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Negotiations on the NWP: Bonn, June 2011

Negotiations on the NWP under the SBSTA

The thirty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 34) took place in Bonn from 6–17 June 2011. At this session, the SBSTA welcomed:

- [A report on progress made in implementing activities under the NWP](#); and
- A compilation of further views and information from Parties and relevant observer organizations on the effectiveness of the NWP, available in a miscellaneous document (views from [Parties and IGOs](#); and [NGOs](#)).

At the same session, the SBSTA agreed to discuss the impacts of climate change on water resources and integrated water resource management under the NWP. The SBSTA also welcomed the engagement of, and contributions provided by, organizations in the implementation of the NWP. It encouraged the secretariat to continue its efforts to further engage relevant organizations. The SBSTA also noted the development of new [outputs and products](#), including those facilitated by the secretariat and those contributed by partner organizations.

The SBSTA completed its review of the NWP. The review took into account the outcome of the [informal meeting](#) of representatives of Parties and organizations and experts to consider the outcomes of completed activities under the NWP held in Manila in September 2010, the summary report on the implementation of the second phase of the work programme and the views of Parties and relevant organizations. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to undertake interim activities under the NWP, including:

- Conducting a survey of national focal points to identify priority needs for the dissemination of products related to impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change under the Nairobi work programme;
- Compiling information on ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation;
- Preparing a technical paper on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies; and
- Organizing a joint SBSTA/SBI in-session workshop to consider the outcomes of the Nairobi work programme to highlight the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change most relevant to the SBI.

The SBSTA agreed to consider, at its thirty-fifth session, possible areas of further work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change under the NWP, including, inter alia, consideration of potential activities as outlined in the annex of the [draft conclusions](#) proposed by the Chair, with a view to defining the duration and activities for its next phase.

The SBSTA invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 19 September 2011, their proposals for upcoming activities under the NWP, taking into consideration the information included in the annex. It requested the secretariat to compile these [submissions](#) into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the

SBSTA at its thirty-fifth session.

During this SBSTA session, an informal workshop was held by NWP partners on 7 June 2011. Further details can be found [below](#).

Related negotiations and future implementation on adaptation

Progress under the AWG-LCA

Negotiations on adaptation also took place under the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention ([AWG-LCA](#)). Parties discussed the composition of, and modalities and procedures for the Adaptation Committee as well as linkages between the Adaptation Committee and other institutions and bodies under and outside the Convention. Parties agreed to forward a note by the Facilitator containing [draft decision text](#) to the next meeting of the AWG-LCA, scheduled to take place in Panama City from 1–7 October 2011, which could serve as a basis for negotiations. In line with the Cancun Adaptation Framework, Parties are expected to adopt a decision at COP 17 in Durban so that the Committee can start its work in early 2012.

Progress under the SBI

Under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), Progress on the implementation of [decision 1/CP.10](#), Parties looked into ways to enhance the [implementation of adaptation](#). They agreed to continue considering this matter at SB 35 on the basis of the draft decision text annexed to the [report](#) of the thirty-second session of the SBI (see Annex IV). As [mandated at SBI 33](#), the secretariat is organizing a workshop to identify challenges and gaps in the implementation of risk management approaches to the adverse effect of climate change, to be held after the Panama session, in Lima, Peru.

In relation to the [loss and damage work programme](#), Parties agreed on the following thematic areas to be addressed in the implementation of the work programme:

- Assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change and the current knowledge on the same;
- A range of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events, taking into consideration experience at all levels; and
- The role of the Convention in enhancing the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

To enhance understanding of the three thematic areas, the SBI:

- Invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit further views and information on these areas to the secretariat, by 15 August 2011;
- Requested the secretariat to explore the possibility of convening an expert meeting before SBI 36 with experts nominated by Parties, relevant organizations and other stakeholders; and

- Agreed to consider possible further activities at the next session.

Parties began discussions on [national adaptation plans](#) (NAPs), and agreed on the following activities and products, for consideration at the next SBI session (SBI 35) in December 2011 in Durban, including:

- An invitation to Parties and relevant organizations to submit their views on national adaptation plans to the secretariat by 15 August 2011;
- The secretariat to explore the possibility of convening an expert meeting to be held prior to the seventeenth session of the COP (COP 17, December 2011);
- A report of the expert meeting; and
- A synthesis report on the submissions.

On matters relating to the least developed countries (LDC), Parties endorsed the two-year rolling work programme of the LDC Expert Group (LEG), which will serve as a basis for its current five-year mandate. Parties also noted that there may be potential linkages between the work of the LEG and the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for LDCs that was adopted by the Fourth United Nations Conference on the LDCs in May 2011.

Further information

Further information and documents are already available or will be published as follows:

- [Negotiations and decisions](#) on the UNFCCC website;
- [Report of the SBSTA on its thirty-fourth session](#), held on Bonn from 6 to 16 June 2011, containing the conclusions of the NWP;
- A progress report on the NWP for consideration at SBSTA 35 (available in late October 2011);
- A compilation of further views and information from Parties and relevant observer organizations on the effectiveness of the NWP, to be contained in a miscellaneous document (views from [Parties and IGOs](#); and [NGOs](#));
- Ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation: a compilation of information (available in October 2011); and
- Technical paper on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies (available in October 2011).

Progress report on the implementation of activities under the NWP, covering progress made between SBSTA 34 and 35

The next progress report (FCCC/SBSTA/INF.9) will be made available at the end of October 2011 for consideration by SBSTA 35.

It will report on how the interim activities mandated at the last session of the SBSTA have been implemented. In addition, it will provide information on the continued engagement of organizations, institutions, experts, communities and the private sector in the activities of the NWP, as well as the secretariat's efforts to enhance the outreach of the work programme. The report will further describe new collaborations that have been catalysed between NWP [partner organizations](#) and Parties, and will conclude with a brief overview of possible next steps.

