



*The Support to National Communications unit of the UNFCCC secretariat is resuming publication of the non-Annex I (NAI) Newsletter and the Update. They will be sent out twice a year, Newsletters prior to the Subsidiary Bodies (SB) and the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Update subsequent to the SB and COP sessions. The **Newsletter** will contain information in relation to preparation of NAI national communications, including upcoming events and workshops that may be of interest to experts involved in preparation of national communications. The **Update** will aim to keep you informed about the outcomes of the SBs and COPs. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any other information or issues to be included in the publications, or if you have suggestions to improve them. Hope you find information contained in them useful.*

## **SECRETARIAT NEWS**

### **Conclusions of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action Session 1**

The Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA), a new negotiating process under the Convention was established at COP13 in Bali, Indonesia, to facilitate agreement on a robust post 2012 climate change regime. The first session of the AWG-LCA took place in Bangkok, Thailand, from 31 March to 4 April 2008. Delegates from 161 countries agreed that the AWG-LCA's work at each session should consider each of the elements of the Bali Action Plan (BAP), taking into account the interlinkages between them and allow sufficient time for negotiations in order to enable the COP to reach an agreed outcome and adopt a decision at its fifteenth session. The five elements of the BAP are: 1) Shared vision for long-term cooperative action 2) Enhanced national/international action on mitigation 3) Enhanced action on adaptation 4) Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation and 5) Enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation. It was also agreed that workshops and other activities should be organised to deepen understanding and clarify elements contained in the BAP. To this end

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three workshops are scheduled during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the AWG-LCA to take place from 2 to 12 June 2008 in Bonn, Germany. Please see the section under upcoming events for more information on these workshops.

### **Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change**

The Nairobi work programme (NWP) launched in 2005 to assist all Parties improve their understanding of the impacts of climate change and to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures has made considerable progress during 2007 and 2008, including engaging over 100 organizations to help implement the programme and conducting workshops under the work areas on methods and tools, data and observations, climate related risks and extreme events, socio-economic information, and adaptation planning and practices. The outcomes of the workshops will feed into Call for Actions that identify gaps and needs reported at the workshops. The secretariat has also been instrumental in catalyzing actions to benefit the planning process of adaptation measures, including obtaining action pledges from fourteen organizations. These pledges provide an interactive way for NWP partners to identify and commit publicly to undertaking activities towards the objectives and expected outcomes of the programme. For more information see: <http://unfccc.int/3633.php>

### **Expert meeting on methods and tools and on data and observations under the NWP**

An expert meeting on methods and tools, and on data and observations organized under the NWP was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 4 to 7 March 2008. Discussions on methods and tools focused on the application, development and dissemination of methods and tools and the sharing of experiences. Discussions on data and observations focused on promoting improvements in observations, the collection, management and use of observational data, and the exchange of and access to observational data and information. The report of the meeting which contains an overview of good practices, gaps and needs in methods and tools and in data and observations, as well as recommendations and issues for follow-up and further consideration can be found at:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbsta/eng/03.pdf>

### **Adaptation needs and concerns from NAI Parties**

The Adaptation sub-programme of the UNFCCC secretariat organized three regional workshops in Africa, Asia and Latin America and one expert meeting in small island developing States in 2006 and 2007 as mandated by decision 1/CP.10. These events helped facilitate information exchange and integrated assessments to assist Parties in identifying specific adaptation needs and concerns. A synthesis report that highlights the outcomes of these events includes a summary of adaptation needs and concerns from developing countries in these regions, particularly those that were of common interest across all regions. It is available at:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2007/sbi/eng/14.pdf>

### **Thirteenth meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group**

The thirteenth meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Expert Group (LEG) was held in Sana'a, Yemen, from 14 to 16 April 2008. As it was the first meeting of the group in its fourth term, the proceedings focused on developing a comprehensive work programme for the period 2008-2010, as mandated by decision 8/CP.13. The meeting also reviewed the preparation of National Adaptation Programme of Actions (NAPAs), considered their implementation, elected LEG officers and organised interaction between the LEG and the Yemen NAPA team. Besides continued support for the preparation and implementation of NAPAs, selected specific activities proposed in the work programme of the group are:

- To conduct a survey with LDC Parties at the Subsidiary Body session in June 2008 and through national focal points to collect information on the status of preparation of NAPAs, and on any obstacles that Parties may be facing during the preparation phase.

