



GLOBAL ADAPTATION NETWORK



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INTRODUCTION

Climate change is one of the defining issues of our time. Both the physical impacts of climate change, and human vulnerability to it, affect different parts of the world in distinct, yet interlinked, ways. In conjunction with the increasing awareness about the impacts of climate change, a growing number of agencies, organizations, research institutes, and political bodies are grappling with understanding patterns of vulnerability and how to adapt.

Adaptation is a multidisciplinary undertaking, requiring collaboration from diverse actors operating in different sectors and this makes it critical to share information. While much knowledge exists for successful adaptation, it is often fragmented and not always accessible to diverse stakeholders. The mobilization and sharing of knowledge and experiences is therefore, critical for informing adaptation decision-making, planning and practice. The Global Adaptation Network (GAN) aims to address this need.

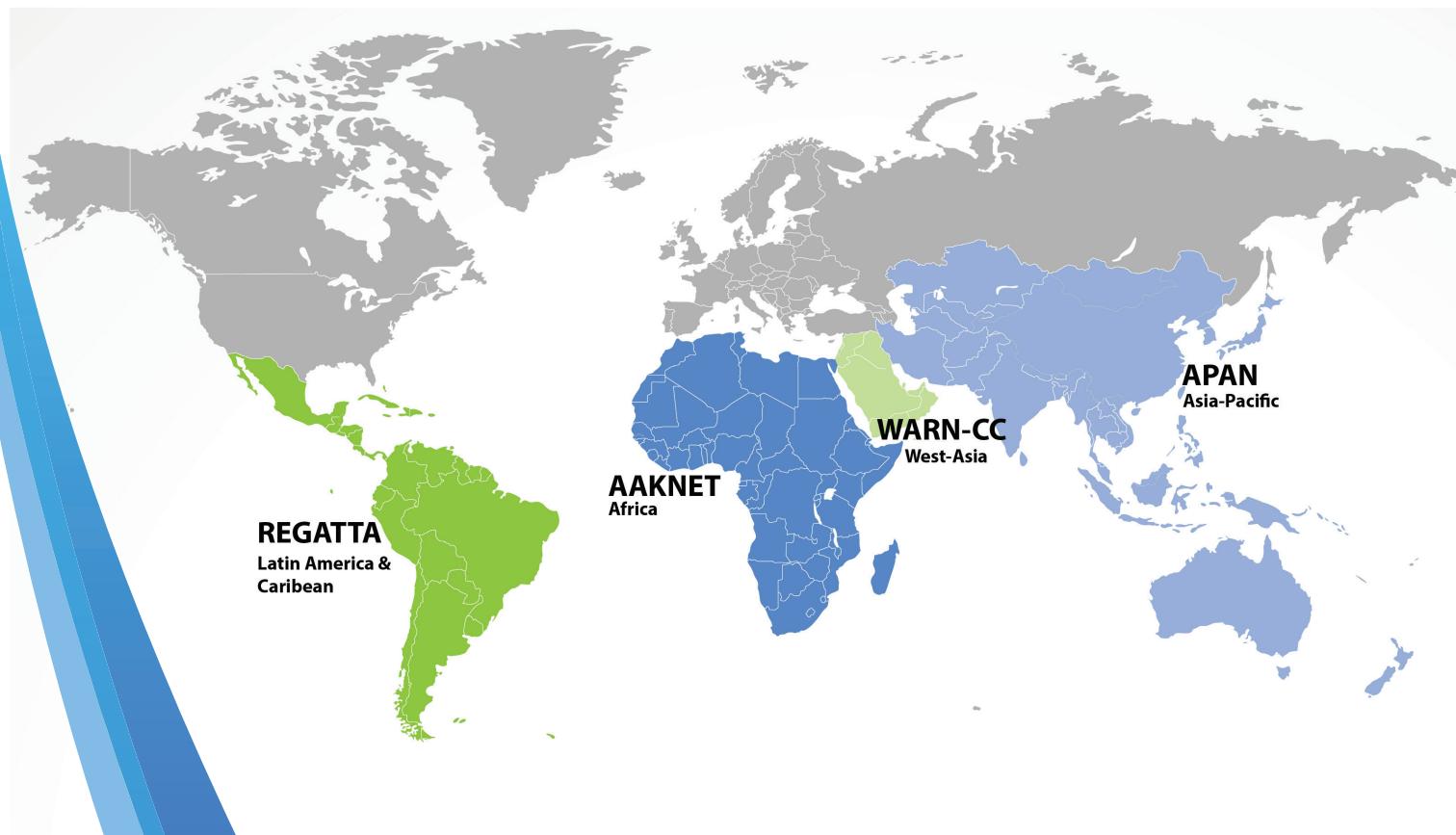




STRUCTURE

Currently there are four regional networks linked to the GAN that are operational: the Africa Adaptation Knowledge Network (AAKNet) in Africa, the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) in the Asia-Pacific, the Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action (REGATTA) in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the West Asia Regional Network on Climate Change (WARN-CC) in West Asia.

In addition, GAN is seeking to establish linkages with organisations in North America and Europe that are already engaged in adaptation knowledge exchange, in order to increase the opportunities for cross-regional learning.

