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Negotiations on the NWP: From Cancun to Bonn

Negotiations on the NWP under the SBSTA

The thirty-third session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 33) took place in Cancun from 30 November to 4 December 2010, during [COP 16/CMP 6](#). At this session, Parties commenced the review of the effectiveness of the NWP. In particular, Parties considered the report of the [informal meeting](#) of representatives from Parties and organizations and experts, which addressed the outcomes of the activities completed under the NWP; and a [summary report](#) on activities implemented during the second phase of the work programme.

Outcomes of SBSTA 33:

- The SBSTA welcomed the engagement of, and contributions by, organizations in the implementation of the NWP. It encouraged the secretariat to continue its efforts to further engage relevant organizations.
- Two new [Calls for Action](#) were considered and endorsed by the Parties.
- The SBSTA agreed to continue the review and to complete it by its thirty-fourth session. While the review is underway, Parties agreed to continue activities under the NWP, and the SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue to disseminate information produced under the NWP.
- To inform the review of the work programme, Parties and relevant organizations were requested to submit to the secretariat, by 28 March 2011, further views and relevant information on progress made and gaps as well as views on new activities that may be needed to achieve the objective and expected outcomes of the NWP. These will be compiled into a miscellaneous document, and are also made available on the UNFCCC website (submissions from [Parties](#), [IGOs](#) and [NGOs](#)).
- Without prejudging the outcome of the review, the SBSTA noted that progress has been made towards meeting the objective of the NWP and achieving its expected outcomes. It also noted that additional effort is needed to assist all Parties to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and make informed decisions on the implementation of practical adaptation actions and measures, and to assist Parties to enhance the capacity of relevant decision makers and stakeholders to better utilize the information and tools provided by the NWP.

Related negotiations on adaptation in Cancun

Negotiations on adaptation also took place in Cancun under the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention ([AWG-LCA](#)). Parties adopted the Cancun Adaptation Framework (CAF) as part of the Cancun Agreements. In the Agreements, Parties affirmed that adaptation must be addressed with the same level of priority as mitigation, and agreed on the following outcomes:

- The Adaptation Committee, which will boost cooperation and support Parties in their planning and implementation efforts;
- The two-year Work Programme on Loss and Damage, which seeks to address the losses arising from extreme weather events as well as slow-onset events;
- National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), which build upon the NAPAs, and aim to identify medium- and long-term adaptation needs.

Parties also agreed to establish the Technology Mechanism, and the Transitional Committee of the new Green Climate Fund.

Under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), [decision 1/CP.10](#), Parties looked into ways to enhance the [implementation of adaptation](#). They agreed to continue considering this matter at SB 34 on the basis of the draft decision text annexed to the SBI 32 [report](#) (please see Annex IV). The SBI also agreed on interim activities, the details of which can be found in the [conclusions](#) adopted by the SBI in Cancun (please see page 15).

In relation to discussions on adaptation in Least Developed Countries, Parties agreed to extend the mandate of the LDC Expert Group (LEG) for another 5 years, to support the adaptation efforts of LDCs through the provision of technical support and guidance.

Further information

Further information and upcoming documents include:

- NWP web page on [negotiations and decisions](#);
- The SBSTA 33 [report](#), containing the conclusions of the NWP;
- A progress report on the NWP for consideration at SBSTA 34 (available on-line in May);
- A miscellaneous document containing the submissions mentioned above (available on-line in April);
- The [AWG-LCA web pages](#);
- Web pages on [implementing adaptation](#) under the SBI.

Two new Calls for Action

Calls for Action summarize the gaps, needs and further opportunities for action identified at thematic workshops and expert meetings under the NWP. They focus on one or more of the nine NWP [work areas](#).

As mentioned in the [section above](#), two new [Calls for Action](#) (the tenth and eleventh) were endorsed by the Parties at SBSTA 33 in Cancun.

Call for Action 10

The tenth Call for Action originates from the [technical workshop](#) on collaboration among regional centers and networks, held in Apia, Samoa, 2-5 March 2010.

It invites stakeholders to take action to enhance collaboration among regional centres and networks, with a view to improving knowledge management and enhancing the effectiveness of technical support, particularly in the areas of [‘Methods and tools’](#), [‘Data and observations’](#) and [‘Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling’](#).

Call for Action 11

The eleventh Call for Action results from discussions at the [technical workshop](#) on costs and benefits of adaptation options, held in Madrid, Spain, 22-24 June 2010.

It encourages stakeholders to take action to respond to gaps and needs related to evaluating the costs and the benefits of adaptation options, under the NWP work area of [‘Socio-economic information’](#). This type of evaluation constitutes an important part of the adaptation policy cycle as it can facilitate the identification of appropriate adaptation practices and measures and the avoidance of maladaptation.

