice and support in developing projects and proposals to the GCF and other funding sources
- Developing national knowledge & information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation & reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth & private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Supporting the mainstreaming of urban issues and local needs, voicing urban vulnerabilities into national and sub-national climate change policies, plans, strategies.
- Capacity building & knowledge management on urban resilience & climate change adaptation/ mitigation.



**Focal point:**

Ms. Cerin Kizhakkethottam,  
Programme Management  
Officer for Climate Change

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- Reduce spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum
- Enhance shared prosperity of cities and regions
- Strengthen climate action and improved urban environment
- Effective urban crisis prevention and response



**UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. Children are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change while also being the most critical clients for sustainability solutions, and for this reason, climate action is a priority for UNICEF.**

**UNICEF is ready to help countries in**

- Research & systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Capacity building & readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance & advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analyzing past climate and future climate change scenarios
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels and in different sectors
- Applying best available science in practice of assessment, planning and implementation of adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational and local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Technological support in accessing information & other countries' experience in applying different adaptation technologies to select, install & operate appropriate technologies for local problems
- Technical advice & support in developing projects and proposals to the GCF & other funding sources
- Developing national knowledge & information systems for adaptation planning, implementation & reporting
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation outcomes and impacts
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth & private sector

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Data and evidence: Identifying the locations & services where children are most vulnerable to climate impacts & developing the climate rationale for adaptation with a focus on social sectors (Water/sanitation, health, education) & disaster risk reduction
- Policy engagement: Providing support in developing child-sensitive & climate-smart policies in the social sectors.
- Technical support: Providing programme design and implementation support for adaptation programmes and disaster risk reduction in social sectors.
- Youth Engagement: Supporting young people to be climate & environmental champions through education, involvement in activities & providing platforms for their meaningful participation in policy development.

**Focal point:**

Mr. Gautam Narasimhan, Global Lead for Climate, Energy and Environment





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**UN University (UNU) contributes, through research and education, to efforts to resolve pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare.**

**UNU is ready to help countries in**

- Research and systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Capacity building & readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analyzing past climate and future climate change scenarios
- Developing social-economic pathway scenarios for the future
- Assessing climate risk & vulnerability at appropriate levels & different sectors
- Applying best available science in assessing, planning & implementing adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational & local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Technological support in accessing information & other countries' experience in applying different adaptation technologies to facilitate the selection, installation & operation of appropriate technologies for local problems
- Technical advice and support in developing projects and proposals to the GCF and other funding sources
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector.

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Climate change vulnerability and risk assessment, Ecosystem-based adaptation; Creating country-specific adaptation pathways; Tailoring climate risk insurance;
- Linking adaptation to DRR, Sustainable urban transformation; Climate migration and displacement; Loss and damage

**Focal point:**

Dr. Himanshu Shekhar  
Associate Academic Officer  
UNU-EHS

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [FloodAdaptVN](#)
- [Transformative Urban Coalitions](#)
- [HI-PATH](#)
- [Where the rain falls](#)
- [Pacific Climate Change and Migration](#)





**UN Women is the United Nations entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide.**

**UN Women is ready to help countries in**

- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector.

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Gender analysis and gender mainstreaming tools
- Capacity building for policymakers and CSOs on gender, climate resilience, risk-informed decision-making, recovery, and resilience for Gender Responsive Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation
- Application of gender and human rights-based approach to climate change and disaster risk reduction and management policy planning
- Use of gender statistics & sex disaggregated data to inform climate change & disaster risk policies
- Technical support for the development of gender responsive M&E for NAP
- Capacity building to women farmers on Gender Responsive Climate Resilient Agriculture
- Building knowledge and recourses regarding gender and climate change/ disaster risk reduction through research and curriculum development



**Focal point:**

Ms. Inkar Kadyrzhanova  
Regional adviser on gender and  
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UN Women Regional Office for  
Asia and the Pacific

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [EmPower: Women for Climate Resilient Societies](#)
- [Women's Resilience to Disasters Programme](#)
- Climate Smart Agriculture Programme (in: [Mali and Malawi](#), [Mali](#), [Ethiopia and Kenya](#), [different countries in Sub-Saharan Africa](#))
- [Energize](#)



**The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impacts of climate change.**

**WFP is ready to help countries in:**

- Anticipating climate hazards before they turn into disasters and taking preventive action to minimize losses and damages.
- Restoring degraded ecosystems and infrastructure to enhance protection from climate shocks and stresses.
- Protecting the most vulnerable with financial safety nets and insurance solutions against climate extremes.
- Energizing schools and communities with access to sustainable energy solutions.

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Providing technical support to governments to strengthen early warning systems & forecast-based financing systems.
- Developing climate risk insurance solutions at the micro-, macro-, and meso-levels, in integration with other risk management approaches.
- Providing timely and useful climate information to smallholder farmers and people in harm's way through mobile phones, communal radio programmes and volunteer networks.
- Supporting governments to develop and strengthen shock-responsive social protection systems.
- Providing sustainable energy services, including clean cooking solutions, to households and schools.
- Connecting smallholder farmers to energy equipment & services that improve food production, processing and storage.
- Implementing ecosystem-based adaptation solutions through community-led landscape restoration and protective infrastructure projects.
- Providing training in the sustainable management of landscapes and natural resources.
- Conducting analyses on the links between food security and climate risk in vulnerable countries.

