

Adaptation Knowledge Initiative: an Action Pledge by UNEP to the Nairobi Work Programme

Speaking slot SBSTA Monday 1 December between 12 and 1PM (during consideration of NWP agenda).

Speaking points:

- ✓ Gracias Sr. Presidente. Le agradecemos la oportunidad de tomar la palabra y compartir nuestro compromiso con este grupo tan distinguido.

- ✓ As the Nairobi work programme evolves into a knowledge hub serving the evolving adaptation regime, UNEP sees itself and offers its support as a natural partner in extending the reach of the NWP through the regional and sub-regional adaptation knowledge infrastructure. This global scale adaptation knowledge sharing infrastructure is united by the Global Adaptation Network, which is in turn grounded by its regional adaptation knowledge networks, including
 - REGATTA: the Regional Gateway for Climate Technology Transfer and Action in Latin America and the Caribbean);
 - APAN: the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network; and
 - AAKNET: the Africa Adaptation Knowledge Network

This adaptation knowledge infrastructure is now further strengthened by the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), decided by the COP to be led by UNEP with support of UNIDO and a global Consortium and Network climate technology partners.

- ✓ UNEP has therefore, committed, through an action pledge, to align its adaptation knowledge infrastructure with the NWP, and implement the collaborative Adaptation Knowledge Initiative, to help fulfill the objectives of the NWP in identifying, prioritizing and responding to adaptation knowledge gaps.

- ✓ UNEP is honoured that the COP Presidency has welcomed and endorsed a pilot implementation of the initiative for the Andean sub-region as a component of a set of actions to further address adaptation to climate change under the Convention.
- ✓ The Initiative prioritizes adaptation knowledge gaps, aligns knowledge “supply” with “demand” through an iterative process and catalyzes responses to subregion- and theme-specific adaptation knowledge needs.
- ✓ A key part of the methodology is the organization of a priority-setting workshop in each sub-region, to which stakeholders from different ministries, civil society and international organizations from throughout are invited to participate. The workshop participants then identify knowledge gaps, and prioritize the gaps through the application of a prioritization methodology. From there, the initiative aligns knowledge suppliers with those in need of adaptation knowledge.
- ✓ A pilot of this Initiative has been initiated in the Andes Region, together with representatives of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.
- ✓ Mr. Chair, UNEP stands ready to continue its support for the NWP, and to replicate the successful initiation of the first pilot into other sub-regions and other thematic areas, in order to ensure that priority knowledge gaps in adaptation are addressed quickly and effectively.