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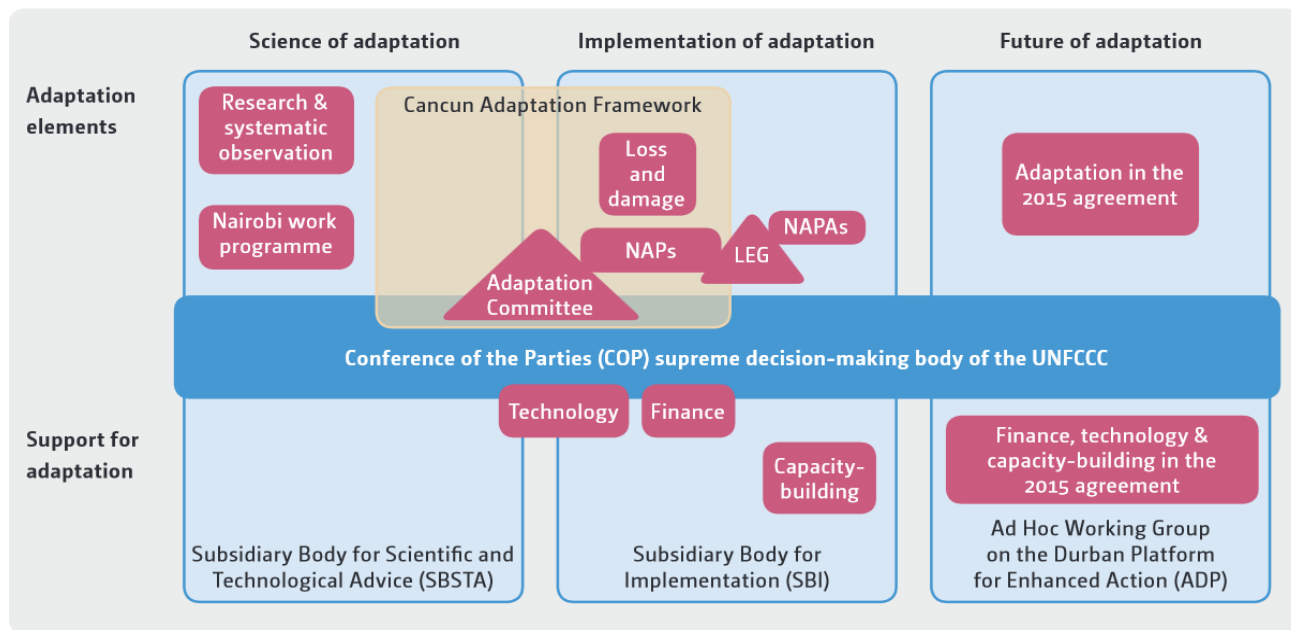
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Outcomes on adaptation from Warsaw: COP19, SB39, ADP2-3

A summary of outcomes from recent negotiations under the UNFCCC in Warsaw is provided here, including relevant elements shown in the diagram below (UNFCCC Adaptation Committee, 2013).



Science of adaptation

Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation

In [Warsaw, the Conference of the Parties \(COP\) at its 19th session](#), [decided](#) to continue the [Nairobi work programme \(NWP\)](#), addressing knowledge needs arising from the [Cancun Adaptation Framework](#) and other relevant workstreams and bodies under the Convention, as well as needs identified by Parties. The COP further decided to enhance relevance of the work programme on the basis of: focussing on practical issues that build upon each other and engaging practitioners; developing linkages with relevant workstreams (including the [national adaptation plan process](#), and [research and systematic observation](#)) and bodies under the Convention (including the [Adaptation Committee](#), the [Least Developed Countries Expert Group](#), and [Technology Executive Committee](#)); developing further knowledge products in response to Parties' needs; and effectively disseminating knowledge products at regional, national and subnational levels, particularly in developing countries. The COP also decided that activities under the NWP should integrate gender issues, indigenous and traditional knowledge, and the role of and impacts on ecosystems. The COP requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to consider ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health for inclusion in the NWP. In addition to the activities requested by the [SBSTA at its 39th session](#), the Adaptation Committee is invited to provide further recommendations for activities to be undertaken under the NWP. The SBSTA is requested to consider and elaborate additional activities under the NWP at its 40th session (June 2014), and conduct a review of the NWP at its 48th session (June 2019).

