

**UNFCCC Technical Workshop under
the Nairobi Work Programme on Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation
to Climate Change**

Advancing the integration of approaches to adaptation planning

12 to 14 October 2009
Bangkok, Thailand

Background

At its 28th session, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA and by SBSTA 31, a technical workshop to consider how to advance the integration of various approaches to adaptation planning, including scaling up of local and community-based adaptation (FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 61), under the work area of adaptation planning and practices.

At the same session, the SBSTA also invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit, by 20 March 2009 (1) views and information on approaches to and experiences in integrating and expanding adaptation planning and action at national, subnational, community and local levels, including scaling up of local and community-based adaptation; (2) views on lessons learned, good practices, gaps, needs, barriers and constraints to adaptation, including implementation of adaptation projects (FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 59). The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document by SBSTA 30, and to prepare a synthesis report by SBSTA 31, based on the submissions as well as on other relevant sources, including experiences gained during the NAPAs process (FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6, paragraph 60). The Miscellaneous document is contained in FCCC/SBSTA/2009/MISC.4 and the synthesis paper is contained in FCCC/SBSTA/2009/6. These two documents are intended to inform the deliberations at this technical workshop.

Objective and expected outcomes of the workshop

In accordance with the mandate from the SBSTA 28 conclusions, the objective of this workshop is *to assist Parties to make informed decisions on integrated practical adaptation actions and measures at various levels and for various sectors and livelihoods.*

Expected outcomes from this workshop include, inter alia:

- Information on current practices and lessons learned shared among Parties and organizations;
- Good practices, opportunities and challenges for integrating adaptation planning approaches identified;
- Ways and means to address the challenges explored;
- Recommendations for follow-up actions made.

Proceedings

The workshop will take place in the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12 to 14 October 2009. The on-site registration will take place between 8:15 and 9:15 on Monday, 12 October. The workshop will start at 9:30 on Monday, 12 October and close at 15:30, Wednesday, 14 October.

The workshop will consist of an opening session and an introductory session in the morning of day 1. The subsequent two days will be devoted to plenary presentations and breakout group discussions. The final session on Wednesday will focus on emerging key messages and recommendations for next steps. The Chair will also provide a summary of key discussion points before officially closing the workshop.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY 1

Session 1: Opening

- Welcome;
- Introduction to the workshop;
- Introduction to the NWP including ongoing activities and upcoming events.

Session 2: Setting the scene

- Advancing the integration of adaptation approaches: *a conceptual framework*;
- Approaches to and experiences in adaptation planning and action at national, subnational, community and local levels: *a synthesis of views and information from Parties and organizations*.

Lunch

Session 3: Integration of adaptation planning across different levels

- Current practices, lessons learned, opportunities and challenges – perspectives from Parties and Organizations (including scaling up of local and community-based adaptation).

Session 4: Integration of adaptation planning across different sectors

- Current practices, lessons learned, opportunities and challenges – perspectives from Parties and Organizations.

DAY 2

Session 1: Integration of adaptation planning across hazard types

- Current practices, lessons learned, opportunities and challenges – perspectives from Parties and Organizations.

Introduction to breakout groups

Session 2: Breakout group discussions

[Co-facilitators & rapporteurs for breakout groups will be confirmed upon finalization of nominations from Parties and organizations.]

- Group A - Integration of adaptation planning across different levels
- Group B - Integration of adaptation planning across different sectors
- Group C - Integration of adaptation planning across hazard types

Lunch

Session 2: (continued)

DAY 3

Session 1: Reporting back from breakout groups

- Reporting back;
- General discussions.

Session 2: Perspectives on key entry points for adaptation planning: *a panel discussion*

Lunch

Session 3: Updates from Parties and partner organizations

Session 4: Concluding discussions

- Panel discussion on key messages;
- Chair's summary;
- Official closure of workshop.

Background documents

Participants are reminded to consult the following documents as they contain relevant background information for this workshop:

- Relevant submissions by Parties and relevant organizations
 - Approaches to and experiences in integrating and expanding adaptation planning and action at national, subnational, community and local levels, and lessons learned, good practices, gaps, needs, and barriers and constraints to adaptation. Submissions from Parties and relevant organizations.
FCCC/SBSTA//2009/MISC.4
- Synthesis report
 - Synthesis report on the approaches to and experiences in integrating and expanding adaptation planning and action at national, subnational, community and local levels, and lessons learned, good practices, gaps, needs, and barriers and constraints to adaptation. Note by the secretariat. (forthcoming)
- Workshop reports
 - **Preliminary report** of the Technical Workshop on Integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies into national policies and programmes, 10–12 March 2009, Havana, Cuba.
 - Report on the workshop on adaptation planning and practices, 10–12 September 2007, Rome, Italy.
FCCC/SBSTA/2007/15
- Calls for action
 - **NWP call for action 05**
 - **NWP call for action 06**
 - **NWP call for action 08**

Additional relevant information

- Local coping strategies database (<http://maindb.unfccc.int/public/adaptation/>)
- Adaptation practices interface (<http://unfccc.int/4555.php>)
