

Committee of Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, 16 February 2023
14:00 – 17:00 (GMT+3)
Conference Room 1, United Nations Office at Nairobi
Hybrid meeting

Agenda item 3: Presentation of the UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2022

This note serves as an information background document for consideration of agenda item 3, whereby the Committee will be provided a presentation on the UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2022 by the Secretariat.

Following the presentation, Member States and Stakeholders are invited to engage in an exchange of views with the Secretariat on the findings of the report.

Adaptation Gap Report 2022:

Too Little, Too Slow — Climate adaptation failure puts world at risk

The [**Adaptation Gap Report 2022: Too Little, Too Slow — Climate adaptation failure puts world at risk**](#) was released on the 3rd of November 2022, ahead of the 27th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which took place in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. The report found that the world must urgently increase efforts to adapt to the impacts of climate change that are already here and to those that are yet to come. Yet global efforts in adaptation planning, financing and implementation are not keeping up with the growing risks. USD 160 to 340 billion will be needed per year for adaptation by 2030, while in 2020, international adaptation finance flows to developing countries were only USD 29 billion. This is 5-10 times below estimated needs and the gap continues to widen. The report looked at effectiveness of adaptation and discussed adaptation-mitigation linkages and co-benefits.

Within 30 days following the launch, the report was mentioned in 846 articles published in 647 media outlets across 72 countries in 17 languages. For the first time, UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report, as well as the Emissions Gap Report, are cited in COP cover decision — the [**Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan**](#), adopted by Member States at the end of the climate change conference.

The Adaptation Gap Report 2022 is the 7th edition in UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report Institutional Series. The report was co-produced and its production jointly managed and coordinated by UNEP, [**UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre \(UNEP-CCC\)**](#) and the [**World Adaptation Science Programme \(WASP\)**](#). The scientific assessment process was guided and overseen by a distinguished Steering Committee and prepared by an international team of leading scientists. The report builds on national-level data from governments, as well as project-level information from the databases of multilateral organizations and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and peer-reviewed scientific literature. The report was extensively reviewed by a wide range of independent experts.

The report and all related documents, such as its executive summary in all official UN languages, are available through the report's resource page: <https://www.unep.org/resources/adaptation-gap-report-2022>

