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Recent and upcoming NWP activities

The thirty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 36) will take place from 14 to 25 May, 2012, in Bonn, Germany. During this session, the SBSTA will consider the progress made in implementing activities under the NWP since Durban.

Preparations are well underway for a NWP technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies, to be held before SBSTA 37. The Global Water Partnership, a NWP partner organization, recently hosted an expert round table meeting to brainstorm and provide recommendations for the upcoming technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. UNFCCC participation in the [6th World Water Forum](#), held in Marseille, was instrumental in promoting further involvement of organizations on water related adaptation issues and synergy with their existing activities.



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Progress made on the NWP in Durban

Negotiations on the NWP under the SBSTA

The thirty-fifth session of the SBSTA (SBSTA 35) took place from 28 November to 3 December, 2011, in Durban, South Africa. SBSTA 35 adopted [conclusions](#) on the NWP, and the COP adopted a [decision](#). The Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the secretariat to organize two technical workshops: the first on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies (to take place before SBSTA 37), and the second on ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation (to take place before SBSTA 38). The COP also requested the development of a compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning processes, and the continuation of the development of knowledge products and stakeholder engagement. The decision also requests the secretariat to continue the development of user-friendly knowledge products and outputs, enhance the dissemination of information and knowledge products developed under the NWP, and further engage stakeholders.

SBSTA 38 will reconsider the work areas of the NWP with a view to making recommendations to the COP at its 19th session on how to best support the objectives of the NWP. This process would further inform the organization of potential future areas of work that could also support the scientific and technical work under the [Cancun Adaptation Framework](#). Parties and relevant organizations are invited to submit their [views on potential future areas of the work of the NWP](#) by 17 September 2012 to inform this process.

Joint SBSTA/SBI in-session workshop

A joint SBSTA/Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) in-session workshop was held during SBSTA 35 to consider the outcomes of the NWP, and highlight the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change most relevant to the SBI. This workshop provided an opportunity for a fruitful exchange between Parties on relevant information and advice arising from the NWP, for consideration by the SBI. Parties recognized that the NWP could be refocused as the knowledge hub of scientific, technical and socio-economic information to facilitate the implementation of adaptation actions in support of the [Cancun Adaptation Framework](#), and suggested possible areas for further work under the NWP. [Further details of the workshop](#), including the [report of the workshop](#) are available on <unfccc.int>.

NWP Focal Point Forum

The fifth NWP Focal Point Forum was held in Durban, and attended by about 70 participants representing Parties and NWP partner organizations. The Forum focussed on coordinating efforts and enabling opportunities for collaboration to advance adaptation actions in relation to the NWP. Discussions were based around the following themes: making use of strategic communication for adaptation; technical support for [national adaptation plans \(NAPs\)](#); and, applying monitoring and evaluation approaches: experimentation and shared learning. [Further details of the Focal Point Forum](#), including the [summary note](#) are available on <unfccc.int>.

Related adaptation progress in Durban

The [Cancun Adaptation Framework](#) was operationalized in Durban, with key steps taken to establish the [Adaptation Committee](#), develop [NAPs](#) and further the implementation of the [work programme on loss and damage](#).

The [Adaptation Committee](#) was established as a body of 16 experts tasked with promoting the implementation of adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention. The Adaptation Committee will convene its inaugural meeting in May this year, pending the receipt of expert nominations. Several activities were mandated to lay the groundwork for the design and implementation of NAPs. The COP adopted initial guidelines for the formulation of NAPs by [Least Developed Countries](#) (LDCs), and requested the [LDC Expert Group](#) (LEG) to develop technical guidelines. The COP also requested the LEG to identify support needs for the process of formulation and implementation of NAPs, and to prioritize support for NAPs in its work.

The SBI was requested by the COP to consider guidance on policies and programmes to enable support for the NAP process for LDCs at its next session.

Parties agreed on activities to be undertaken by the work programme on loss and damage leading up to COP 18. Activities include international- and regional-level expert meetings to address the first two thematic areas of the work programme: assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, and options to address this risk.

