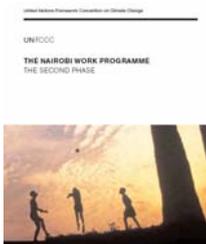




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# Nairobi Work Programme eUpdate

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## Bonn Climate Change Talks, June 2009

### The NWP conclusions

At the meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), during its thirtieth session at the Bonn Climate Change Talks, June 2009, Parties welcomed progress on the Nairobi work programme and the input provided by partners.

In the draft conclusions proposed by the Chair, the SBSTA asked the secretariat to continue its outreach with partners and further this outreach to engage more stakeholders at community, national and regional levels including with those undertaking activities related to education, training and awareness-raising. Parties welcomed the production and dissemination of the [NWP publications](#), and requested the secretariat to further develop user-friendly information products.

### The NWP side event

During the Bonn Climate Change Talks, a side event was held to discuss the needs, challenges and opportunities for the second phase of the implementation of the Nairobi work programme. The Chair of the SBSTA, Ms. Helen Plume, chaired the event. Presentations were made by

 [Helen Plume](#) (357 kB), SBSTA Chair, on the key aspects of the NWP and main messages from the two NWP workshops held earlier this year;

 [Xianfu Lu](#) (191 kB), UNFCCC secretariat, on the progress made in implementing the NWP between SBSTA 29 and 30;

 [Rajib Shaw](#) (368 kB), Kyoto University, Graduate School of Global Environment Studies, on a range of activities the university has pledged to undertake as a regional centre;

 [Merylyn Hedger](#) (361 kB), Institute of Development Studies, on the needs and opportunities to develop a web-based adaptation portal under the NWP.

Participants also discussed the role of the NWP as a knowledge hub on adaptation and how this could be furthered through the support of its partners. Various aspects of knowledge sharing under the NWP were discussed, including

- The unique ability of the NWP to catalyze the wide range of activities from organizations to support the Parties under the FCCC process;
- The challenge of ensuring that knowledge and information is made available to all stakeholders, particularly those most vulnerable and at community level, in a user-friendly format and timely manner;
- The importance of promoting and engaging regional centres in the effective provision and dissemination of knowledge and information

### The Future negotiations

The Bonn Climate Change Talks also hosted the sixth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention ([AWG-LCA](#)). Parties discussed and elaborated on the [negotiating text](#) for a future agreement as guided by the  [Bali Action Plan](#) (Decision 1/CP.13). As a result of the discussions, a [revised negotiation text](#) has been issued and negotiations will continue on this during an [informal meeting of the AWG-LCA](#), 10–14 August 2009, Bonn, with a view to adopting an agreed outcome in Copenhagen at COP 15.

### Further information

- Nairobi work programme and its 9 work areas - <http://unfccc.int/nwp>
- SBSTA 30 conclusions on the Nairobi work programme [FCCE/SBSTA/2009/L.2](http://unfccc.int/4381.php)
- Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention - <http://unfccc.int/4381.php>

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## Technical Workshop on increasing economic resilience to climate change, Cairo, Egypt, 28–30 April 2009

Convened under the work area on economic diversification, the three day workshop on [increasing economic resilience to climate change and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors, including through economic diversification](#) was attended by over 50 experts from both developed and developing countries, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector, which are active in the areas of economic development, risk management, adaptation and development planning, at both the community and the national levels. The event was hosted by the Government of Egypt.

The workshop took stock of existing approaches, measures and tools for enhancing economic resilience to climate change, including: public policies, social safety nets, risk management and financial schemes, as well as information and knowledge sharing and learning. It highlighted the agriculture and food security sector, in particular the role of the insurance, and featured the experiences in the Caribbean.

The workshop identified good practices, gaps and key challenges. Participants discussed opportunities and actions that would enhance economic resilience and reduce reliance on vulnerable economic sectors, including through enabling environments. Identified priority action areas include:

- Enhancing the integration of economic and social concerns into national development plans;
- Creating opportunities and conditions to increase resilience in sectors vulnerable to climate change;
- Improving access to resources for the most vulnerable groups, including women;
- Strengthening the institutional and technical capacity for risk management;
- Promoting existing modalities for international and regional cooperation;
- Promoting documentation and dissemination of best practices, measures, tools and lessons learned.

A draft Call for Action from this workshop will be presented at the next meeting of the SBSTA, December 2009, in Copenhagen.

### Further information

- Workshop webpage - <http://unfccc.int/4781.php> including a [preliminary report](#)
- Economic diversification work area - <http://unfccc.int/3994.php>
- Submissions from Parties and relevant organizations on measures, methodologies and tools for increasing economic resilience to climate change and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors - [FCCE/SBSTA/2009/MISC.6](http://unfccc.int/4381.php)

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## Call for Action 8

A Call for Action was developed following the workshop on [integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies into national policies and programmes](#), Cuba, 10–12 March 2009. This workshop was mandated under the [adaptation planning and practices](#) work area of the NWP and closely related to the work area on [climate-related risks and extreme events](#).

[Call for Action 8](#) was endorsed by the SBSTA at the recent June session. It identifies priority actions from three of the action-orientated sub-themes in the original decision text for the Nairobi work programme ([Decision 2/CP.11](#)):

- Promoting understanding of impacts of, and vulnerability to, climate change, current and future climate variability and extreme events, and the implications for sustainable development
- Promoting the development and dissemination of methods and tools for assessment and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions, and integration with sustainable development
- Collecting, analysing and disseminating information on past and current practical adaptation actions and measures, including adaptation projects, short- and long-term adaptation strategies, and local and indigenous knowledge

### Further information

- Calls for action available at <http://unfccc.int/4430.php>

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## Timetable 2009 – Upcoming submissions and workshops

### By 18 September

#### Parties and relevant organizations to provide submissions on:

Efforts undertaken, including methods used, to assess the costs and benefits of adaptation options, as well as their views on lessons learned, good practices, gaps and needs (work area [socio-economic information](#), see paragraph 51, [FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6](#)).

Efforts undertaken to monitor and evaluate the implementation of adaptation projects, policies and programmes and the costs and effectiveness of completed projects, policies and programmes as well as views on lessons learned, good practices, gaps and needs (work area [adaptation planning and practices](#), see paragraph 63, [FCCC/SBSTA/2008/6](#)).

### 12–14 October, Bangkok, Thailand

Workshop on advancing the integration of various approaches to adaptation planning – <http://unfccc.int/4915.php>

### 7–18 December

#### Copenhagen Climate Change Conference

NWP focal point forum to be held at this session

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## **Requesting your inputs**

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Help us to help you by:

### **Categorizing your organization**

Complete and return the form:

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### **Identifying adaptation experts**

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### **Providing brief information on your adaptation activities**

Information on existing activity summaries from partner organizations is available at

<http://unfccc.int/3964.php>

### **Making action pledges**

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

### **Update us on your action pledges**

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