

THE NINE WORK AREAS OF
THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME**6 ADAPTATION PLANNING
AND PRACTICES**

WHAT IS THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME?

The Nairobi work programme, under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), aims to assist countries that are party to the Convention, particularly developing countries, to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and to make informed decisions thereon.

WHAT DOES ADAPTATION PLANNING AND PRACTICES REFER TO, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME?

Work area 6 of the Nairobi work programme aims to collect, analyze and disseminate information on past and current practical adaptation actions and measures so that governments, relevant organizations, business, communities, decision makers, and other regional and national stakeholders can learn from each other to reduce vulnerability and adapt to the impacts of climate change in the most effective manner. The range of potential adaptation actions include short- and long-term strategies and projects involving changes in lifestyle and behaviour, resource management such as farming, food and water storage and changes in regulatory frameworks and laws such as for housing and infrastructure. The effectiveness of a practice tends to be context-specific, although there is still much value in sharing knowledge and information on practices so that they can be considered, replicated, improved and/or adapted to suit different needs, scales and geographic locations.

HOW DOES THE WORK AREA OF ADAPTATION
PLANNING AND PRACTICES CONTRIBUTE TO THE
EFFORTS OF STAKEHOLDERS?

Undertaking activities in this work area can assist stakeholders at international, regional, national and local levels to share information on lessons learned and good practices from past and current adaptation measures and actions, and the implications for sustainable development. Exposure to a wide range of options enables consideration and adoption of successful practices and avoidance of maladaptation.



ADAPTATION PLANNING AND PRACTICES

WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, AND WHAT UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CAN BE EXPECTED?

Progress includes:

- Submissions on activities related to this work area by governments and organizations;
- A synthesis report based on submissions;
- A report on relevant outputs from expert groups that function under the UNFCCC;
- A workshop in Rome, 2007, on issues related to this work area;
- Two web-based interfaces providing information on existing adaptation practices and local coping strategies for adaptation.

Additional activities mandated during 2008 – 2010 include:

- A technical paper and technical workshop on integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies into national policies and programmes;
- A technical workshop on advancing the integration of various approaches to adaptation planning, including scaling up of local and community-based adaptation;
- Parties and relevant organizations have been invited to submit information on a range of aspects including integrating, implementing and expanding adaptation planning and practice.

Calls for Action relating to this work area are available that highlight gaps and needs, and aim to catalyze a number of activities by stakeholders. These include a range of recommended activities in and across sectors and across different levels ensuring the involvement of communities, targeted research, capacity building, training and better understanding of adaptation options.

At the beginning of 2009, 30 Action Pledges related to this work area had been received by the secretariat. Action pledges provide an interactive way for Nairobi work programme partners to contribute actions towards the goals and objectives of this work area and the Nairobi work programme.

For the latest information on adaptation planning and practices, and accompanying documentation:

<http://unfccc.int/3991.php>