The first expert meeting took place in Tokyo, Japan from 26-28 March, and focussed on [assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change](#).

Further regional expert meetings will take place for Africa, Asia, Latin America and small island developing States later this year, to address issues related to different approaches to address loss and damage. These meetings will be informed by a background paper and a literature review. A further technical paper on slow onset events will be developed after the regional meetings have taken place. The outcomes of these activities are expected to generate an adequate knowledge base to inform the COP in making a decision on loss and damage at COP 18.

The SBI provided further guidance to the LEG on training workshops on [National Adaptation Programmes of Action](#) (NAPA) implementation. The COP requested the LEG to provide further specification on each of the elements of the LDC work programme to inform negotiations on the LDC Fund at SBI 36. The LEG will continue its work based on its work programme for 2011-2012 and the new mandates received in Durban. The first meeting of the LEG recently took place in Bhutan.

Update on activities under the NWP Private Sector Initiative

With a growing profile, the [NWP Private Sector Initiative \(PSI\)](#) is rapidly expanding with 23 new partners joining in the past year, bringing the total number of PSI partners to 60.

The NWP PSI aims to catalyze the involvement of the private sector in the wider adaptation community. The unique expertise of the private sector, its capacity to innovate and produce new technologies for adaptation, and its financial leverage form an important part of the NWP. The PSI provides a platform for businesses to contribute in a sustainable and profitable manner to a strong and effective response, both in their own adaptation efforts and in those of the most vulnerable countries and communities around the world.

The UNFCCC secretariat also launched a [database featuring profitable climate change adaptation activities pioneered by private companies](#), as part of efforts to put the benefits and business sense of adaptation firmly on the agenda of the private sector.

See the [NWP PSI webpages](#) for more information, and contact nwp@unfccc.int to join the PSI, and/or add a case study to the [PSI database](#).

International workshop: Adaptation to Climate Change - A Case for Business?

NWP partners GIZ hosted an international workshop “Adaptation to Climate Change - A Case for Business?” on 26 and 27 March 2012 in Bonn, Germany. The workshop aimed to better understand business cases in achieving global climate change adaptation. It identified key questions, good practices and appropriate solutions for private sector engagement in the field of adaptation to climate change, especially in developing countries.

For more information see: <<http://www.bonn-perspectives.de/>>

Partnership statistics

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

- [American Council on Renewable Energy \(ACORE\)](#)
- [Doctors for Humankind Foundation](#)
- [Ecoprogresso - Consultores em Ambiente e Desenvolvimento](#)
- [Global Adaptation Institute \(GAIN\)](#)
- [Hidro+ Hydrodynamic Power Technology](#)
- [Institute for Environment and Sanitation Studies, University of Ghana \(IESS\)](#)
- [Internal Displacement Monitoring Center \(IDMC\)](#)
- [Jambo Africa Tourism Organization Network \(JatonetKenya cbo\)](#)
- [PepsiCo South America, Caribbean and Central America Foods \(SACCAF\)](#)
- [RECOFTC - The Center for People and Forests](#)
- [Terracon Ecotech Pvt. Ltd.](#)
- [The Alliance for Global Water Adaptation \(AGWA\)](#)
- [Wildlife Works](#)

Current partnership statistics as of November 2011:

- Number of [partners](#): 251, including 60 private sector partners
- Number of [Action Pledges](#): 165
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 72, including 7 private sector partners
- Number of NWP [experts](#): 47



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Further engaging with the NWP

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge on adaptation to Parties and partners. Please help us by:

Providing information on your adaptation activities

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

Characterizing your organization

If you have not yet done so, complete and return the [NWP partners form](#).

Making Action Pledges

Create an Action Pledge using the [Action Pledge 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 nomination form](#).

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



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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 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.

Already, over 1300 individuals and organizations 'like' the Adaptation Exchange. Please contribute to the Exchange and share this community widely within your networks!