Research and systematic observation

The SBSTA [emphasised](#) the importance of [research and systematic observation](#) for the UNFCCC process, including for advancing climate modelling at all scales for decision-making on adaptation, and urged Parties and relevant organisations to enhance capacity, collaboration and coordination to fill data gaps. The SBSTA also noted that a workshop on systematic observation, organized in close collaboration with [Global Climate Observation System](#) and its sponsors, could help to identify ways to strengthen systematic observation and to enhance related capacity in developing countries, in particular in support of adaptation planning.

Implementing adaptation action

Loss and damage associated with climate change impacts

During the Warsaw Climate Conference, the COP established the [Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage](#), under the [Cancun Adaptation Framework](#), subject to the review of the mechanism (to be carried out at COP22 in 2016), to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. An executive committee was established to guide the implementation of the mechanism.

This mechanism will promote the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner by: enhancing relevant knowledge and understanding of risk management approaches; strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders; and, enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity building to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. The mechanism will also improve coordination of the relevant work of existing bodies under the convention; convene meetings of relevant stakeholders and experts; promote the development, compilation, synthesis and review of relevant information; provide technical guidance and support; make recommendations on how to enhance engagement of actions and coherence of efforts under and outside the UNFCCC, including mobilising resources and expertise at different levels.

Relevant international and regional organisations, institutions and processes are invited to integrate measures to address the impacts of climate change as well as explore and strengthening synergies to address loss and damage, especially in particularly vulnerable developing countries. Parties are invited to work through the UN and other relevant institutions to promote coherence at all levels in taking addressing loss and damage, and also to strengthen and develop institutions and networks at regional and national levels, especially in particularly vulnerable developing countries. Developed country Parties are requested to provide developing country Parties with finance, technology and capacity building.



Adaptation Committee

The COP welcomed the progress of the [Adaptation Committee](#), including its [thematic report on the state of adaptation under the UNFCCC](#), the first annual [Adaptation Forum](#), and the establishment of the task force on national adaptation plans. The COP encouraged the Adaptation Committee to continue its work, and requested the organisation of a special event during the 40th sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies to showcase its activities and engage in a dialogue with Parties and other relevant stakeholders.

National adaptation plans

The COP welcomed the [technical guidelines for national adaptation plans](#) (NAPs), as well as the recently established [national adaptation plan global support programme](#) to facilitate technical support for least developed countries. UN organisations, specialised agencies and other relevant organisations are invited to consider establishing or enhancing support programmes for [NAPs](#) and to submit information to the UNFCCC secretariat by 26 March 2014. Parties and relevant organisations are invited to submit information on their experience with applying the technical guidelines in formulating NAPs by 26 March 2014. The COP decided to continue to take stock of and if necessary revise the guidelines at COP20.

Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs), Matters relating to the Least developed countries (LDCs)

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed progress made by the [Least Developed Countries Expert Group \(LEG\)](#) in implementing its programme of work, including [regional training workshops in 2012 and 2013](#), and welcomed the work programme for 2013–2014 including outreach activities and NAP regional training workshops. The SBI also noted the submission of [national adaptation programmes of action \(NAPAs\)](#) by all 50 least developed country Parties that embarked on NAPA preparation, and appreciated contributions made to the [Least Developed Countries Fund](#).



