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Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability
and adaptation to climate change

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Adaptation at SB 38 and ADP 2-2

The [thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies \(SB38\) to the UNFCCC, and the second part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action \(ADP 2-2\)](#) took place from 3 to 14 June, 2013, in Bonn, Germany. The SBSTA and ADP held extensive discussions on a range of adaptation related issues and adopted substantive conclusions on these items. In addition, a set of UNFCCC mandated adaptation in-session events also took place.

The Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP)

Delegates met and held extensive discussions on the NWP throughout the session. SBSTA38 adopted a set of [conclusions](#) on this item. Key elements of the conclusions include:



- Continuing discussion at SBSTA 39 on enhancing the NWP on the basis of, inter alia:
 - (a) Considering the scope of the work of the Nairobi work programme as agreed in the annex of [decision 2/CP.11](#) through additional cross-cutting issues;
 - (b) Sequencing activities so that they build on each other, and engaging adaptation practitioners;
 - (c) Developing linkages with adaptation-related workstreams and bodies under the Convention, including the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), as appropriate.
- Requesting submissions from Parties and relevant organizations, by 2 September 2013, their views on ways to enhance the relevance of, and to support the objective of, the work programme.
- Agreeing to implement the following interim activities:
 - Preparation of a technical paper 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
 - Organization of 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
- Continuing consideration, at SBSTA 39, of the work areas of the NWP in line with the mandate of decision 6/CP.17, based on, inter alia, the draft text contained in the annex to the conclusions.

- Inviting the [Adaptation Committee](#) to provide recommendations in its next report on how the Nairobi work programme could provide support to the Committee in the implementation of relevant activities of its [workplan](#).

National Adaptation Plans

The NAP Expo: launching the NAP process at the national level in LDCs

[The NAP Expo](#), a one-day event, was held during SB38, and succeeded in launching the national adaptation plan (NAP) process at the national level in least developed countries (LDCs). The SBI-mandated event was conducted by the [LDC Expert Group \(LEG\)](#), with the support of the secretariat and in collaboration with relevant organizations. There was a high attendance rate with over 150 representatives from LDCs and other Parties; the GEF and its agencies; adaptation practitioners; organizations; development agencies; regional centres and networks; as well as individual experts.



The event promoted a common understanding of the NAP process by going through the [NAP technical guidelines](#). It also provided an opportunity for the LDCs to communicate their plans for the formulation of NAPs, and a platform for Parties, agencies and organizations to share information on their support to the LDCs in this regard. The NAP Expo served as a forum for the exchange of experience and best practices on planning, prioritizing and implementation of adaptation while a number of LDCs are already embarking on the NAP process, utilizing the technical guidelines produced by the LEG. In addition to this, the LEG also presented on the initial design of the new NAP online system "[NAP Central](#)", which has been released, with the implementation of a full prototype version expected by COP 19. It received very positive feedback.

Implementation of all elements of decision 1/CP.17

[ADP 2-2](#) held an [in-session workshop on enhancing adaptation through the 2015 agreement](#). Key elements in the adopted [conclusions](#) include a request to the secretariat to prepare a first version of a technical paper synthesizing submissions on the costs, benefits and opportunities for adaptation based on different drivers of climate change impacts, including the relationship between adaptation and mitigation and an overview of the mandates, as well as the progress of work under institutions, mechanisms and arrangements under the Convention, to inform the work of the ADP, including on linkages.

Issues related to agriculture

SBSTA 38 adopted conclusions on the current state of scientific knowledge on how to enhance the adaptation of agriculture to climate change impacts while promoting rural development, sustainable development and productivity of agricultural systems and food security in all countries, particularly in developing countries. This should take into account the diversity of the agricultural systems and the differences in scale as well as possible adaptation co-benefits. A workshop on these issues is mandated to take place during SBSTA39 (November 2013 in Warsaw, Poland).

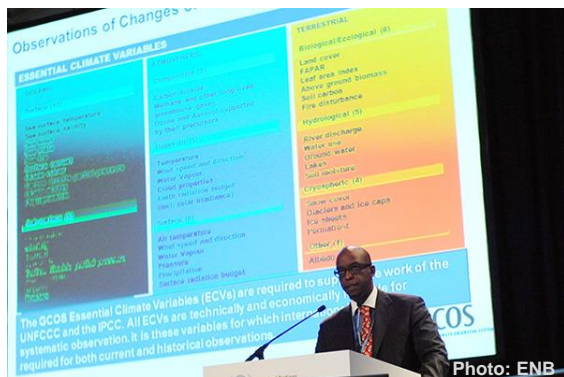
Research and Systematic Observation

The [conclusions](#) on this item highlight the advances made in research, especially at the regional level, and invited submissions from Parties on possible topics for the research dialogue at SBSTA 40 (June 2014), which is expected to also benefit from [the Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC \(IPCC AR5\)](#) to be released by that time. The conclusions also mandated a workshop, to be held prior to SBSTA 39, on technical and scientific aspects of high-carbon reservoir ecosystems, not covered by other items under the Convention, such as coastal marine ecosystems, in the broader mitigation and adaptation context.