NWP partner activities

Informal workshop of partners and Parties: an NWP partner initiative

During the last SBSTA session, an informal workshop was held by NWP partners on 7 June 2011 in Bonn, Germany, with the objective of:

- Providing participants with an update on work accomplished under the NWP and the programme's upcoming activities;
- Creating an interactive space for exchange between Parties and partners of the NWP on issues of shared concern; and
- Co-producing a set of lessons learned and recommendations on the basis of the experiences of Parties and partners of the NWP.

The informal workshop was facilitated by NWP partners Practical Action and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

The format for the main portion of the meeting was based on "Open Space" methodology. The themes covered at the meeting were:

- Application of climate projections and models for local adaptation;
- Measuring adaptation outcomes;
- Ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation;
- Integrating approaches to national-scale adaptation;
- Challenges to getting best practices shared with and taken up by SIDS and LDCs;
- Stimulating better coordination between knowledge service providers.

The informal workshop provided opportunities to share ideas and network. The positive reaction of participants indicated that this kind of forum offers a fruitful approach for knowledge sharing. The vital need for increasing the ability and effectiveness of the NWP to bring in people and organizations who are working in government delivering adaptation (other than negotiators and focal points) at events and workshops was acknowledged. It was suggested that regional chapters of the NWP could be an effective future approach, coupled with thematic meetings.

A brief report on this meeting will be made available in early September 2011 via the UNFCCC NWP webpages.

Spanish translation of the NWP technical paper of potential costs and benefits of adaptation options

As part of an NWP Action Pledge, RIOCC have kindly made available a [Spanish translation of the NWP technical paper on potential costs and benefits of adaptation options](#).

New NWP publications

The UNFCCC secretariat is proud to announce the publication of two new knowledge products!

Climate Change and Freshwater Resources: a synthesis of adaptation actions undertaken by Nairobi work programme partner organizations

This publication presents a synthesis of adaptation actions that relate to freshwater, undertaken by NWP partner organizations. It also highlights a number of case studies reported by partner organizations on four areas related with freshwater resource management: research and assessment, policy support, raising awareness and capacity-building, and adaptive actions on the ground.

This publication is the result of a collaborative effort with voluntary contributions received for the publication from 21 NWP partners, demonstrating their commitment to achieving the objective of the work programme. The Global Water Partnership (GWP), an NWP partner organization that has pledged to support the integration of water security and climate change into development planning and decision making processes, collaborated in the development of the publication. The GWP played a significant role in synthesizing inputs provided by NWP partners, as part of its 2011 Action Pledge. The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) also collaborated by reviewing the publication.

Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Vulnerability; making Informed Adaptation Decisions. Highlights of the contribution of the Nairobi work programme (interim version)

This publication highlights the important contribution that the NWP has made to advancing work related to the four main components of climate change adaptation: adaptation assessment, planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation including stakeholder engagement and knowledge management. This publication draws from technical and workshop reports, synthesis reports and other knowledge products, as well as Action Pledges and updates contributed by NWP partners. A comprehensive series of case studies and additional resources is included, drawing from valuable activities that have been catalysed or illuminated under the NWP, to easily provide adaptation stakeholders with useful information and examples. The final version will be available later this month.

Partnership statistics

The NWP team would like to welcome the following partners that have joined the programme since our last NWP eUpdate in March 2011:

- Association of Climate Change Officers - Adaptation Working Group (ACCO-AWG)
- Climate Himalaya
- Maplecroft
- Soul City
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Cultura Ambiental
- WeatherBill, inc.
- Water Research Commission
- CDKN: Climate and Development Knowledge Network
- Participatory Development Action Program (PDAP)
- Adaptation Partnership (AP)
- International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)
- UN Human Settlements Agency (UN Habitat)
- Climate Systems Analysis Group, University of Cape Town (CSAG)
- Tomorrow's Company
- CSR-in-Action

Current partnership statistics as of 20 July 2011:

- Number of partners: 216 including 36 private sector partners
- Number of Calls for Action: 11
- Number of Action Pledges: 147
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 63, including 4 private sector partners
- Number of experts that our partners have nominated: 33.

New UNFCCC Private Sector Initiative (PSI) factsheet

The new UNFCCC Private Sector Initiative (PSI) factsheet provides essential information about activities and benefits for private companies to join the NWP. It also provides some examples of actions on climate change adaptation undertaken by private companies from a wide range of sectors. For more details see the PSI webpage <<http://unfccc.int/4623>>

Requesting your input and further engagement

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge on adaptation to Parties and partners, so please help us by:

Providing information on your adaptation activities

We are always happy to receive updates from our partners, and to upload relevant information into the NWP [database](#).

Categorizing your organization, if you have not yet done so

Complete and return the [characterization form](#).

Making Action Pledges

Complete and return the [Action Pledge submission template](#). Information on existing Action Pledges is available in the [Action Pledges database](#).

Updating us on your progress in implementing Action Pledges

If you would like to submit an update of an existing Action Pledge, you can complete and return the [Action Pledge update template](#). Information on existing updates is available in the [Action Pledges database](#).

Nominating adaptation experts

Complete and return the [expert form](#).

Please send all forms and information to: nwp@unfccc.int



Join [The Adaptation Exchange](#) on Facebook

The Adaptation Exchange is a community on Facebook for sharing, collaborating and networking on adaptation. It is intended to provide a collective space for dialogue 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.

Over 800 members have joined already. We strive to ensure that as many stakeholders as possible are included, and that all information on this page is relevant and current. Please share this community widely within your networks!