- To synthesize and analyse completed NAPAs to extract and disseminate lessons learned.
- To enhance efforts to support LDCs with special needs, including those arising from language constraints or emergence from recent conflicts, by mobilizing people and organisations in position to assist.
- To prepare and disseminate a step-by-step guide on NAPA implementation to be used as resource by NAPA teams in designing successful implementation strategies.
- To further support NAPA implementation through a technical paper that elaborates and updates guidance on implementation strategies for NAPAs, building on lessons learned from LDC Parties that are implementing their NAPAs.
- To organize training workshops on design of NAPA implementation strategies based on the step-by-step guide that will be prepared.
- To conduct other capacity-building and outreach activities as requested by Parties.
- To expand the LDC web page (<http://unfccc.int/ldc>) including among others developing a frequently asked questions section.
- To synthesize completed NAPAs to show evidence of alignment to, and integration of NAPA activities into, national development priorities and plans in the NAPA process.

For full report of the meeting go to: <http://unfccc.int/ldc>

### **GHG Data Interface**

The UNFCCC secretariat launched a new version of the GHG Data Interface in November 2007 (see

[http://unfccc.int/ghg\\_data/items/3800.php](http://unfccc.int/ghg_data/items/3800.php)). The GHG data interface is a simple, but powerful user-friendly online tool that provides access to the latest emissions/removals data submitted to the secretariat by Parties. It provides many functional features like dynamic user-defined queries, automatically generated graphs and opportunities for sorting, selecting and exporting required data. At present, the data interface contains GHG data for about 161 Parties (41 Annex I Parties and about 120 non-Annex I Parties). The secretariat also provides a comprehensive online help in order to increase usability.

#### **The main elements of the data interface are:**

- Time series – Annex I Parties
- GHG profiles
- Detailed data by Parties
- Comparisons by gas
- Comparisons by category
- Flexible queries

This month, an updated version of the data interface will be released by the secretariat. In addition to the emissions/removals data, the updated version also provides access to activity data and implied emission factors, as well as to population and GDP data. It also contains base year data under the Kyoto Protocol for Annex B Parties. The information provided on the database is updated once a year, usually between September and November. For further

inquiries relating to the interface or availability of data, please contact [GHGdata@unfccc.int](mailto:GHGdata@unfccc.int)

### **National Communications from NAI Parties - Implementation Status**

As at May 2008, the UNFCCC secretariat has received 134 INC, 4 SNC and 1 TNC from non-Annex I Parties.

<b>Region (Number of Parties)</b>	<b>Submitted Nat Comms</b>	<b>Proposals in preparation</b>	<b>Preparing Nat Comms</b>
Africa (52)	INC 48	INC 1	INC 2
	SNC 0	SNC 3	SNC 44
	TNC 0	TNC 0	TNC 0
Asia (53)	INC 45	INC 3	INC 2
	SNC 1	SNC 5	SNC 36
	TNC 0	TNC 0	TNC 0
Eastern Europe (9)	INC 6	INC 2	INC 1
	SNC 0	SNC 0	SNC 6
	TNC 0	TNC 0	TNC 0
Western Europe & Other (3)	INC 2	INC 0	INC 0
	SNC 0	SNC 0	SNC 1
	TNC 0	TNC 0	TNC 0
Latin America & the Caribbean (33)	INC 33	INC 0	INC 0
	SNC 3	SNC 3	SNC 28
	TNC 1	TNC 0	TNC 1

Source: FCCC/SBI/2008/INF3/Rev.1  
(<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/inf03r01.pdf>) & National Communication Support Programme  
[http://ncsp.undp.org/prj\\_list.cfm?type\\_id=99](http://ncsp.undp.org/prj_list.cfm?type_id=99)

Nat Comms – National Communication  
INC – Initial National communication  
SNC – Second National communication  
TNC – Third National Communication

### **Southeast Asia Sustainable National GHG Inventory Management Systems- Regional Capacity Building Workshop**

Following a request for assistance on national GHG inventories received from eight non-Annex I Parties from Southeast Asia, a workshop, co-organized by the UNFCCC secretariat and the National Environment Agency of Singapore, was held in Singapore from 21 to 23 April 2008. It was attended by twenty-nine experts from 10 countries. The objective of the workshop was to launch the implementation of the first set of activities planned for 2008 on sustainable GHG inventory management systems in Southeast Asia, i.e. an updated IPCC key category analysis and source-by-source documentation, as well as the distribution of the agriculture and land use (ALU) workbook on the identification of data needs. The workshop aimed, at among others, identifying areas where the Southeast Asian countries could improve their national GHG inventories, and training inventory experts in the region. The next workshop of this capacity building exercise will take place in Japan in July 2008 in the margins of the 6th WGIA (<http://www-gio.nies.go.jp/wwd/wgia/wgiaindex-e.html>)

where countries will present their work on

source-by-source emissions of methane from rice cultivation and enteric fermentation, carbon dioxide from energy industries (stationary combustion) and other (e.g. nitrous oxide from agriculture soils, direct and indirect).