In addition, the [annual research dialogue](#) was held, which enjoyed broad participation and served as a vehicle to enhance communication between the research community and Parties and to disseminate latest policy-relevant findings emerging from science. It was structured around three major themes: Recent developments in global climate information, emerging scientific findings, and needs for climate change research and developments in research-related capacity-building. Presenters gave insight on emerging scientific findings concentrated on GHGs from ecosystems, in particular terrestrial, being a central focus, alongside with topics covering developments on global climate information, including developments towards the [IPCC AR5](#), regional research and capacity-building activities, including for adaptation, and research-related needs and priorities.

2013-2015 Review



At SB 38, Parties successfully began their work on the [2013-2015 review](#), and the in-session workshop under the [structured expert dialogue \(SED\)](#) of the review was held. This workshop was organized under two themes: the assessment of the adequacy of the long-term global goal (LTGG) and the overall progress made towards achieving this goal. On the first theme, the World Meteorological Organization, IPCC and the Hadley Centre made background presentations on the status of the climate science and how science could inform the discussion on global climate targets. Participants exchanged views on this background information and on a number of other issues including the rationale for differentiating between manageable risks (temperature rise of 1–2°C) and significant risks (2–3°C). Parties also exchanged views on the assessment of the overall progress made towards achieving the LTGG.

Ongoing and upcoming activities

NWP

As mandated by the SBSTA, the secretariat continues its efforts in engaging and collaborating with stakeholders including NWP partner organizations, in enhancing the development, dissemination and sharing of practical adaptation knowledge.

In addition, in the run up to SBSTA 39, the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, is collaborating closely with relevant organizations in preparing a technical paper on indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices, and gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation to climate change. This paper will provide inputs to a workshop on the same issues, to be held prior to SBSTA 40 (June 2014), with a view to developing recommendations for practitioners 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.

Adaptation Committee

Third meeting of the Adaptation Committee, 18–20 June 2013, Bonn, Germany

[The Adaptation Committee](#) made good progress towards the implementation of its [three-year work plan](#). Constructive discussions at this [three-day meeting](#) further defined the next steps in key areas of the Adaptation Committee's work, such as promoting coherence of adaptation under the Convention, including on means of implementation; and preparation of a workshop on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation. The Adaptation Committee also finalized a call for submissions to regional institutions and UN agencies on information on their support for adaptation.

Fourth meeting of the Adaptation Committee

The [fourth meeting of the Adaptation Committee](#) is scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 September 2013 in Nadi, Fiji.

Workshop on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation

The workshop on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation will be held from 9 to 11 September 2013 in Nadi, Fiji.

Loss and Damage

Expert meeting

The [expert meeting](#) to consider future needs, including capacity needs, associated with possible approaches to address slow onset events will be held from 12 to 14 September 2013 in Nadi, Fiji.

Least Developed Countries Expert Group

Regional Training Workshops on Adaptation for the Least Developed Countries for 2012-2013

The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) is conducting the [LEG regional training workshop on adaptation for Anglophone African least developed countries](#) from 29 July to 2 August 2013 in Kigali, Rwanda.

It will conduct the LEG regional training workshop on adaptation for Asian least developed countries from 20 to 24 August 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Both workshops are part of the four regional trainings being conducted by the LEG in 2012-13, for Pacific, Francophone, Anglophone African, and Asian LDCs, respectively. The workshops focus on the implementation of NAPAs and the establishment of the NAP process at the national level.

24th Meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

The 24th Meeting of the LEG is scheduled to take place from 26 – 29 August 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia.



