**Kingdom of Morocco**

**CoP26 UNFCCC Side-event**

**Adaptation Metrics: challenges and perspectives**

**Forth Room, UNFCCC Pavilion, CoP26, Glasgow, Tuesday 9 November 2021**

**Concept note**

The Paris Agreement establishes a Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), and sets up a harmonized reporting mechanism, the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) through which all parties should report on climate actions. For the adaptation component, countries will be expected to report on progress towards the GGAthere are to date no standard reporting requirements in relation to the GGA.

Adaptation Metrics are essential to identify, prioritize, monitor and report on adaptation action, allowing for the setting of credible adaptation goals and securing their financing.

However, unlike mitigation (which can be measured in terms of greenhouse gases reduction), there is no simple, unique and universal adaptation metric than can quantify adaptation results holistically. This is not surprising given the complexity and ambiguity of adaptation processes, and the context-specific particularities and needs across regions and sectors (agriculture, water, energy, etc.) and governmental levels (city, regions, nations…).

As a result there is no consensus on what adaptation metrics should look like and how they should be used and investment in adaptation remains well below requirements with difficulties in quantifying adaptation results.

Although many indicators have been in use for a long time, there are no unified metrics across sectors and scales.

The Moroccan COP22 Presidency initiated a reflection on the subject through the organization of a series of international conferences on adaptation metrics, hosted in the Kingdom of Morocco from 2016 to 2019, that led to the creation of the International Platform on Adaptation Metrics (IPAM) on October 2020 (www.adaptationmetrics.org).

As a community of practitioners, IPAM will lead a panel debate on how to try to converge efforts for the identification of a common vision of metrics, along with international partner institutions and alliances that are also working on the development of adaptation metrics.

A second panel debate will focus on the needs of the financial sector and the civil society for mapping and evaluation of existing and emerging adaptation metrics to facilitate their effective deployment in projects

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| 18:30-18:35 | Key note speaker | * IPCC - **Abdalah Mokssit**, General Secretary |
| 18:35-18:45 | Welcome words | * Kingdom of Morocco - **Leila Benali**, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development * CoP26 Presidency/UNFCCC Secretarial -(tbd) |
| 18:45-19:15 | Panel 1=  The science and innovation perspective | * IPAM -**Karl Schultz**, chair (panel moderator) * Adaptation Research Alliance (**Rosalind West** or **Anand Patwardhan,** chairs) * World Adaptation Science Programme -**Henry Neufeldt** (UNEP-DTU) * The GAP-Track initiative -**Alexandre Magnan** (IDDRI) * CGIAR -**Andreea Nowak** (CIAT) * OECD - **Mikaela Rambali** |
| 19:15-19:40 | Panel 2=  Donors and civil society perspective | * University of Regina -**Margot Hurlbert** (Professor, panel moderator) * African Development Bank (tbd) * Green Climate Fund (tbd) * Islamic Development Bank - **Daouda Ndiaye** * World Bank Group (tbd) * Race to Resilience - **David Howlett** (Co-lead) * International Center for Climate Change and Development- **Saleemul Huq** (Director) * Mohammed VI Foundation for Environment Protection -**Ayman Cherkaoui** |
| 19:40-19:45 | Wrap-up and closing | Karl Schultz and Margot Hurlbert |

**Tentative Programme**