### **CGE Training CD-ROM**

The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) produced a CD-ROM in 2005 (available online at:

[http://unfccc.int/resource/cd\\_roms/na1/start.htm](http://unfccc.int/resource/cd_roms/na1/start.htm)) containing training materials on greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessments and mitigation assessments in order to introduce national experts to various tools and methodologies to be used in preparation of national communications. Each set of training materials includes slide presentations and accompanying notes, a handbook that explains the presentations in detail, and the manuals of the various tools and resource materials. Since its introduction in 2005, the GHG software has been updated and the latest version (1.3.2) along with an updated manual are available at: [http://unfccc.int/resource/cd\\_roms/na1/ghg\\_inventories/index.htm](http://unfccc.int/resource/cd_roms/na1/ghg_inventories/index.htm)

### **The Special Climate Change Fund**

The Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) under the UNFCCC was established in 2001 to finance projects relating to adaptation, technology transfer and its associated capacity building activities. Its objective is to fund implementation of long-term adaptation measures that increase the resilience of national development sectors to the impacts of climate change in non-Annex I Parties. The fund requires projects to focus on long-term planned response strategies, policies, and measures, rather than short-term (reactive) activities. It offers an opportunity to link climate change adaptation with socio-economic sectors and activities in following areas are eligible for funding:

- Water resource management
- Agriculture & Land management
- Waste management
- Health
- Infrastructure development
- Fragile ecosystems
- Integrated coastal zone management

Eligible activities under sectors above could include improved monitoring of diseases, early warning systems and responses, disaster planning, and preparedness for droughts and floods in areas prone to extreme climate events. The fund also supports capacity building including institutional capacity for preventive measures, planning, preparedness and management of disasters relating to climate change. Capacity building in areas of economic diversification and energy efficiency are also eligible for funding. Where appropriate the fund

also finances activities to promote transfer of technologies related to mitigation and adaptation.

Eligible projects need to focus on 'additional costs' imposed by climate change on the development baseline. Therefore, activities that are considered as part of the development baseline are not eligible for funding. Funding will be provided only to address impacts of climate change on vulnerable socio-economic sector that are above and beyond the baseline. Please see the link below for more information: [http://www.undp.org/gef/adaptation/funds/04c\\_ii.htm](http://www.undp.org/gef/adaptation/funds/04c_ii.htm)

## TRAINING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### **GHG Experts Network**

The GHG Experts Network is an online forum for experts in greenhouse gas inventories, and emissions monitoring and verification. It aims to professionalize and improve the capacity of experts working in these areas and build a larger and more capable community of practitioners by connecting them. It is open to anyone with an interest in greenhouse gas emissions. The Network is especially interested in the participation of NAI technical experts who are engaged in preparation of national communications. For more information see <http://www.ghgnetwork.com>.

### **Greenhouse Gas Management Institute**

The GHG Management Institute, established in November 2007 is a nonprofit organization that brings together the world's top experts in GHG emissions accounting, inventories, management and verification to provide online courses to train and develop a community of experts in measuring, accounting and managing GHG emissions. A wide range of courses are offered and interested individuals can enroll in these courses for either a certificate of participation or certificate of proficiency. Participants from nonprofits, public agencies and small and medium-size enterprises in developing countries can avail of financial assistance and scholarships. In addition to the courses, the Institute is also establishing professional Programs designed to assemble requirements to qualify GHG practitioners for a specialized body of knowledge. For more information go to: <http://www.ghginstitute.org>

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TOOLS & METHODS

### **2006 IPCC guidelines for national GHG inventories**

The 1996 guidelines comprised the Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, together with the Good Practice Guidance and Uncertainty Management in National Greenhouse Gas Inventories and the