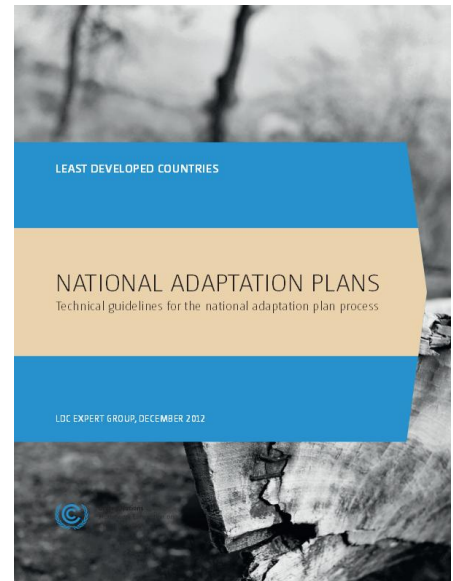
Outreach and publications developed under the UNFCCC Adaptation programme

Technical guidelines for the NAP process

The [NAP technical guidelines](#) were launched at the end of 2012 by the LEG, and have been recently published in both French and Portuguese. Their availability in many languages is an important step in providing technical guidance and support to the LDCs, which will use the guidelines at the national and sub-national levels.

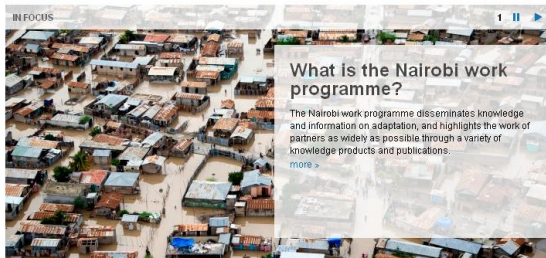
To complement the guidelines, the LEG also produced a poster with a table of steps, building blocks and sample outputs under each of the four elements of the NAP process.

Both the technical guidelines and the poster can be found [here](#).



Enhancing the Adaptation programme webpages

Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP)



Outlook to SBSTA 38

Work areas	Chronology	Decisions & Conclusions	Workshops & Meetings	Documents
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Join the Nairobi work programme		
Action Pledges Database of actions pledged by partner organizations of the Nairobi work programme to meet the needs of Parties and support the implementation of the programme	Partner Organizations Database of organizations from all levels and sectors that have partnered with the Nairobi work programme, and contribute to its implementation	Private Sector Initiative Opportunities for private sector to implement actions towards reducing risks to their operations, as well as investing in adaptation action in vulnerable regions
Databases Online information and knowledge resources on the understanding and assessment of impacts and vulnerability to climate change and adaptation practices	Publications Books, brochures and leaflets developed under and on the Nairobi work programme	eUpdate Quarterly newsletter, updating partner organizations and UNFCCC focal points on progress made on the implementation of the Nairobi work programme

In May 2013, the [Adaptation Programme webpages](#) including those of the [Nairobi work programme](#) were revised with a view to offer users enhanced navigating and content to the webpages. The enhanced webpages have been a significant departure from previous version in improving consistency, usability and accessibility

The pages are now categorized into [‘Workstreams’](#), [‘Groups & Committees’](#) and [‘Knowledge Resources’](#). This will facilitate finding information at a predictable location on every page. Furthermore, the navigation points for [‘Workshops & Meetings’](#) and [Decision & Conclusions’](#) offer a direct access to these two resources.

Users are encouraged to report any glitches they may find with the new webpages and to provide suggestions on possible improvements. Please send this feedback to nwp@unfccc.int.

NWP partnership updates

Call for information from NWP partners on relevant 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.

Side event organized by Nairobi work programme partner organizations at SB 38

A Side Event entitled "Nairobi Work Programme – What is next?" brought together country delegates, IGOs, NGOs, and UN organizations to discuss, in an informal setting, possible future structures and modalities of the Nairobi Work Programme. The side event was jointly organized by four NWP partner organizations, namely Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA), Water and Climate Coalition (WCC), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Conservation International (CI), and the Netherlands and Switzerland. Some of the main points stressed by participants were the need for the NWP to be more relevant to local level implementation and to coordinate the dialogue with other relevant workstreams under the UNFCCC, in particular the Cancun Adaptation Framework. Participants viewed the role of NWP as a platform for cooperation between Parties, experts and implementers as well as a knowledge centre for adaptation, which could be further enhanced, in response to the urgent need to strengthening adaptation actions.

FGV, a Nairobi work programme partner from Latin America, hosting a regional event on adaptation



Photo: Center for Sustainability Studies of FGV

On 26 June 2013, the NWP partner Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) held the first [Latin American Forum on Climate Change Adaptation](#). Stakeholders from national and sub-national governments, academia, private sector and civil society from a range of countries in Latin America met, shared experiences and showed enthusiasm to learn more about ways to tackle the impacts of climate change, reducing risks and building resilience, while profiting from

business opportunities.

The forum established solid foundations that will allow the different actors to continue exchanging knowledge at the different levels and building resilience to the impacts of climate change in the region. The event served to strengthen the reach of the Nairobi work programme and in particular of the [Private Sector Initiative \(PSI\) under the Nairobi work programme](#), in the Americas.

