

African Regional Workshop on Adaptation

Recent developments on
adaptation under the UNFCCC
and objectives of the workshop

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I. Recent developments on adaptation under the UNFCCC



Recent evolution

- 2001:
 - IPCC TAR
 - Marrakesh accords: 5/CP.7, NAPAs, special funds
- 2002: Delhi ministerial declaration underlining importance of adaptation for developing countries
- 2004: Decision 1/CP.10
 - Adverse effects under the SBI
 - Work programme for adaptation under the SBSTA
- 2005:
 - Decision 2/CP.11 on the SBSTA WPA
 - Decision 3/CP.11 on funding NAPA implementation



Recent developments on adaptation under the UNFCCC

- Decision 1/CP.10 evolved largely from decision 5/CP.7 and includes two complementary tracks for adaptation:
 - Action under the SBI: Improvement of information and methodologies, capacity-building and training, implementing concrete adaptation activities, promoting technology transfer, and exchange of experience through regional workshops.
 - Action under the SBSTA: Programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.
- Funding through GEF Trust Fund, SCCF, LDCF and other bilateral and multilateral sources.



SBSTA five-year programme of work

- Mandated objective is to assist Parties:
 - to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation
 - to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions



Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced capacity to identify/understand impacts, vulnerability and adaptation; and to select and implement adaptation actions.
- Improved information and advice to the COP and its bodies, including facilitating the implementation of decision 1/CP.10.
- Enhanced development, dissemination and use of knowledge from practical adaptation activities.
- Enhanced cooperation among Parties, organizations, business, civil society and decision makers to better manage climate change risks.
- Enhanced integration of adaptation with sustainable development.



Next steps

- Importance of finalizing agreement at Nairobi on initial activities up to SBSTA 28, in order for the WPA to complement efforts to implement concrete adaptation action, through:
 - Providing information to help identify, monitor and justify adaptation action;
 - Improving information and advice to the negotiating process;
 - Promoting integration with sustainable development planning
 - Engaging a wide range of stakeholders.



Adaptation Fund

- 28/CMP.1 and 10/CP.7 Establishment of the Adaptation Fund and initial guidance
- Adaptation Fund is to finance:
 - Concrete adaptation projects and programmes
 - Activities identified in decision 5/CP.7, paragraph 8



Adaptation Fund

- Sources of funding:
 - Share of proceeds of CDM (mean estimate is EUR 150-750 million through 2012)
 - Other voluntary funding
- Way ahead:
 - COP/MOP 2 to adopt further guidance on management, policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for the operation of the Adaptation Fund. Issue of choice of institutions can be resolved after the modalities and criteria have been clarified.



II. Workshop objectives



Workshop mandate

- Decision 1/CP.10 mandated the regional workshops to
 - Reflect regional priorities
 - Facilitate information exchange and integrated assessments
 - Identify specific adaptation needs and concerns



Desired outcomes

- Exchange of experiences
- Actionable recommendations
 - for further exchange of experience
 - for promoting adaptation planning and implementation in the region
 - For facilitating concrete action on adaptation



Framing the discussions

- Introductory background paper and presentation.
- Breakout groups on needs and concerns, workshop outcomes and the way forward.



Structure

- The assessment process
 - Systematic observation, data, climate methods and tools
 - Country experiences
- Adaptation planning and implementation
 - Country experiences in various sectors
 - Support in the context of SD (GEF, IAs)
- Regional collaboration
 - South-South and North-South



Fate of the outcomes

- Outcomes will be a direct result of the interactive plenary discussions and output of the breakout groups
- Outcomes will feed into the UNFCCC negotiations at SBI 26 and COP 13 on what future action is necessary to advance adaptation in developing countries



Thank you

