

UNFCCC expert meeting on adaptation for SIDS
Part I Caribbean and Indian Ocean SIDS

**The Nairobi Work Programme on
Impacts, Vulnerability and
Adaptation to Climate Change
(NWP)**

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History of the NWP

- **2004 Buenos Aires:** Decision 1/CP.10
 - Recognition of the importance of a scientific and technical basis for adaptation and request for SBSTA to develop a five-year programme of work
- **2005 Montréal:** Decision 2/CP.11
 - Adoption of SBSTA five-year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change
- **2006 Nairobi:** SBSTA conclusions
 - Main outcome of COP 12
 - Agreement on initial activities
 - Review of the NWP at SBSTA 28 (June 2008) based on initial results and findings from IPCC AR4 to identify any new activities
 - Name change to Nairobi Work Programme



Objectives of the NWP

- Assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including LDCs and **SIDS**
 - to **improve their understanding** and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation
 - to **make informed decisions** on practical adaptation actions



Expected outcomes of the NWP

- Enhanced **capacity** for V&A assessment
- Enhanced **development, dissemination and use of knowledge** from practical adaptation activities
- Improved **information and advice** to COP and SBs, including facilitation of the implementation of decision 1/CP.10
- Enhanced **cooperation** among Parties, relevant organizations, business, civil society, and decision makers
- Enhanced **integration** of actions to adapt to climate change with sustainable development



Initial activities in 9 focus areas

1. Methods and tools
2. Data and observations
3. Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling
4. Climate related risks and extreme events
5. Socio-economic information
6. Adaptation planning and practices
7. Research
8. Technologies for adaptation
9. Economic diversification



Overview of initial deliverables and actions

Year	2007				2008			
Session	Before/by SBSTA 26		Before/by SBSTA 27		Before/by SBSTA 28		Before/by SBSTA 29	
Focus area	Actions	Deliverables	Actions	Deliverables	Actions	Deliverables	Actions	Deliverables
Methods and tools	- Submissions by 15 May 2007		- Miscellaneous document	- Synthesis report	- Expert meeting	- Report and other outputs from the expert meeting		
Data and observations			- Submissions by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document			- Relevant parts of the report from the expert meeting		
Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling			- Submissions by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document		- In-session workshop			- Report and other outputs from the in-session workshop
Climate related risks and extreme events	- Submissions by 23 February 2007 - Miscellaneous document		- Workshop	- Report and other outputs from workshop				
Socio-economic information			- Submissions by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document		- Expert meeting	- Relevant parts of the report from the expert meeting		
Adaptation planning and practices	- Structure of submissions developed by Secretariat by 20 January 2007 - Submissions by 15 May 2007		- Miscellaneous document - Workshop	- Synthesis report 1 - Synthesis report 2 - Report and other outputs from the workshop		- Web-based interface		
Research Technologies for adaptation		- Technical paper		- Synthesis report - Synthesis report				
Economic diversification			- Submissions by 17 August 2007 - Miscellaneous document	- Synthesis report				
General		- Progress report	- Submissions on expert group by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document	- Progress report	- Informal meeting of representatives of Parties - Submissions on further activities - Miscellaneous document	- Progress report		- Summary report



Implementation of the NWP

– Parties

- Submissions under focus areas
- Participation in workshops and expert meetings

– Relevant organizations

- Submissions and participation in workshops and meetings
- SBSTA urged organizations and stakeholders to undertake their own activities in support of the objective and themes and to share the outcomes
- So far FAO, ISDR, IPCC, WHO, WMO, and OECD have actively engaged

– UNFCCC Secretariat

- Synthesis and workshops/expert meetings reports
- Engagement of a wide range of organizations, institutions, experts and communities
- Wide dissemination of deliverables of the NWP to relevant stakeholders



Links with adaptation under the SBI

- **Directly**
 - **SBSTA** mandated to consider relevant outcomes and to **provide advice to SBI** at SBSTA 28
- **Indirectly**
 - Scientific and technical basis is necessary “to prevent maladaptation and to ensure that adaptation actions are environmentally sound and will produce real benefits in support of sustainable development” (1/CP.10).
 - Assessment and evaluation **process of 1/CP.10 will be enhanced** by activities under the NWP and at the same time **provide input** into activities under the NWP, including in:
 - methods and tools, data and observation, climate modeling, scenarios and downscaling, climate related risks and extreme events, and adaptation planning and practices



Focus until SBSTA 26

- Under **Climate related risks and extreme events**
 - Submissions by Parties and relevant organizations by 23 February 2007 containing information on their relevant programmes, activities and views
 - Workshop from 11-13 June, Alexandria, Egypt (*tbc*)
- Under **Adaptation planning and practices and Technologies**
 - Submissions by Parties and relevant organizations by 15 May 2007 containing information on adaptation approaches, strategies, practices and technologies for adaptation
 - Structure for submissions on unfccc.int
 - Workshop in September (*tbc*)



Summary

- The Nairobi Work Programme on Adaptation is an instrumental part of the overall efforts to support adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change
- It will strengthen adaptation planning and implementation.