Over 30 case studies from the region had been submitted to the [PSI database](#) in response to a call made by the organizers of the event. Thirteen of these are published while the rest are under refinement. Finally, three cases (from Brazil, Colombia and Peru) were selected by an independent committee and presented at the Forum by the respective companies

UNECE workshop on water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins

On 25-26 June 2013, more than 120 experts from all over the world gathered in Geneva for the [fourth workshop on water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins](#), organized by the [United Nations Economic Commission for Europe \(UNECE\)](#) in collaboration with several other organizations such as World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), AGWA and the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO). Many examples of successful cooperation between different sectors, stakeholders and riparian countries in adaptation water management to climate change were highlighted.



The workshop highlighted that water is a cross-cutting issue in climate change adaptation since many other sectors depend on water. Involving water-related sectors such as agriculture, energy and industry is therefore an important prerequisite for successfully adapting water management to climate change.

One of the highlights of the workshop was the 'market place of tools' where participants could learn more about various modelling, communication and decision making tools through a series of roundtables. The UNFCCC representative hosted a roundtable on knowledge management within the framework of the NWP.

The workshop was organized back to back with the [sixth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate](#) on 27 June 2013 under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (The Water Convention). Discussions at the Workshop focused on how to strengthen cooperation between the Water Convention and the UNFCCC. It was recognized that the platform for exchanging experience under the Task Force could provide valuable input for consideration of water related issues in the UNFCCC processes.

ACCC co-hosting an international conference on climate change adaptation

[The Adaptation to Climate Change in China \(ACCC\)](#), an NWP partner, in collaboration with the Global Legislators' Organization (GLOBE International) and INTASAVE Partnership & CARIBSAVE, organized an international conference on climate change adaptation, from 2 to 4 July 2013, in Beijing, China. The ACCC project is a joint research-for-policy initiative of China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the UK Department for International Development (DfID), Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and the Swiss Development Corporation (SDC).



This three-day Conference brought together 150 leading policymakers, legislators, experts and adaptation practitioners from China and 35 other developing countries, as well as multilateral agencies, to explore major opportunities for China and other developing countries to work together to make their countries and communities more resilient to the impacts of climate change. One of the three themes discussed at the Conference was South-South cooperation on adaptation. Delegates at the Conference

highlighted, among others, the importance of building on existing institutional arrangements such as the NWP, to promote and scale up south-south cooperation on adaptation. Participants discussed and agreed upon the conference's outcome document, Guiding Principles for Climate Change Adaptation; South-South Cooperation, Practice and Legislation and their gave support for another conference in South Africa in 2014.

Ongoing collaboration with RIOCC

Another example of "collaboration with partner organizations" at a regional level is the "NWP's disseminators network in Iberoamerica" which is a joint initiative between the UNFCCC Secretariat and the [Iberoamerican Network of Climate Changes Offices \(RIOCC\)](#) in which Spain, through the Spanish Climate Change Office, has a coordinating role.

During the seventh annual RIOCC meeting held in Montevideo in 2010, representatives from the RIOCC member states deliberated on the importance of enhancing RIOCC's collaboration with the NWP. As a result, in its conclusions of the meeting, the RIOCC decided to establish a NWP disseminators network with the idea of nominating one expert from each member country to strengthen the utilization of knowledge and technical resources available under the NWP provided by NWP partners.

After appointments of the national disseminators from all RIOCC member countries, a survey was carried out to identify awareness of NWP disseminators and RIOCC adaptation focal points on adaptation information and needs at all levels in each country; assess how to

enhance capability of NWP disseminators and RIOCC adaptation focal points; identify means by which knowledge sharing and management of information under the NWP could be improved; and ways to enhance technical support that could be provided by the NWP partners and the secretariat.

A report from the survey, in English and in Spanish, including findings of the survey responses, possible next steps and activities to be undertaken under this initiative, will be made available in August on the [RIOCC website](#).

New examples added to the Adaptation practices interface

[The adaptation practices interface](#) is a gateway to information on adaptation practices worldwide. It provides a summary of adaptation practices by a large range of organizations, agencies and businesses, along with descriptions and relevant links and publications. Seventeen adaptation practices implemented in Mexico and other countries in the Caribbean and Central America have been recently added to the Interface. Some of these newly added practices are governmental initiatives (such as CONAGUA), while others are collaborative efforts among governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental, private sector and academic. The Interface now contains a total of 296 adaptation practices.