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Finance for adaptation

Through the [work programme on long-term finance](#), the COP acknowledged the fulfilment of the [Adaptation Fund](#)'s 2013 fundraising goal of USD 100 million, and called on developed country Parties to channel a substantial share of public climate funds to adaptation activities. The Adaptation Fund received support from the international community at the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP9), in Warsaw, Poland, with commitments for US\$72.5 million in funding from seven European governments, bringing the total raised to US\$ 104.3 million. The governments of Sweden and the Brussels Capital Region earlier contributed US\$ 31.8 million toward the goal. Funding pledges confirmed during Warsaw Climate Conference were made by Germany, € 30M, Austria, € 0.5M; Belgium & the Brussels Capital, Flanders and Wallonia Regions, € 3.25M; Finland, € 5M; France € 5M; Norway, KR 15M; and Switzerland, CHF 10M. These funds will enable the financing of five of the eight adaptation projects and programmes in the Adaptation Fund's pipeline of proposals from multilateral implementing entities. The COP requested the [Green Climate Fund](#) to balance the allocation of resources between adaptation and mitigation, and in allocating resources for adaptation, to take into account the urgent and immediate needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The COP [invited](#) the [Standing Committee on Finance](#) to consider focussing its second [forum](#) on mobilizing finance for adaptation from both public and private sectors.

Technology for adaptation

The SBI welcomed the LEG's engagement with the Adaptation Committee and other relevant bodies under the Convention in support of its work on the NAP process, and [encouraged](#) the LEG to further enhance its collaboration with the [Technology Executive Committee](#) on adaptation technology. In addition, the COP [adopted modalities and procedures](#) for the [Climate Technology Center and Network](#) and its advisory report, with a representative of the Adaptation Committee to be a board member.

Future focus - activities under the ADP

Under the [Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action \(ADP\)](#), the COP emphasised that enhanced action and international cooperation on adaptation is urgently required to enable and support the implementation of adaptation actions aimed at reducing vulnerability and building resilience in developing country Parties, taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those developing countries that are particularly vulnerable. Considering this, Parties decided to intensify, from 2014, the technical examination of opportunities for mitigation actions with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits.



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Adaptation activities leading up to Warsaw

The 24th Meeting of the LEG (LEG24) took place in August 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This meeting took forward the implementation of the work programme of the LEG for 2013–2014, in particular in the following areas: future training by the LEG on NAPs; supplementary materials for the NAP technical guidelines; monitoring and evaluation of the NAP process and other work areas of the LEG; technical guidance and support to the NAP process; the [NAP Expo](#); [NAP Central](#); and revised approaches to capturing and sharing of best practices and lessons learned and gender considerations in adaptation. The meeting also included discussions with the [Global Environment Facility](#), its agencies and other organizations on support for LDCs. Details on LEG24 can be found in the [report of the meeting](#).

The LEG also continued its [Regional Training Workshops on Adaptation for the Least Developed Countries \(LDCs\) for 2012-2013](#), with a session for Anglophone African LDCs held in August 2013 in Kigali, Rwanda, and a session for Asian LDCs from 20–24 August 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The LEG conducted regional training workshops to provide technical guidance and advice to LDC Parties, introduce new approaches, share best practices and lessons learned, and to promote regional and international synergies. These workshops built on the experiences from the regional training workshops on implementation of NAPAs that were conducted by the LEG during 2009–2010, which focussed on the implementation of NAPAs and the establishment of the NAP process at the national level.

The [4th meeting](#) of the [Adaptation Committee](#) took place from 5–7 September 2013 in Nadi, Fiji. Adaptation Committee members discussed coherence and collaboration on adaptation-related matters under the Convention and activities relating to implementation, including proposals on possible support by the NWP to the work of the Committee; information for national adaptation planning, in collaboration with the LEG and the NWP; and NAPs for non-LDC developing countries, including collaboration with the LEG.

A [workshop on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation](#) was held by the [Adaptation Committee](#) from 9–11 September 2013 in Nadi, Fiji. The workshop engaged experts and practitioners in the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation with expertise and experiences in implementing adaptation at different levels, including the national, programme and project levels, from governments, regional organizations, development banks, bilateral technical cooperation agencies, research institutions and civil society.