The NWP Focal Point Forum in Cancun

Background

At [SBSTA 28](#) in 2008, the SBSTA requested the secretariat to regularly organize Focal Point Forums, with the participation of Focal Points from NWP partner organizations and representatives from interested Parties. Parties saw these Forums as a platform upon which to take stock of activities undertaken by organizations and institutions in support of the objective of the NWP, and to promote a periodic dialogue between Parties and engaged organizations and institutions.

The fourth NWP Focal Point Forum, Cancun

The fourth NWP Focal Point Forum was held during the SBSTA 33 session, on Monday 6 December 2010 from 18:00-20:30. The Forum was chaired by the SBSTA Chair, Mr. Mama Konaté, and was attended by over 60 participants representing Parties and NWP partner organizations.

Participants started by exchanging views on the implementation of the NWP, and possible future activities by discussing:

- Enhancing responsiveness to the needs of Parties;
- Improving knowledge management and knowledge products;
- Facilitating coordination and collaboration; and
- Scaling up private sector engagement.

They then discussed their adaptation activities toward the objective of the NWP by highlighting:

- Activities related to adaptation planning and practices;
- Sector- and system-oriented adaptation actions;
- Cross-cutting activities;
- Regional collaboration; and
- Collaboration through partnerships.

Further information:

- The fourth NWP Focal Point Forum [summary note](#);
- The NWP "[workshops and meetings](#)" web-page.

The NWP virtual space on the ALM

The NWP is proud to announce the creation of a [dedicated space](#) on the Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM), to develop and deliver a comprehensive online adaptation knowledge sharing and learning platform for NWP stakeholders and others engaged in work on adaptation.

The [ALM](#) was launched in 2007 to serve as a platform for sharing and learning in the field of adaptation, and to bring stakeholders together to exchange information, experiences, and expertise. The ALM is also an [Action Pledge](#) under the NWP. It is a collaborative effort facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in close partnership with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Bank and specialized UN agencies including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

This online space has been created in response to calls from Parties and NWP partners to further enhance the work programme, particularly in the light of the significant mandates included in the Cancun Adaptation Framework, through, inter alia:

- Improving the exchange of information, knowledge and experiences on thematic issues among Parties and NWP partners, with a view to facilitating coordination and collaboration; and
- Making strategic use of existing networks and knowledge platforms on adaptation in an effort to more effectively disseminate knowledge, learning and best practices generated through the NWP.

Join up and stay connected

The [NWP user group](#) on the ALM is intended to facilitate enhanced interaction and mutual learning on adaptation, on an ongoing basis. In particular, it has been created to stimulate discussion and the exchange of experiences and views on the provision of scientific and technological advice to support enhanced adaptation action, including through improving the implementation of the NWP. Taking a tour around the ALM and the NWP user group area, you will discover there are numerous ways in which members could engage. One specific feature is an RSS feed, which enables users stay connected in the absence of access to a computer.

All members of the NWP community are strongly encouraged to join the group and contribute to lively conversations, to help to generate collective wisdom on adaptation.

Private Sector Initiative informal meeting on transport

On 24 February, the NWP's [Private Sector Initiative](#) (PSI) welcomed a number of NWP partners, including the International Union of Railways (UIC), Acclimatize, Flo-Cert, and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to the second informal PSI meeting in Bonn, with the topic: "Showcasing transport-related activities and engaging the private sector in advancing the adaptation agenda".

The meeting centered on UIC's "Adaptation of Railway Infrastructure to Climate Change (ARISCC)" project. The project highlights examples of good practice, in terms of how European railways manage and plan for extreme weather events and natural hazards under today's weather conditions. The project also uses these to develop guidance on how to deal with predicted changing weather and climate conditions in the future.

Partnership statistics

The NWP team would like to welcome the following [partners](#) that have joined the programme since our last NWP eUpdate in November 2010:

- [Centre for World Indigenous Studies \(CWIS\)](#)
- [CSR-in-Action](#)
- [IRDANA Advice](#)
- [Intellectap](#)
- [Nexus-Carbon for Development \(NEXUS\)](#)
- [Pricewaterhouse Coopers UK \(PwC UK\)](#)
- [Women's Environment and Development Organisation \(WEDO\)](#)

Current partnership status as of March 2011:

- Number of [partners](#): 202¹ including 35 private sector partners
- Number of Calls for Action: 11
- Number of [Action Pledges](#): 138
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 55, including 2 private sector partners
- Number of [experts](#) that our partners have nominated: 32

¹ The change in the number from previous eUpdates is due to the consolidation of 7 partners into one, at their request.

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 recently launched platform 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 discuss adaptation on the "wall"; and to share stories, information, and views on successes and lessons learned; challenges; solutions; and needs.

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 page widely within your networks!