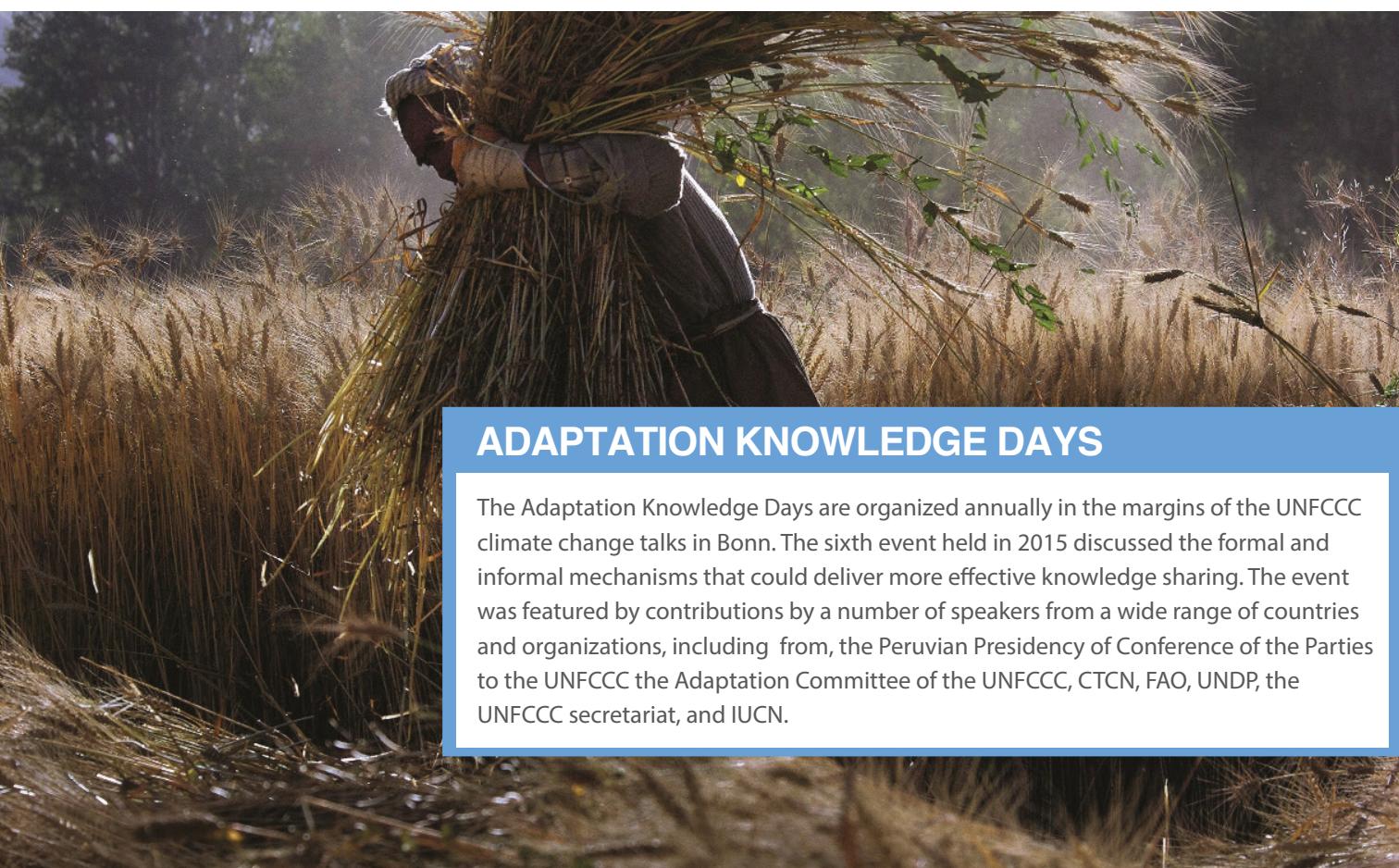




GLOBAL ADAPTATION FUNCTIONS

GAN holds its annual global adaptation forums in different regions in conjunction with the forums of relevant regional networks. It brings together policy makers, experts and practitioners of adaptation from around the world, with an aim to facilitating exchange of knowledge intra-regionally and cross-regionally. It also aims to ensure that global processes, particularly the UNFCCC are informed of adaptation experience at regional, national and local levels

The first Forum, held in Panama City in March 2015, brought together over 100 participants from around the world. At the end of the Forum many of the participants made action pledge. The UNFCCC Adaptation Committee joined GAN to organize its Adaptation Forum during the GAN Forum.



ADAPTATION KNOWLEDGE DAYS

The Adaptation Knowledge Days are organized annually in the margins of the UNFCCC climate change talks in Bonn. The sixth event held in 2015 discussed the formal and informal mechanisms that could deliver more effective knowledge sharing. The event was featured by contributions by a number of speakers from a wide range of countries and organizations, including from the Peruvian Presidency of Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC the Adaptation Committee of the UNFCCC, CTCN, FAO, UNDP, the UNFCCC secretariat, and IUCN.



LIMA ADAPTATION KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE

Adaptation knowledge gaps remain a barrier to widespread and successful adaptation actions. During COP 20 in Lima, Peru, the COP Presidency endorsed the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) under the Nairobi Work Programme. LAKI aims to identify and prioritise adaptation gaps at the sub-regional level. It then catalyses action to fill the gaps.

A pilot initiative took place in the Andean region in September 2014, followed by full scale LAKI processes in West Asia and southern Africa. Additional sub-regional activities are being implemented through 2016.

GOING FORWARD