An [expert meeting](#), under the [work programme on loss and damage](#), took place from 12–14 September 2013 in Nadi, Fiji, to consider future needs, including capacity needs, associated with possible approaches to address slow onset events. The discussions at the meeting focused on: needs relating to data, information and knowledge aspects of addressing slow onset events; needs relating to support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, and coordination needs at various levels in addressing slow onset events. [The report](#) includes a summary of potential responses to be undertaken under and outside the UNFCCC to some of the key needs regarding slow onset events discussed at the meeting.

The [Technology Executive Committee](#) (TEC) met from [4–7 December](#), in Bonn, Germany, with members of the [Adaptation Committee](#) in attendance. Technologies for adaptation were discussed, with a workshop on adaptation technologies planned to take place on 4 March, to be held by the TEC, with support from the Adaptation Committee.

Collaboration with the adaptation community

Call for information on NWP partners' activities

*Has your organization undertaken an activity under the NWP recently?
Have you made an NWP Action Pledge on this activity? We would like
to showcase your activity, including outcomes, in the eUpdate.*

The secretariat continued its efforts in engaging and collaborating with stakeholders, including [NWP partner organizations](#), in enhancing the development, dissemination and sharing of practical adaptation knowledge.

First Adaptation Forum

This first [Adaptation Forum](#) was successfully held during the Warsaw Climate Conference, hosted by the Adaptation Committee, at Warsaw's Palace of Science and Culture.

The Forum brought together a panel of leaders and visionaries, including HE Lucille Sering, Secretary of the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines and HE Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union, alongside Ms Mary Robinson, President of the Mary Robinson Foundation; Professor Lord Nicholas Stern, academic and author of the "Stern Review"; and Ms Bianca Jagger, Chair of the Bianca Jagger Foundation, and was moderated by Ms Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC.

Community, respect, trust, knowledge and climate smart development were strong themes, with panelists agreeing that these need to be at the heart and head of adapting to climate change. A [short clip of the Forum is available online](#), along with [further information about the outcomes of this event](#). Outcomes of the Forum will also be featured in an upcoming documentary, highlighting the importance of adaptation to climate change.



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Seventh Nairobi work programme Focal Point Forum

The seventh Nairobi work programme Focal Point Forum, successfully held on 13 November 2013 during the Warsaw Climate Conference, brought together over 85 participants from Parties and NWP partner organizations. The Focal Point Forum focussed on enhancing the relevance and catalytic role of the evolving NWP, including through strengthening:

- the provision of data, information and knowledge;
- knowledge sharing and learning; and
- partnerships and coordination at different scales and levels.

Participants considered ways and means to enhance the implementation of the work programme, including: serving as a knowledge broker between scientists, policy makers, national focal points and knowledge/information users; enhancing the catalytic role and convening power of the work programme in engaging multiple stakeholders at different scales and levels; engaging partner organizations in more dynamic process additional to monitoring of the Action Pledges made by partner organizations; and creating a more enabling environment for strengthening the dissemination of knowledge at different levels. The report of the forum will be made available early in 2014.

Contributions to UNFCCC technical papers

The secretariat collaborated closely with relevant organizations in the preparation of a [technical paper on indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices and gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation to climate change](#). 42 [examples of gender-sensitive approaches](#) and 35 [examples of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation](#) were contributed by partners and relevant organizations, enabling a comprehensive review of the paper. This technical paper will provide input to a technical expert meeting, on the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, which will take place before SBSTA 40, with a view to developing relevant recommendations for practitioners. In response to a request from the secretariat, NWP partner organizations also provided [inputs](#) for the development of a technical paper on gaps in existing institutional arrangements under and outside the Convention to address loss and damage associated with climate change, including those related to slow onset events. In addition, relevant NWP partner organizations provided information on current provision of support for adaptation to developing countries within the context of activity five of the [three-year workplan](#) of the [Adaptation Committee](#).



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Upcoming UNFCCC adaptation activities in first half of 2014

March 5–7: The fifth meeting of the [Adaptation Committee](#), Bonn, Germany, preceded by a workshop on adaptation technologies on **4 March**, (organized by the [Technology Executive Committee](#).)

