

Climate adaptation governance

1. Development of adaptation policies and practices

In this section we aim to identify how your country has developed adaptation policies and practices as well as your motivations behind them.

*1. Please select your country from the drop-down menu below

Country Name

Country

*2. Which description best fits your countries current national approach to adaptation?

- ☐ The primary focus is on the creation of new adaptation policies and plans
- ☐ The primary focus is on mainstreaming adaptation into existing policies
- ☐ A combination of mainstreaming and new policy development
- ☐ There is not yet a clear approach

Other (please specify)

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***3. What has motivated your country's decision to pursue adaptation policies and practices? Please rate each motivation on a scale from 1 (not important at all) 5 (very important)**

	Not important at all	Unimportant	Neither important nor Unimportant	Important	Very Important	Don't Know
Past extreme weather events in the country (e.g. storms, floods, droughts, fires, weather related deaths)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Scientific research on projected climate change impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation (e.g. IPCC, European projects, national research programs)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
International efforts on adaptation (e.g. UNFCCC/OECD)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
European efforts on adaptation (e.g. EU White Paper, ECCP)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Domestic political pressure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recognizing the benefits of adaptation to climate change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motivated by the progress in other countries	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increasing public awareness and attention to climate change impacts	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
NGO activity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Financial support from international grants or funding for adaptation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

***4. To what extent would you say adaptation activities were already in the past being carried out by government institutions or bodies in your country?**

- ☐ A lot
 ☐ Some
 ☐ Very little
 ☐ Nothing at all
 ☐ Don't know

In which sectors (e.g. water management)?

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5. If your country has created new institutions for adaptation such as directorates, offices, bureaus, working groups, what were the motivations? Please rate each motivation on a scale from 1 (not important at all) 5 (very important)

	Not important at all	Unimportant	Neither important nor Unimportant	Important	Very Important	Don't Know
Political pressure (e.g. from prime minister or other ministers or government officers)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Following the example of other countries	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Existing institutions were not capable to do adaptation work	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adaptation is more effective with new institutions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Creating institutions is part of our policy tradition	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

***6. Have you modeled any of your country's adaptation policies, practices and institutions on other countries?**

- ☐ Yes, we modeled a majority of it on other countries
- ☐ Yes, we modeled some of it on other countries
- ☐ Yes, but only very little
- ☐ No, we did not for the most part model ourselves after other countries
- ☐ Don't know

7. Which countries if any have influenced your adaptation practices?

	1	2	3
Top 3 countries (please select from drop-down menu) note* you can select less than 3 countries			

Other (please specify)

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8. If possible, please specify why other countries have influenced your country. Please rate each on a scale from 1 (not important at all) 5 (very important)

	Not important at all	Unimportant	Neither important nor Unimportant	Important	Very Important	Don't Know
Similar impact & vulnerability profile	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Geographical proximity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
To remain competitive with other countries	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Similar political system	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They are a traditional environmental policy leader	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They are a leader on adaptation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
They have good institutions or organizations for adaptation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Personal contacts or networks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

2. Barriers to adaptation

The question in this section aims to identify the barriers to incorporate adaptation in your country

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***9. What do you consider to be the main barriers to incorporate adaptation experiences from other countries in your country? Please rate each possible barrier on a scale of 1 (Not important at all) to 5 (very important)**

	Not at all an important barrier	Unimportant barrier	Neither important nor Unimportant	Important barrier	Very important barrier	Don't Know
Lack of access to adaptation knowledge and information from other countries	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of support and guidance from the EU	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of political awareness and urgency to adapt	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of network ties with (other) leading countries on adaptation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of institutional capacity to incorporate adaptation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of resources to invest on adaptation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communication/language barriers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Countries in close proximity are not leaders on adaptation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify)	↑ ↓					

3. Adaptation policy documents

The questions in this section ask about your country's existing or forthcoming policy documents on adaptation.

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*10. Does your country have a national strategy or national plan in place for adaptation?

