

Engaging in the Nairobi Work Programme

An NGO perspective



Who we are and what we do

- Development NGO, focusing on use of technology to reduce poverty in a sustainable manner
- Working at community level with very poor people
- Scaling up by involving district-level stakeholders – government, civil society and private sector – and then advocacy at national/international level for policy change to support tested approaches
- Experience in working with communities facing climate variability in Africa, Asia and Latin America for 20+ years
- Committed to disseminating experiences from our work through printed material, videos, and the worldwide web



Our commitment to the NWP

Action Pledge:

To strengthen livelihood security among poor communities that are vulnerable to natural disasters and increased climate variability

We pledge to:

- document and publish experiences from work on community-based adaptation in South Asia
- develop an analytical framework to guide planning and analysis of adaptation.
- continue implementing adaptation programmes in order to establish best practice
- produce and disseminate audio-visual material to help enhance the knowledge and skills necessary to adapt to climate change.



Lessons learned through taking part in NWP

- NWP has amassed a wealth of knowledge and experience, but it is hard to digest in the form in which it is documented
- Developing country governments are not sharing (perhaps not aware of?) the wealth of knowledge and experience of coping with climate variability that exists at community level.
- Taking part in the NWP demands commitment of time and resources
- Opportunity at meetings to hear the views of Parties and research organisations – who are our potential partners in implementation, and so gain a wider perspective on the challenges that adaptation poses



Remaining gaps and needs

- Strengthening links between CC adaptation and Disaster Risk Management at national level and overcoming capacity and information barriers to integrating climate risks and adaptation into national development and sectoral planning
- More information on community based adaptation compiled to meet the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable communities affected by CC
- Developing and piloting models for scaling up community-level adaptation into national programmes, including financing



Engaging organisations further to assist Parties

- Need to engage more development NGOs with relevant experience for working at community level among the people most affected by climate change
- A challenge to engage NGOs: resources are needed to take part and make submissions – and this is not the 'core business' for development NGOs
- Workshops need to be planned further ahead to enable wider participation
- Available materials from submissions needs to be compiled and presented in a more user-friendly way, and information gateways need to be developed, providing incentives for NGOs
- NWP could offer opportunities for dialogue with Parties and other organisations on implementing Community Based adaptation