First half of 2014 (exact dates to be confirmed):

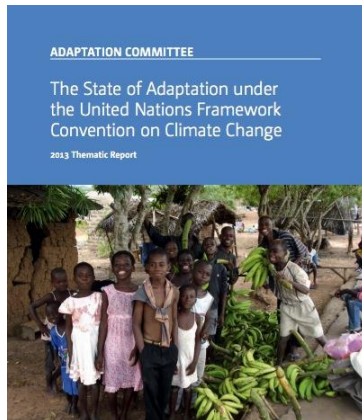
- Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) expert meeting
- First meeting of the executive committee of the Warsaw international mechanism on loss and damage (to be held by March 2014)
- 25th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG 25)
- NWP expert meeting on best practices and available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (to be organized in conjunction with the Adaptation Committee's workshop on best practices and needs of local and indigenous communities)



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New adaptation publications

First thematic report by the Adaptation Committee on the State of Adaptation under the Convention: The State of Adaptation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



This report is designed to increase awareness of the Convention's evolving adaptation agenda and to encourage enhanced contributions to the global effort of responding to the adaptation challenge. Through this report, the Adaptation Committee seeks to promote enhanced adaptation action both under and outside the UNFCCC.

The report is available in [high](#) or [low resolution](#). Hard copies may be requested from the secretariat (email ac@unfccc.int).



Adaptation postcard calendar 2014

UNFCCC Adaptation Calendar 2014

Building Climate Resilience through practical action



The 2014 adaptation calendar focuses on 'building climate resilience through practical action'. This calendar includes 12 postcards featuring images and information contrasting the wide-ranging impacts of climate change on the environment and human societies, with practical adaptation actions that have been undertaken to address these impacts and build resilience. The postcard-calendar is available in hard copy, as well as [online](#). Hard copies may be requested from the secretariat (email nwp@unfccc.int).

All UNFCCC adaptation publications can be found at:
<<http://unfccc.int/6994.php>>

Partnership statistics

Current partnership statistics as of July 2013:

- Number of [partners](#): 281, including 87 private sector partners
- Number of [Action Pledges](#): 182
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 95, including 11 private sector partners

New partners:

The NWP team at the secretariat would like to welcome the following partners that have joined the programme since the [July NWP eUpdate](#):