Good Practice Guidance for Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry. The 2006 Guidelines have built upon this body of work in an evolutionary manner to ensure that the transition from the previous guidelines to these new ones will be as straightforward as possible. These new guidelines include new sources and gases as well as updates to the previously published methods whenever scientific and technical knowledge have improved since the previous guidelines were issued. <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2006gl/index.html>

### **LEAP 2008**

The latest version of LEAP has just been released with many new features. Changes have focused on extending the methodological capabilities without adding complexity for existing users, and at the same time improving the overall usability of the system. Key improvements of the latest version include new transport modeling capabilities, which allow users to better analyze fuel-switching policies such as those that promote biofuels, and new features that examine how requirements in energy importing countries can drive the production and exports in other regions. LEAP 2008 is designed to be fully backwards compatible with earlier versions, and it is able to open and update areas created in earlier versions. For full list of changes see:

<http://www.energycommunity.org/default.asp?action=44>. To download LEAP 2008 go to: <http://www.energycommunity.org/default.asp?action=40>, or if you have an older copy of LEAP already installed, you can use the Help: Check for Updates menu option to download and upgrade your current version. Contact Charlie Heaps on [Charlie.heaps@sei-us.org](mailto:Charlie.heaps@sei-us.org) for any information.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

The publication *'Climate Change: Impacts, Vulnerabilities and Adaptation in Developing*



*Countries'* provides an overview of the concerns and needs of Africa, Asia, Latin America and small island developing countries presenting the challenges, vulnerabilities and

impacts of climate change; current adaptation plans, strategies and actions; and future options and needs. It is based on information compiled from three regional workshops and an expert meeting held in 2006 and 2007, national communications and NAPAs. It is available online at:

[http://unfccc.int/files/essential\\_background/background\\_publications\\_htmlpdf/application/txt/pub\\_07\\_impacts.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/essential_background/background_publications_htmlpdf/application/txt/pub_07_impacts.pdf)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Subsidiary Bodies

The twenty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC will be held from 4 to 13 June 2008 at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany.

#### AWG LCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Session Workshops

- **2 June (15.00-18.00) & 3 June (10.00-11.30)** Advancing Adaptation through Finance and Technology, including national adaptation programmes of action;
- **5 June (10.00-16.30)** - Investment and Financial flows to address climate change
- **3 June (11.30-18.00)** - Effective mechanisms and enhanced means for the removal of obstacles to, and provision of financial and other incentives for, scaling up of the development and transfer of technology to developing country Parties in order to promote access to affordable environmentally sound technologies; and ways to accelerate deployment, diffusion and transfer of affordable environmentally sound technologies.

#### Side Events

Event	Timing
Financing resources for the development and transfer of technologies	3 June 2008 18.00-20.00
Implementation of NAPAs	4 June 2008 13.00-15.00
REDD Web Platform	6 June 2008 13.00-15.00
GHG Data Interface	10 June 2008 13.00-15.00
For the complete list of side events see: <a href="http://regserver.unfccc.int/seors/reports/events_list.html">http://regserver.unfccc.int/seors/reports/events_list.html</a>	

The second session of the AWG-LCA and the second part of the fifth session of the Ad hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for SBs from 2-12 June 2008. For provisional agendas and annotations of the SB and Ad hoc Working Group sessions go to [http://maindb.unfccc.int/library/view\\_pdf.pl?url=http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/01.pdf](http://maindb.unfccc.int/library/view_pdf.pl?url=http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2008/sbi/eng/01.pdf)

## NEWS FROM PARTNERS

### National Communication Support Programme

As part of its support activities the National Communication Support Programme (NCSP), a joint UNDP/UNEP support programme, held a workshop on Second National Communication (SNC) with specific focus on Vulnerability and Adaptation (V&A) Assessments for Caribbean countries in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 8 to 11 April 2008. Twenty-six participants from Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname attended the workshop. The delegates were primarily SNC national project coordinators and V&A experts.

The Barbados workshop was the fourth of such workshop organized for non-Annex I Parties by the NCSP. The workshop discussed key technical and policy issues of the main components of the national communication and gave an opportunity for countries to share information and lessons learned. Participants also had an opportunity to discuss approaches for integrated V&A assessments.

#### Upcoming NCSP Workshops

Where	When
Dakar, Senegal	16-20 June 2008
Bangkok, Thailand	15-18 July 2008 (tentative dates)
Arab States	7-10 October 2008 (dates and venue tentative)

For more detail on up coming NCSP workshops, see <http://ncsp.undp.org/>

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