

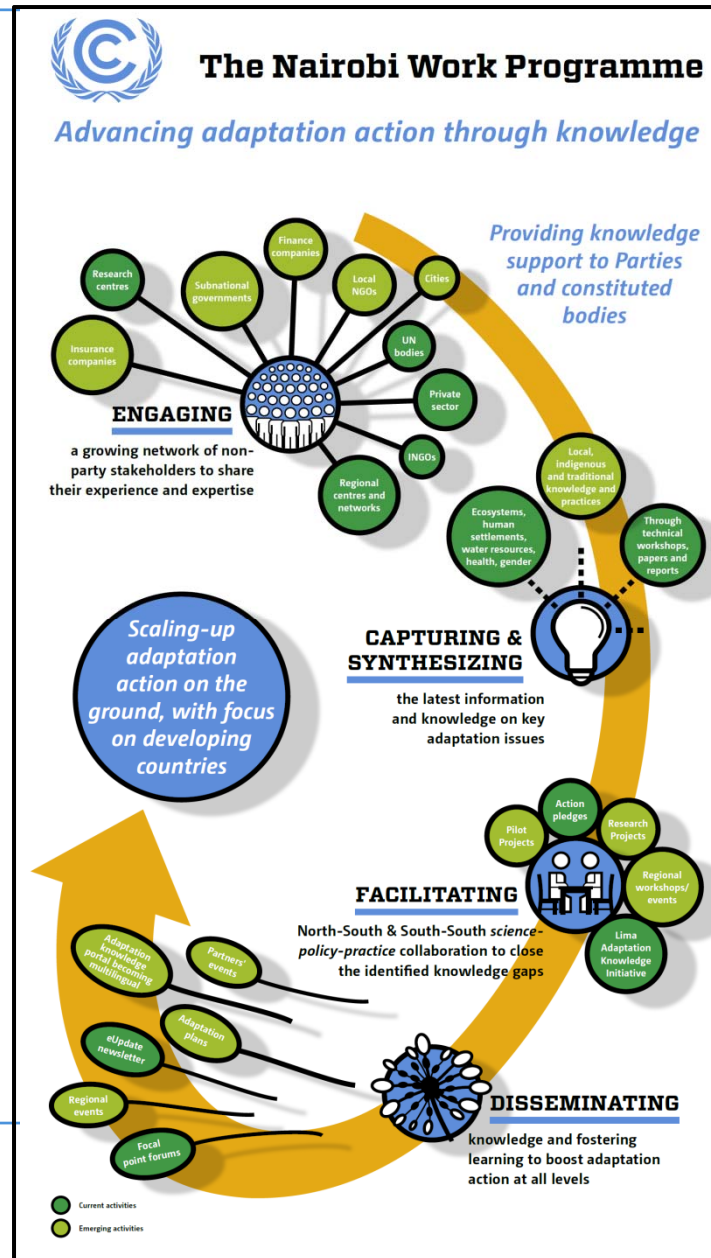
**An overview of the technical support activities on adaptation
undertaken by regional centres and networks
and international organizations in 2015: response under the NWP**

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I: Introduction and background



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- Activities undertaken by regional centres and networks on adaptation planning processes and processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning in response to invitation and engagement under the NWP
 - 68 submissions
 - 13 RCNs and 8 IOs
- An information note (**FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.1**): synthesis of key messages based on information communicated through submissions

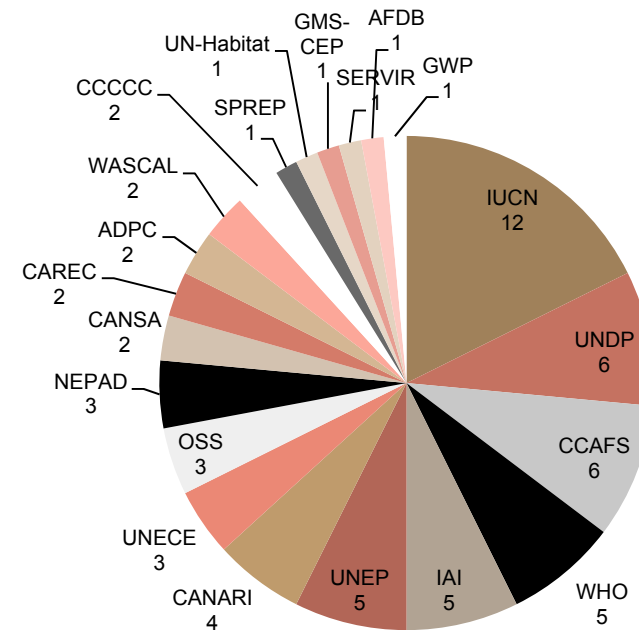


Fig. An overview of submissions by contributing organizations



II: What are the reported technical support modalities?