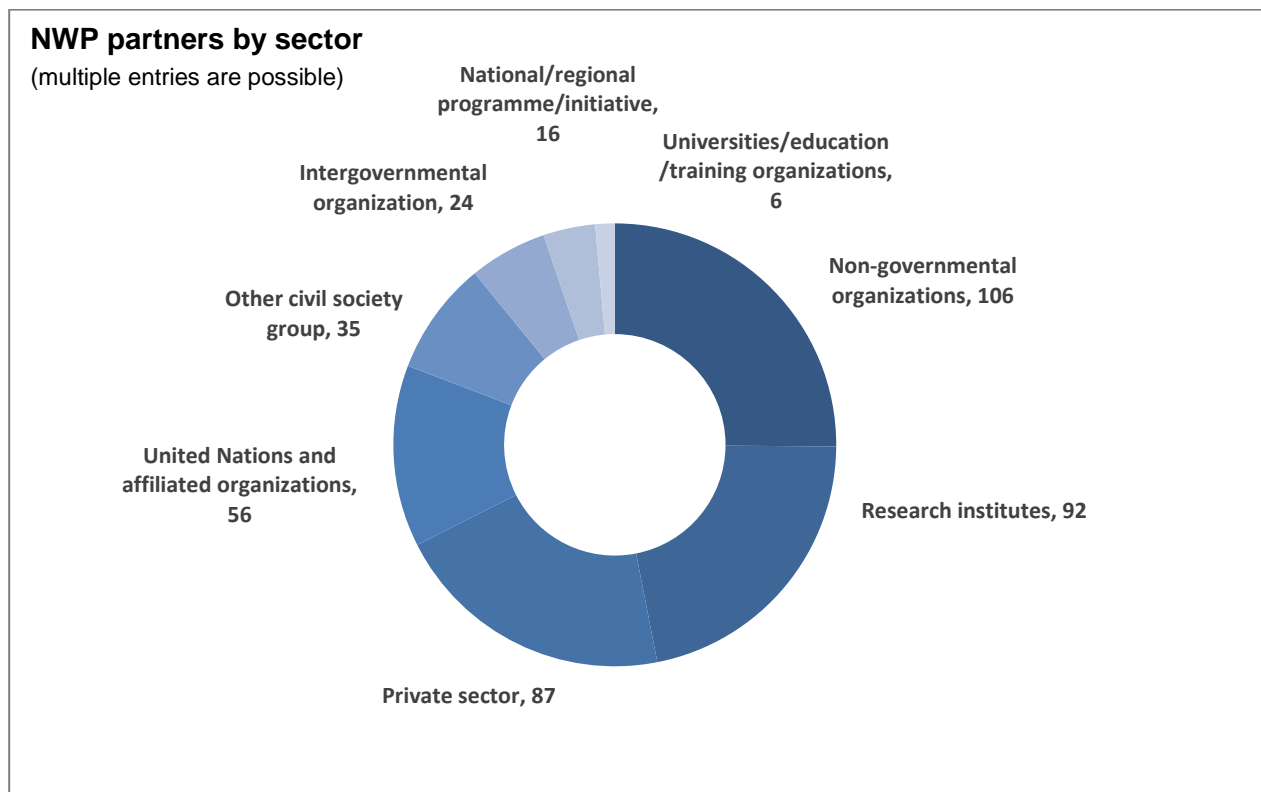
[African Women Network for Sustainable Development/Réseau Femmes Africaines pour le Développement Durable \(REFADD\)](#)

[Centre for Environmental and Climate Research \(CEC\), Lund University](#)

[Institute for Environment and Development Sustainability](#)

[International Resources Group \(a division of Enqility Corp\)](#)

[WayCarbon](#)



Engaging in the implementation of the NWP

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge and information on adaptation to Parties and partners. Your organization can help by:

1) Providing information on your organization including adaptation activities

Please check your partnership page in the [NWP database](#) to ensure that information about your organization and activities on adaptation is up to date. It's easy to make changes; NWP focal points can simply log in and update information.

2) Making Action Pledges

Action Pledges provide NWP partners with an opportunity to develop adaptation activities and events in relation to the work areas of the programme, and share these activities widely within the growing adaptation community, including with Parties, other NWP partners and relevant stakeholders. As a NWP partner, it's easy to make an Action Pledge, simply log in and '[Create an Action Pledge](#)'. This Pledge will be included in the database of [NWP partners and Action Pledges](#), and shared with the NWP community.

3) Updating the NWP community on progress in implementing Action Pledges

If you would like to update the NWP community on your organization's progress with the implementation and impact of your Action Pledge(s), it's easy to update the information online. Simply log in and 'Update your Action Pledge'. Your Action Pledge update will be included in the [database of NWP partners and Action Pledges](#), and made available to the adaptation community. NWP partners are able to upload pictures with Action Pledges, which will then be shown on the NWP web page. You can also upload a picture of an already submitted Action Pledge to demonstrate adaptation work undertaken by your organization.

Please email nwp@unfccc.int with any questions.

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The Adaptation Exchange is a community on Facebook for sharing, collaborating and networking on adaptation. It provides a collective space for sharing news and exchanging knowledge on adaptation to climate change across all sectors, levels, scales, and stages of adaptation planning and implementation. We encourage all NWP partners, as well as the wider adaptation community, to contribute and post; and to share stories, information, and views on successes and lessons learned; challenges; solutions; as well as needs. Already, over 4700 individuals and organizations 'like' The Adaptation Exchange. Please contribute to the Exchange and share this community widely within your networks!