Building on its successes so far, GAN will have a strategic focus on two areas. First, it will support and facilitate sustained inter-regional and intra-regional knowledge exchanges. This will allow practitioners to learn from each other over time through meetings, exchange visits and shared information. In order to qualify for GAN support the communities of practitioners will need commit their own resources and undertake further knowledge dissemination at the end of the process.

Second, GAN will strengthen its role in fostering two-way exchanges between global processes and activities at the regional and national levels where actual adaptation takes place. Adaptation Knowledge Days and our Global Adaptation Forums contribute to this, as do our linkages with UNFCCC bodies, including the Adaptation Committee, the Nairobi Work Programme and the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

REGIONAL NETWORK AND FUNCTIONS

The regional networks provide adaptation knowledge services in the regions, sub-regions and countries, working in collaboration with partners at these different levels. They help target groups to access knowledge for planning and implementing adaptation through capacity building and training events, dialogues and seminars, the development and dissemination of knowledge products such as assessments and best practice compilations, and provision of advisory support.



REGATTA

Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action in Latin America and the Caribbean

REGIONAL GATEWAY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action for Latin America and the Caribbean (REGATTA) acts as a facilitator of climate change information exchange in the region. The platform currently engages 13 regional implementing partners and more than 4,000 users. Through eight communities of practice on mitigation and adaptation, the platform has delivered more than 100 virtual webinars and organised more than 45 regional or sub-regional workshops to build capacities on a wide range of issues related to climate change.

The platform has also become a generator of new knowledge on climate change and has delivered technical

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