Have we missed your NWP-related activity? Please send a short description of your activity or event with a web link to further information, to nwp@unfccc.int by 25 October 2013 for inclusion in the next issue of the eUpdate. Please note that events and activities highlighted in the eUpdate should be directly related to the [NWP and its work areas](#), and/or be described through an [NWP Action Pledge](#).

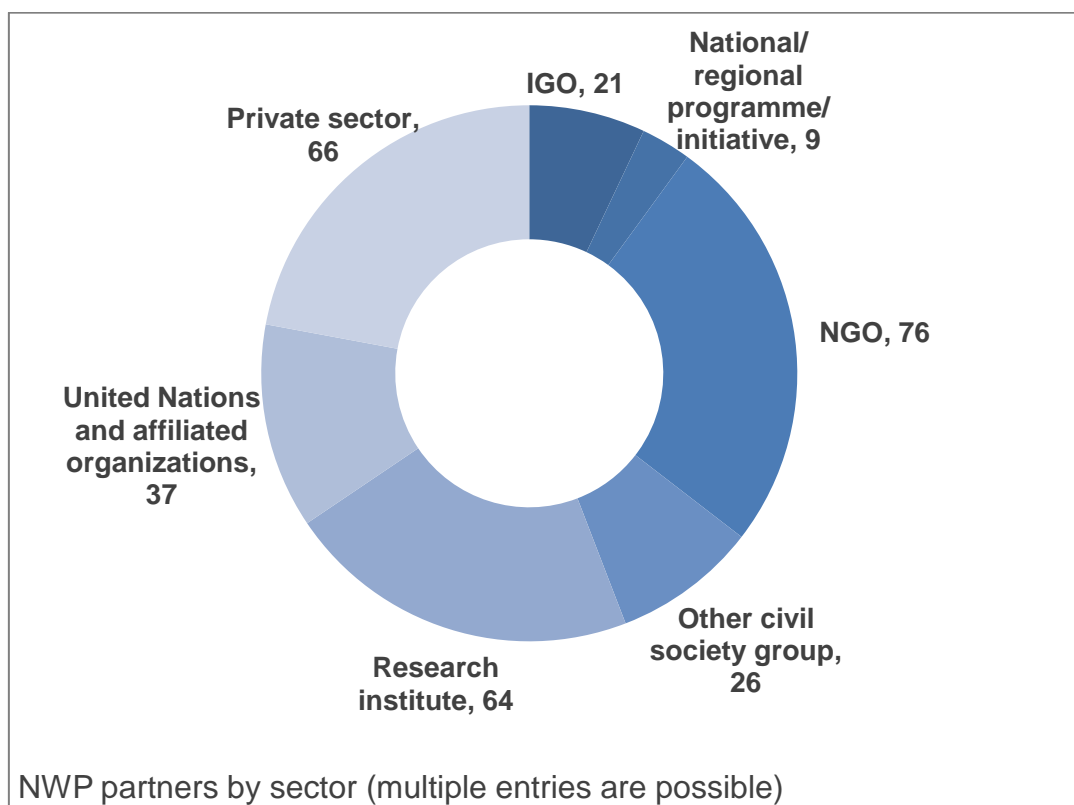
Partnership statistics

The NWP team at the secretariat would like to welcome the following partners that have joined the programme since our last NWP eUpdate in March 2013:

- [Environmental Protection and Management Services](#)
- [Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change \(CMCC\)](#)
- [Germanwatch](#)
- [International Institute of Agri-Food Security \(IIAFS\), Curtin University](#)
- [Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change, Korea Environment Institute](#)
- [Studionavarra.co.uk](#)

Current partnership statistics as of July 2013:

- Number of [partners](#): 277, including 66 private sector partners
- Number of [Action Pledges](#): 178
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 79, including 10 private sector partners



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:

Providing information on your organization and adaptation activities

Please check your partnership page in the [new NWP database](#) to ensure that information about your organization and activities on adaptation are up to date. It's easy to make changes, simply log in and update the relevant entries of data pertinent to your organization.

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 Parties and 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 community.

Updating us on progress in implementing Action Pledges

If you would like to provide an update of progress that you have made on the implementation and impact of your pledged action(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 growing adaptation community and beyond.

Please note that, in the new NWP database, you are able to upload pictures with your Action Pledges that will then be shown at the overview page of the NWP. You can also upload a picture relating to an already submitted Action Pledge that demonstrates adaptation work undertaken by your organization.

For any questions, please email to: nwp@unfccc.int.

Like 'The Adaptation Exchange'



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 3500 individuals and organizations 'like' The Adaptation Exchange. Please contribute to the Exchange and share this community widely within your networks!