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## **eUpdate: Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (NWP)**

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## Recent and upcoming NWP activities

### **Technical workshop on water, climate change impacts and adaptation strategies**

A technical workshop on water, climate change impacts and adaptation strategies was held in Mexico City, Mexico from 18 to 20 July. The workshop considered issues surrounding climate change impacts on water resources, including multi-dimensional aspects of water in the context of livelihoods, related sectors and ecosystems, data and observation needs and opportunities, and adaptation planning and practices to reduce the vulnerability of water resources at multiple levels. Crosscutting themes included the applicability of indigenous knowledge and coping systems and the need for gender sensitivity to developing inclusive adaptation strategies involving water resources. Participants also discussed the role of stakeholder engagement, knowledge sharing and management, and collaboration at different levels, to enhance the resilience of water resources to climate change. This workshop also led to interactive exchange among participants on the potential direction for future work on water and climate change in the context of the Nairobi work programme.

Further information is available on <<http://unfccc.int/6955>>.

### **NWP knowledge products and stakeholder engagement**

The interface of the [NWP Partners and Action Pledges database](#) is currently being refreshed. This activity will contribute towards implementing mandates contained in decision [6/CP.17](#), on continuing the development of user-friendly knowledge products and outputs; enhancing the dissemination of information and knowledge products developed under the Nairobi work programme; and further engaging stakeholders.

The new system will allow existing NWP Partners to update their information and Action Pledges directly, and allow prospective NWP partners to add initial content about their organization directly to the database. This change aims to streamline knowledge management, and allow NWP partners to update their content more conveniently and efficiently.

The refreshed database will be launched later this year.

## NWP Partners Corner – Showcasing activities under the NWP

### Call for content on NWP partners' activities

*Has your organization undertaken an event or activity under the NWP recently? Have you made an NWP Action Pledge on this event? We would like to showcase your activity in the eUpdate! Please send a short description of your event with a web link to further information, to [nwp@unfccc.int](mailto:nwp@unfccc.int) by 31 October 2012. Please note that events and activities will be showcased in the next eUpdate only if they are undertaken directly in relation to the [NWP and its nine work areas](#), and/or have been described through an [NWP Action Pledge](#). Selected events and activities will be showcased.*

#### **The NWP at the Durban Forum on Capacity-building, COP 17/CMP 7, Durban South Africa, 2011**

Mr. Blane Harvey, [Institute of Development Studies](#), participated in the [Durban Forum on Capacity-building](#) as an NWP partner and panelist. He spoke about experiences and observations from the perspective of an NWP partner on mobilizing knowledge and



Source: Sarah Marchildon, UNFCCC

strengthening capacity under the NWP. The Durban Forum on Capacity-building is the institutional arrangement agreed upon at the UN Climate Change Conference in Durban to facilitate the enhancement of monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building. Further information about the Durban Forum can be found on <<http://unfccc.int/6905>>

#### **2012 Climate and Development Knowledge Brokers Workshop**

NWP partners CDKN and GIZ convened their 2012 Climate Knowledge Brokers' Workshop from 18-20 May in Bonn, Germany. Over thirty participants from organizations all over the world attended. The objective of the workshop was to forge closer collaborative links between climate knowledge brokers working in the climate and development area. The workshop provided participants with an opportunity to



Source: <http://cdkn.org/2012/05/highlights-from-the-climate-knowledge-brokers-workshop/>

improve access to reliable information and robust methods for those working in these sectors, particularly in developing countries, and to enhance their ability to share lessons and experience. [See here for CDKN's associated Action Pledge.](#)

## Related adaptation progress and activities under the UNFCCC

### Progress made during the Bonn session

At the [36<sup>th</sup> session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation \(SBI\)](#), progress was made on all Adaptation items, building momentum towards COP 18, with significant steps taken in relation to the process for [national adaptation plans](#) (NAPs), least developed country (LDC) matters and the work programme on loss and damage. A draft decision on support for the NAP process in LDCs was developed, to be finalized at COP 18. Parties took note of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) in developing technical guidelines for the NAP process, and looked forward to completion of this work by COP 18. In relation to LDC matters, the SBI endorsed a two-year rolling work programme for the LEG, with Parties inviting the Global Environment Facility, relevant organizations and regional centres to support the regional training workshops on adaptation for the LDCs for 2012–2013. All Parties were very positive about the work of the LEG in supporting LDCs. During the May session, the SBI discussed recent progress made under the [work programme on loss and damage](#), including the recent [expert meeting](#) in Tokyo, Japan and a technical paper on current knowledge on methodologies for assessing the risk of loss and damage.

### Inaugural meeting of the Adaptation Committee

The first meeting of the [Adaptation Committee](#) is planned to take place soon after receipt of the pending membership nominations. During its first meeting, the Committee will initiate work on elaborating a three-year work plan, including defining milestones, activities, deliverables and resource requirements, in accordance with its agreed functions, for approval by COP 18. Further information about the meeting will be made available on <http://unfccc.int/6053>.

### Expert meetings on loss and damage

Expert meetings under the [work programme on loss and damage](#) have been successfully held this year in Tokyo, Japan; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and Mexico City, Mexico. Further regional-level meetings are mandated to take place before COP 18, one for Asia, and one for small island developing States. Further information is available on <http://unfccc.int/6056>.

### Least Developed Countries Expert Group meetings and workshops

The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) will meet from 26 to 29 September 2012 in Funafuti, Tuvalu; followed by a workshop on adaptation for Pacific Least Developed Countries from 28 September to 3 October 2012, also in Tuvalu. From 29 to 31 October 2012, a technical meeting to review the draft NAP guidelines will be held in Bonn, Germany. For further information on these meetings and workshops, see <http://unfccc.int/4751>.

## Partnership statistics

The NWP team would like to welcome the following partners that have joined the programme since our last NWP eUpdate in March 2012:

- [Action by Churches Together \(ACT\) Alliance](#)
- [Mountain Partnership Secretariat](#)
- [Perspectives](#)
- [Southern Africa Faith Communities Environment International \(SAFCEI\)](#)
- [UN Department for International Development in Kenya \(DFID Kenya\)](#)
- [Urban Climate Change Research Network \(UCCRN\)](#)
- [World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters \(AMARC\)](#)

Current partnership statistics as of July 2012:

- Number of [partners](#): 257, including 62 private sector partners
- Number of [Action Pledges](#): 172
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 75, including 8 private sector partners
- Number of NWP [experts](#): 47



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## Engaging further with the NWP

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge on adaptation to Parties and partners. Your organization can:

### Provide information on your adaptation activities

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

### Characterize your organization

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

### Make Action Pledges

Create an Action Pledge using the [Action Pledge template](#). Information on existing Action Pledges is available in the [Action Pledges database](#).

### Update 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](#).

Please send all forms and information to: [nwp@unfccc.int](mailto: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 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 1600 individuals and organizations 'like' the Adaptation Exchange. Please contribute to the Exchange and share this community widely within your networks!