- ☐ Yes there is a national strategy (please indicate the year below)
- ☐ Yes there is a national plan (please indicate the year below)
- ☐ Yes there are both a strategy and a plan (please indicate the years below)
- ☐ Not yet but we are in the process of developing a strategy and/or plan (please indicate expected year below)
- ☐ Not yet but we plan to make a strategy and/or plan (please indicate expected year below)
- ☐ No

Year of strategy or plan

11. Please indicate which sectors are covered in the strategy and/or plan (tick applicable boxes)

- ☐ Agriculture, food & fisheries
- ☐ Landscape management (incl. soil erosion, floods & fires)
- ☐ Water management (quantity & quality)
- ☐ Extreme weather (storms, heatwaves, freezes)
- ☐ Energy (production & consumption)
- ☐ Coastal zone & marine management
- ☐ Biodiversity management
- ☐ Human health & disease
- ☐ Urban environment (incl. buildings & zoning)
- ☐ Transportation & communication
- ☐ Tourism & recreation
- ☐ Manufacturing/industry
- ☐ Insurance & finance
- ☐ None

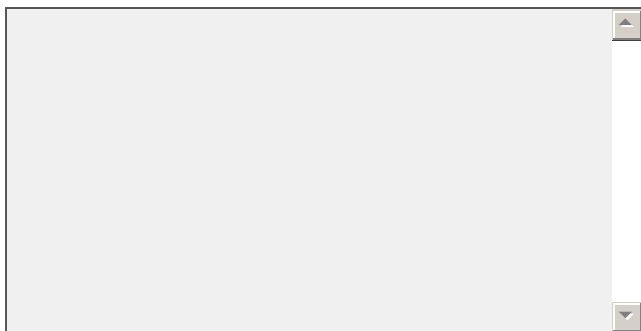
Other (please specify)

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*12. Are there any national laws in your country that perscribe action for climate change adaptation issues?

- ☐ Yes (please indicate the names and the years below then move to question 13)
- ☐ No (move to question 14)

Laws covering adaptation and year



13. Which socio-economic sectors are covered in the laws (tick all applicable boxes)

- ☐ Agriculture, food & fisheries
- ☐ Landscape management (incl. soil erosion, floods & fires)
- ☐ Water management (quantity & quality)
- ☐ Extreme weather (storms, heatwaves, freezes) Energy (production & consumption)
- ☐ Coastal zone & marine management
- ☐ Biodiversity management
- ☐ Human health & disease
- ☐ Urban environment (incl. buildings & zoning)
- ☐ Transportation & communication
- ☐ Tourism & recreation
- ☐ Manufacturing/industry
- ☐ Insurance & finance
- ☐ None

Other (please specify)

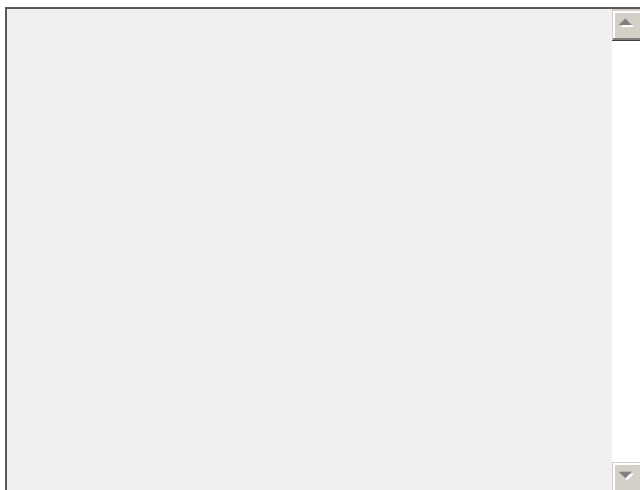


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*14. Are there any other national level policy documents that address climate change adaptation (green papers, white papers, decrees etc.)

- ☐ Yes (please indicate names and years below)
- ☐ Not yet but in preparation
- ☐ No

Other policy documents for adaptation



15. Please indicate which sectors are covered (tick all applicable boxes)

- ☐ Agriculture, food & fisheries
- ☐ Landscape management (incl. soil erosion, floods & fires)
- ☐ Water management (quantity & quality)
- ☐ Extreme weather (storms, heatwaves, freezes)
- ☐ Energy (production & consumption)
- ☐ Coastal zone & marine management
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- ☐ Tourism & recreation
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- ☐ Insurance & finance
- ☐ None

Other (please specify)



