

Submission to the UNFCCC Secretariat

Views on the effectiveness of the Nairobi work programme in fulfilling its objective, expected outcome, scope of work and modalities as stated in decision 2/CP.11

Submission on behalf of International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

1. The SBSTA at its thirty second session invited Parties and relevant organisations to submit to the secretariat, by 16th August 2010, views on the effectiveness of the Nairobi Work Programme. This invitation is contained in paragraph 10 of document CCC/SBSTA/2010/L.6.
2. IIED, an independent international research organisation, is supporting the NWP through action pledges, and has attended some of the workshops organised under the NWP.
3. The NWP plays a key role in enhancing capacity at international, regional, national, sectoral and local levels to further identify and understand impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation responses, and to select and implement practical, effective and high priority adaptation actions.
4. Enhancing cooperation among Parties, relevant organizations, business, civil society and decision makers, aimed at enhancing their ability to manage climate change risks is a central element of NWP. To this end, the Secretariat has facilitated the engagement of a broad diversity of players – negotiators, other government actors, intergovernmental agencies, academic institutions and NGOs in its activities. However, the NWP should further collaborate and coordinate among partner organisations in delivery of the action pledges made in response to the calls for action by the NWP.
5. Enhancing improved information and advising the Conference of the Parties (COP) and its subsidiary bodies on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation is a central objective of the NWP. While this information-sharing function of the NWP has been a useful foundation for catalyzing action on adaptation, the NWP has remained weak in its influence on the negotiations. While the inputs to NWP have come from a narrow group of Parties – very few from LDCs and African countries, it has been a weakness of the NWP in performing its capacity building role solely within SBSTA.
6. We feel that the NWP should be brought under the Adaptation Committee or SB on Adaptation that has been proposed by several Parties under the AWG LCA. That the NWP have an associated Expert Panel on Adaptation associated with it to be able to synthesise information to feed to Parties to assist the negotiations.
7. We feel that the NWP be able to engage more pro-actively with Partners on sharing knowledge and capacity building.
8. We believe that that the NWP should designate International and Regional Centres who would be mandated to do further outreach, respond to requests and capacity building on adaptation at the request of Parties and other Partners