

# Mission statement

## International platform for climate change adaptation metrics

Considering the **rapidly rising global emission levels and their associated climate impacts** as outlined by the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C (2018) and the Global Sustainable Development Report (2019) commissioned by the UN Secretary General;

Acknowledging the **urgent need to adapt to the impacts of climate change, especially for developing countries**, and to mainstream adaptation and climate risk management into development planning across all sectors and at all levels to safeguard sustainable development as emphasised by the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

Recognising that difficulties in defining adaptation and measuring and assessing progress often act as a barrier for accelerated action resulting in the need to develop **adaptation-specific approaches for monitoring, evaluation and learning, including appropriate metrics and indicators**;

Paying due regard to **previous and ongoing work** including three dedicated international conferences on adaptation metrics held in Morocco since CoP22, and work conducted in other fora and by international organisations, including the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the Global Commission on Adaptation, bi- and multilateral development agencies and climate funds, think tanks and NGOs;

Aiming to **advance knowledge and understanding of monitoring, evaluation and learning of adaptation** including through adaptation metrics and indicators to help deliver a world where vulnerable communities and individuals, places, regions and states are resilient in the face of climate and non-climate risks, uncertainty and change-

### **Coming together in a joint effort through an international platform in order to:**

- Propose and discuss adaptation metrics and their operationalisation for different purposes
- Support the testing and the useful application of metrics to measure results of adaptation and learn from the results
- Build the capacities of all members with a special focus on those from the Global South to develop and apply adaptation-specific approaches for monitoring, evaluation and learning, including appropriate metrics and indicators

The platform will operate through **three pillars**:

#### **1) Joint events dedicated to adaptation metrics:**

- Independent events or in conjunction with other international events such as the Adaptation Futures conference, the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDGs, or side events at the UNFCCC conferences, amongst others.
- Online events and exchange such as via webinars and other online channels in order to facilitate dialogue in-between physical events and to share information with a wider set of interested stakeholders

#### **2) Knowledge Development in the field of Adaptation Metrics**

- Capacity building and training activities to build knowledge and skills on monitoring, evaluation and learning from adaptation actions including through the use of metrics.
- Trainings held as stand-alone events or in conjunction with other events.

**3) Coordination of efforts to make concrete progress in adaptation action through the refined understanding of adaptation metrics.**

- Peer exchange of successful applications of adaptation metrics, including in projects.
- Development of a database of existing metrics for measuring adaptation.
- Consideration and harmonization of established and emerging approaches to measure and evaluate adaptation results, taking into consideration their purposes, sectors addressed, and adaptation types.

The platform may operate as an informal network of actors with a common interest of developing adaptation metrics supported through a Steering Committee, a website and a Secretariat. It will be open to any relevant organisation and individuals interested in promoting the above actions.

*This Joint Statement does not establish an institutionalised body, nor is it intended to create any binding, legal or financial obligations on any member under domestic or international law.*