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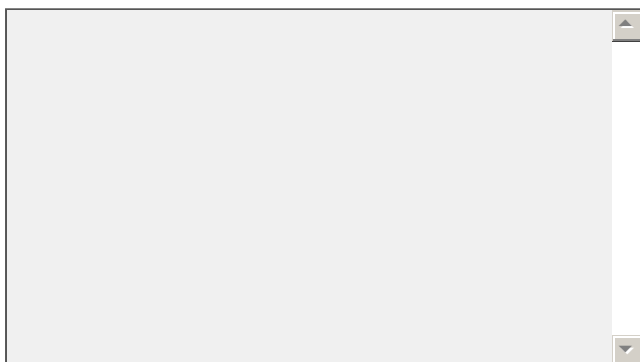
4. National government structure for adaptation

The questions in this section relate to government and non government institutions and organizations in your country that work on adaptation.

***16. Is/are there any directorates or offices within government ministries that ONLY handle climate change adaptation issues? For example: Office for Climate Change Adaptation within the Ministry of Environment.**

- ☐ Yes (please indicate below the name of the offices and the Ministries they are part of)
- ☐ Not exactly, but there are ministerial offices that handle both mitigation and adaptation (please indicate their names below)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Climate change directorates/offices within Ministries

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17. In what year were these offices created?

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***18. In your national parliament are there any offices or committees that work exclusively on adaptation?**

- ☐ Yes (please indicate the names of the offices/committees below)
- ☐ Not exactly, there are offices/committees that handle both adaptation and mitigation (please indicate the names of the offices/committees below)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Parliamentary offices or committees focusing on climate change

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***19. Is there a government agency (not located within a Ministry) exclusively for climate change adaptation? For example: "Agency for Climate Change Adaptation"**

- ☐ Yes (Please indicate name and year established in question below)
- ☐ Not exactly, but there is an agency for general climate change issues that does adaptation (please indicate name and year established in question below)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

20. Please indicate name and year established

***21. Does your country have a government Ministry only for climate change adaptation**

- ☐ Yes (please indicate the name below and year of establishment)
- ☐ No but we have a Ministry for climate change (please indicate the name below and year of establishment)
- ☐ No but we plan on creating one (please indicate year below)
- ☐ No

Name and year

***22. Are there any other official government organizations/bodies that work on adaptation?**

- ☐ Yes (please indicate names below and IF possible roughly when they began working on adaptation)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Other government organizations

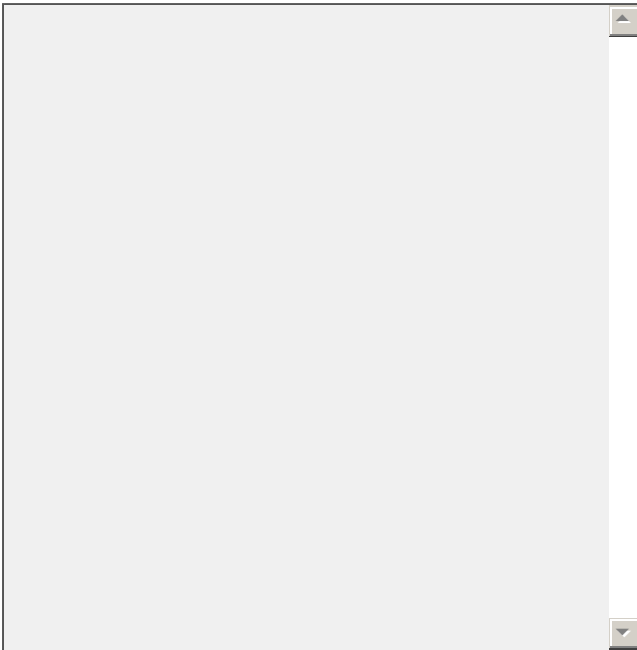
5. Non government involvement in adaptation

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***23. Within your country do you know of any organizations not part of the official government that work on adaptation. For example: environmental groups, industry groups, think tanks, lobbying groups, networks, steering groups, various associations.**

- ☐ Yes (please indicate what you can below)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Please list all organizations that you are aware of and what they are



24. Would you like to be informed about the results of this survey?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes please indicate your e-mail



25. Please feel free to add any comments to the authors of this survey

