Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

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Background
The Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) focuses on increasing climate resilience worldwide. Its objectives are to strengthen adaptive capacity, reduce climate vulnerability, and protect lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems. In doing so, the GGA aims to help countries - especially vulnerable ones - adapt to impacts like rising sea levels, extreme weather, and food insecurity. Progress on the GGA is tracked through National Adaptation Plans and the Global Stocktake, which assesses collective climate efforts and encourages investment, collaboration, and innovation in climate adaptation strategies.



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State of Play
At COP28, Parties agreed on targets for the GGA and its framework, identifying where the world needs to get to in order to be resilient to the impacts of a changing climate and to assess countries' efforts. The adoption of the framework provides a common understanding of what constitutes effective adaptation and how to measure it globally.

Key Questions for COP29
At COP29, discussions surrounding the GGA will likely focus on setting measurable targets, securing financing, and enhancing accountability. Delegates will discuss how to define progress metrics, as adaptation outcomes are harder to quantify than emissions reductions. A critical event is the High-level Ministerial Dialogue on the Urgent Need to Scale Up Adaptation Finance, scheduled for November 18, 2024, which will address the significant funding gaps for developing nations facing severe adaptation challenges. Additionally, negotiators will explore ways to align adaptation efforts with mitigation goals and strengthen reporting mechanisms for National Adaptation Plans.

Key Events & Meetings

Event	Date & Time	Accessibility
Strengthening collaboration between Ministries of Finance and Ministries of Environment to implement National Adaptation Plans	14th of November 2024, 10:15 - 11:15 AZT	Special Event Room - Shirvan, Area B More Information
High-level Ministerial Dialogue on the Urgent Need to scale up Adaptation Finance	19th of November 2024, 15:00 - 18:00 AZT	Meeting Room 11, Area C More Information

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