**Focal point:**

Mr. Gernot Laganda,  
Chief, Climate and Disaster Risk  
Reduction

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Forecast-based Financing](#)
- [Climate Risk Financing](#)
- [Energy for Food Security](#)
- [Food Assistance for Adaptation Assets](#)
- [Climate Information Services](#)





**The World Health Organization (WHO)'s primary role is to direct international health within the United Nations' system and to lead partners in global health responses.**

**WHO is ready to help countries in:**

- Assessing the health risks of climate change
- Assessing climate change vulnerabilities in healthcare facilities
- Assessing the potential health co-benefits of climate change mitigation, including actions in other sectors
- Climate change and health planning to address climate-related health risks, strengthen the climate resilience and environmental sustainability of health systems and facilities, and promote health co-benefits of mitigation
- Developing the health component of the National Adaptation Plan (HNAP)
- Developing healthy Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Accessing climate financing for climate change and health
- Implementing climate change and health interventions
- Capacity building for climate change and health
- Monitoring progress on climate change and health
- Measuring the climate resilience of health systems

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Climate-informed health surveillance and early warning systems
- Climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable health care facilities
- Climate-resilient water and sanitation safety plans
- GCF Readiness Programme Delivery Partner



**Focal point:**

Ms. Elena Villalobos Prats

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [COP26 Health Programme](#)
- [Building resilience of health systems in Asian LDCs to climate change](#)
- [Special Initiative on Climate Change Health in SIDS](#)

**WIPO is the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation. As a specialized UN agency, our mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international IP system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of everyone, everywhere.**

**WIPO is ready to help countries in**

- Using the international intellectual property system to support adaptation related goals
- Mapping/landscaping adaptation technologies using patent information
- Adaptation technology innovation and diffusion using WIPO GREEN
- Support national innovation ecosystems responding to adaptation
- Guide national intellectual property offices in supporting green technologies for adaptation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. IP offices, private sector, indigenous peoples and civil society

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Protecting intellectual property
- Adaptation technology match-making
- Overview and information on innovation and technological solutions to adaptation
- IP-related technical assistance and capacity building
- Technology licensing/concluding technology agreements and technology transfer
- Supporting indigenous communities
- Alternative dispute resolution



**Focal point:**

Mr. Victor Owade,  
External Relations and Partnerships  
Officer

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [WIPO GREEN](#)
- [Database of Green Technologies and Needs](#)
- [Latin America Climate Smart Agriculture Project](#)

**As a specialized agency of the United Nations, WMO is dedicated to international cooperation and coordination on the state and behaviour of the Earth's atmosphere, its interaction with the land and oceans, the weather and climate it produces, and the resulting distribution of water resources.**

**WMO is ready to help countries in**

- The best available science for adaptation by the provision of evidence- based climate information for the past, present and future climate
- Provision of tools, toolkits and methodology for climate data analysis
- Provision of quantitative climate indicators and context specific indices for climate sensitive sectors (agriculture, water, health, energy and disaster risk reduction)
- Capacity development and training the use of climate toolkits Provision of a global platform to facilitate the ease of access and standardize climate information for adaptation purposes

**Specific expertise includes:**

- Analysis of historical data and time series (e.g., Climpact)
- Global platform for climate projection and information
- Regional downscaling models (CORDEX) for climate projection
- Interpretation of the analysed data and indices for adaptation purposes and proposing science-based solutions
- Provision of support through international expert community



**Focal point:**  
Mr. Amir Delju

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [WMO Catalogue for Climate Data](#)
- [Global Framework for Climate Services \(GFCS\)](#)
- [Climate monitoring, modelling and forecasting](#)
- [World Climate Research Programme \(WCRP\) Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems \(CREWS\)](#)





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The World Trade Organization (WTO) deals with the global rules of trade between nations and its main function is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably and freely as possible. The goals of sustainable development and environmental protection are central to the WTO, as captured in the preamble to its founding charter, the Marrakesh Agreement. The WTO gives members the opportunity to hold open and informed dialogue on all trade and environment matters, including on trade and climate change, to discuss related measures and to share knowledge and experiences. Trade policies can contribute towards climate action while at the same time ensuring opportunities for economic growth and diversification.

**WTO is ready to help countries in**

- Research & systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Developing social-economic pathway scenarios for the future
- Assessing climate risk and vulnerability at appropriate levels and in different sectors
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Technical advice & support in developing projects & proposals to funding sources, incl. the GCF
- Developing national knowledge and information systems to support adaptation planning, implementation and reporting
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework

**Specific expertise includes:**

- All of the above activities would be conducted through the prism of trade and trade policy and within the WTO institutional framework.



**Focal point:**

Mr. Daniel Ramos

**Adaptation-related programmes:**

- [Aid for Trade](#)
- [The Standards and Trade Development Facility \(STDF\)](#)
- [WTO technical assistance and training](#)