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## **Fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, Copenhagen December 2009**

### **The NWP conclusions in Copenhagen**

At its thirty-first session, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) considered progress on the implementation of the Nairobi work programme (NWP).

The SBSTA welcomed the direct engagement of a wide range of organizations, and the valuable contributions they provided toward the objectives of the NWP. The SBSTA encouraged organizations to further enhance their efforts, including through Action Pledges and by providing information to the SBSTA on the implementation of these pledges. By doing so, NWP partners can assist Parties to improve their understanding and assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability, and to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures.

In its conclusions, which are included in the [report](#) of the session, the SBSTA requested the Secretariat to continue its outreach activities, including the dissemination of user-friendly knowledge products. It also reaffirmed the need to enhance the catalytic role of the NWP, and requested the Secretariat to continue its efforts in engaging a wide range of organizations. These organizations include those that work on implementing education, training and awareness-raising activities, including at the community, national and regional levels.

### **Other relevant negotiations in Copenhagen**

The Conference of the Parties (COP) also hosted the eighth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), under which Parties made further progress on establishing a comprehensive adaptation framework. The conference also took note of the Copenhagen Accord, which called for enhanced action and international cooperation on adaptation, and for developed countries to provide adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources, technology and capacity-building to support the implementation of adaptation action in developing countries.

Parties decided to extend the mandate of the AWG-LCA, and requested it to present the outcome of its work to the COP at its 16<sup>th</sup> session in Mexico. The latest adaptation text is contained in document [FCCC/CP/2010/2](#), and more information on how negotiations will proceed this year can be found on the [UNFCCC website](#).

### **Further information**

- The SBSTA 31 report, containing the conclusions on the Nairobi work programme: [FCCC/SBSTA/2009/8](#)
- The AWG-LCA web pages: <http://unfccc.int/4381.php>
- The Work undertaken by the COP at COP15: [FCCC/CP/2010/2](#)

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**Technical Workshop on  
Collaboration among Regional Centres and Networks;  
Apia, Samoa, 2–5 March 2010**

The four day workshop on collaboration among regional centres and networks, hosted by the Government of Samoa, was attended by over 60 participants from both developing and developed country Parties, relevant organizations, regional centres and networks, communities, and experts. It was held under three work areas of the NWP, namely: 'Methods and tools', 'Data and observations', and 'Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling'.

The workshop took stock of current collaborative efforts at the regional level to support adaptation. It provided a platform for dialogue between users and developers of methods and tools, data and observations, and climate scenarios. Participants discussed practical ways to improve support for adaptation through enhanced collaboration among regional centres and networks.

Participants also shared examples of activities on the ground in terms of collaboration among centres and networks. The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), for instance, reported on the dialogue that was initiated between 2001 and 2004 with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Pacific Islands Climate Change Assistance Programme (PICCAP) for collaboration on issues related to climate change. This collaboration has, amongst other outcomes, led to the successful launch of a Master's Programme in Climate Change (which is now in its 6th year).

The workshop also identified good practices, gaps and key challenges, as well as priority areas for further collaboration, including:

- Knowledge management and dissemination;
- Technical backstopping;
- Collaboration across sectors and regions.

The preliminary report of the workshop will be available shortly on the [NWP website](#). The full workshop report will be made available to the SBSTA at its thirty-third session, in accordance with the mandate from SBSTA 28.

#### **Further information**

- Workshop webpage: <http://unfccc.int/5258.php>
- NWP programme activities and work areas: <http://unfccc.int/5137.php>

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## Introducing a new Call for Action:

### Call for Action 9

Call for Action 9 was endorsed by the SBSTA at its thirty-first session in Copenhagen in December 2009.

This new Call for Action summarizes priority actions identified at the workshop on increasing economic resilience to climate change and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors, held in Cairo, Egypt, from 28 to 30 April 2009. The workshop was mandated under the Economic Diversification work area of the NWP.

The work in the area of economic diversification promotes understanding and the development and dissemination of measures, methodologies and tools aimed at increasing economic resilience and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors.

#### Further information

- Calls for action: <http://unfccc.int/4430.php>
- Workshop web page: <http://unfccc.int/4781.php>
- The Nairobi work programme text: [Decision 2/CP.11](#)

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## NWP milestones, March–June 2010

### 20–22 April, Madrid, Spain

A technical workshop on costs and benefits of adaptation options will be held. Please see the workshop web page (<http://unfccc.int/5283.php>) for details.

### 31 May–11 June, Bonn, Germany

The thirty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 32) will take place. A Focal Point Forum will be held under the NWP during SBSTA 32. In addition, a Research Dialogue will be held which will inform the SBSTA of the activities of bodies and programmes involved in relevant research efforts.

#### Recent and upcoming outputs under the NWP

A user-friendly version of the UNFCCC Compendium on methods and tools to evaluate impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change;

- A synthesis report on the costs and benefits of adaptation options;
- A synthesis report on efforts undertaken to monitor and evaluate the implementation of adaptation projects, policies and programmes;
- A report on the workshop held in Bangkok, 12–14 October 2009, on the integration of approaches to adaptation planning;
- An NWP progress report.

## Partnership statistics

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### New partners in 2010

The NWP team would like to welcome the following partners that have joined the programme since the beginning of the year: the Arabian Gulf University (AGU), Global Water Partnership (GWP), Population Action International (PAI), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), and Tearfund.

### Current status of the programme as of March 2010:

- Number of partners in total: 173
  - Number of private sector partners: 30
  - Number of Calls for Action: 9
  - Number of Action Pledges: 92
  - Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 40
  - Number of experts that our partners have nominated: 37
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### Requesting your input and further engagement

The NWP team is pleased to report that the new NWP database of partners, action pledges and experts which was launched last year is continually being updated with new entries, so be sure to visit it regularly: <http://unfccc.int/5005.php>

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge on adaptation to Parties and partners, so please help us to help you by:

#### Providing brief information on your adaptation activities

We are always happy to receive updates from our partners, and to upload relevant information into the NWP database.

#### Categorizing your organization, if you have not yet done so.

Complete and return the characterization form.

#### Nominating adaptation experts

Complete and return the expert form.

#### Making action pledges

Complete and return the Action Pledge submission template.

Information on existing action pledges is available at <http://unfccc.int/3996.php>

#### Updating us on your progress in implementing Action Pledges

Information on existing updates is available at <http://unfccc.int/3996.php>

Please send all forms and information to: [nwp@unfccc.int](mailto:nwp@unfccc.int)

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