Type of activity	1) Awareness-raising/ information sharing event	2) Technical training session	3) Technical support for the implementation of adaptation activities	4) Exchange / round-table meeting
Content	General information on adaptation and principles for adaptation planning and action	Capacity-building in relation to specific sectors and/or methods and tools	Capacity-building in relation to adaptation planning and implementation processes and/or tools and methods for the immediate implementation of activities	Open dialogue on concrete issues related to the planning and implementation of adaptation actions in a given sector and/or on a given geographical scale
Target beneficiaries	Wide audience of adaptation stakeholders	Policymakers, experts and practitioners	All stakeholders involved in the adaptation activities, either collectively or as target groups	Policymakers experts and/or practitioners
Main objective(s)	Raising awareness of climate change impacts, and adaptation challenges and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building the capacity - Opening dialogue and fostering collaboration among the participating stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitating or supporting the implementation of adaptation activities - Engaging stakeholders and increasing their ownership of the activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitating collective learning and problem resolution - Building collaboration and communities of practice

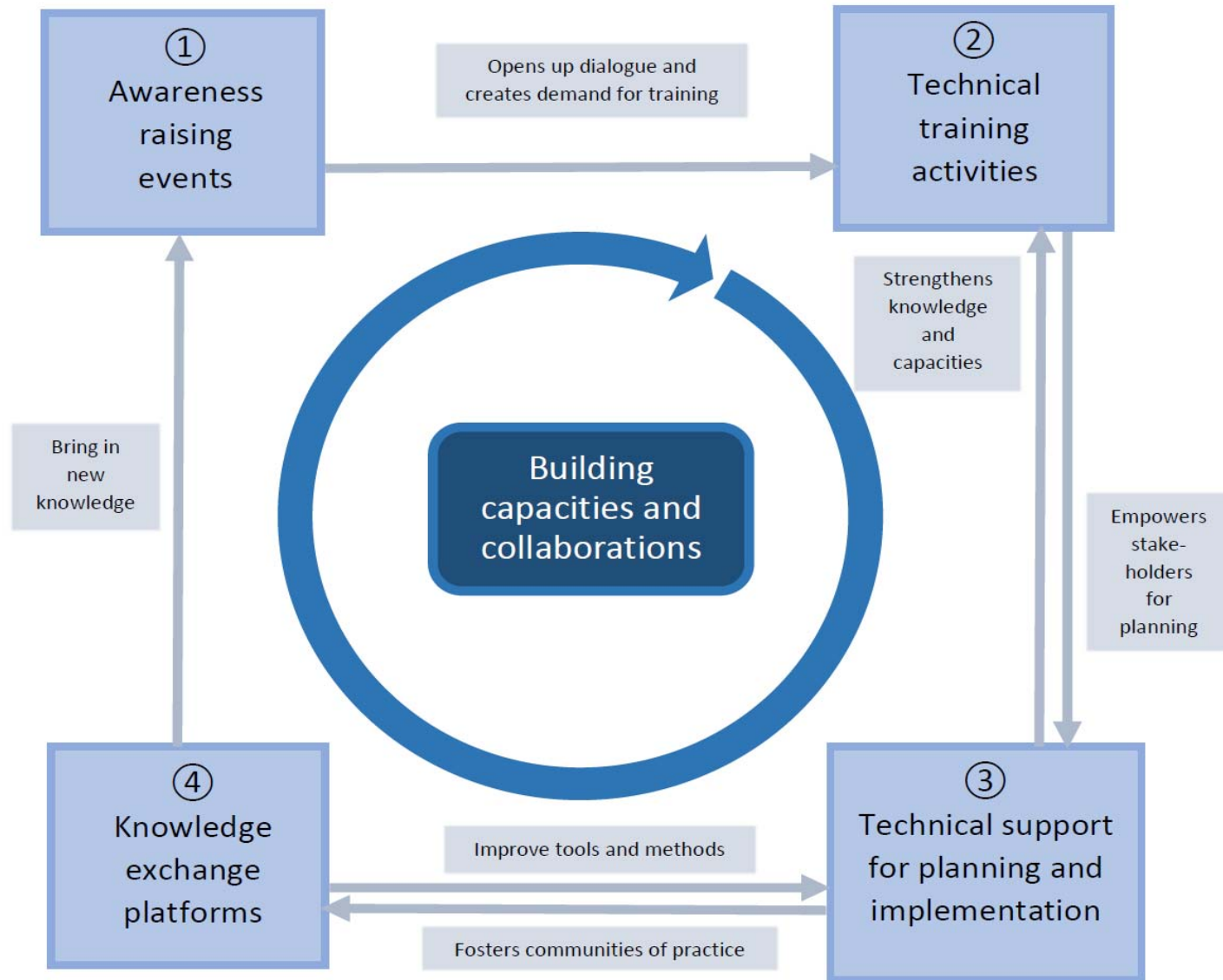


III: What are the technical support gaps and challenges?

- **Setting priorities:** The reported activities seem to target very numerous categories of stakeholders, on a wide range of themes/issues and at various scales. This leads to the challenge of ensuring that technical support activities **respond to the most pressing needs** of the populations.
- **Developing a long-term approach:** Dependence on external sources of funding may hinder a long-term, coherent and multi-level approach to technical support.
- **Systematic approach to a provision of a technical support:** Stand-alone awareness raising capacity building events and/or selection of one specific modality may have limited implications as opposed to a more systematic approach to a provision of a technical support.



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- A more systematic approach based on the sequencing of knowledge-sharing and training activities could reinforce learning processes and help foster collaboration, strengthening complementarities between various activities;
- Develop/promote/refine systematic approach knowledge-sharing and training in undertaking knowledge-sharing and training activities that are demand-driven, in coordination with other actors in the field;
- Engage with RCNs and international organizations to investigate whether there are mechanisms or processes in place that enable coordination between different adaptation knowledge providers and trainers at the regional or national level.
- Share the outcomes of these activities at key meetings and events.

