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

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Recent and upcoming NWP activities

NWP Negotiations

Outcomes from COP 18 in Doha

At its 37th session, the SBSTA adopted [conclusions](#) on the Nairobi work programme, welcoming the organization of a [technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies and the related report](#), as well as a [compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning processes](#); Parties also acknowledged the ongoing [progress made in implementing activities under the Nairobi work programme](#), including the contributions of partner organisations, and development and dissemination of knowledge products, now supported through an enhanced online database of partner organisations and their activities.

Focus of discussions at SB38

At SBSTA 38 in June, Parties will reconsider work areas of the Nairobi work programme, with a view to making recommendations to the COP at its nineteenth session on how to best support the objectives of the Nairobi work programme. This process would further inform the consideration of potential future areas of work that would be required to support the scientific and technical aspects of the Cancun Adaptation Framework.

New database of Nairobi work programme partners and Action Pledges

New interface streamlines partnership and interactions

Provision and dissemination of technical and scientific information and knowledge and practical tools for Parties and wide range of adaptation stakeholders has been one of the important aspects of the NWP. In line with this, a more user friendly and dynamic [online database of partner organizations and action pledges](#) was launched in December 2012. The new database facilitates effective access to and management of information by NWP partner organizations.

Enhanced role of NWP focal points

Amongst the new features, the new interface allows direct access for partner organization focal points to manage their contact details, review and update information and action pledges by their organizations.

NWP events

Technical workshop on ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation to climate change

The [technical workshop on ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation to climate change](#) was successfully held from 21 to 23 March in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania with active participation of over 70 representatives from both Parties and organizations globally.

The workshop focused on enhancing understanding of impacts, vulnerability and risks of ecosystems due to

climate change; aspects of ecosystem-based approaches (e.g. their benefits, tools/approaches, data and knowledge needs, monitoring and evaluation); integration of ecosystem-based approaches in national adaptation policies and programmes, including in the context of Rio Conventions, through sharing of best practices. Participants also identified potential areas of further work, including in the context of the Nairobi work programme (e.g. opportunities and good practices for disseminating knowledge on EbA to target audiences, potential role in facilitating knowledge management and stakeholder engagement).

The workshop report will be made available to Parties for their consideration at SBSTA 38 in June.



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NWP events in COP 18, Doha

NWP Focal Point Forum - 27 November 2012

The sixth [Nairobi work programme Focal Point Forum](#) was attended by over 80 representatives from Parties, [partner organizations](#) and other relevant organizations. The Forum was held under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA. Collaborative activities undertaken towards the implementation of the Nairobi work programme were shared by partner organizations: the Ibero-American Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC) (on regional initiatives to strengthen links between Parties and organizations) and UNEP (on activities related to ecosystem-based approaches).

Participants discussed opportunities for strengthening collaboration between all adaptation stakeholders for enhanced action, within the context of the evolving [work areas](#) of the Nairobi work programme. Views shared by representatives of partner organizations and Parties acknowledged the ongoing stakeholder engagement in implementation of the work

programme, as well as its future value in informing relevant processes under the Convention and the wide adaptation community through the provision and dissemination of scientific and technological advice. Participants also identified opportunities to enhance the uptake of knowledge generated under the work programme through identifying innovative ways to disseminate and repackage knowledge to a wide range of stakeholders at regional, national and community levels. Many participants pointed to further opportunities for the work programme to build on existing stakeholder engagement activities and catalyse increased collaboration among partner organizations towards its objective.

Showcasing adaptation activities and challenges in the private sector

The first side event of the [Private Sector Initiative](#) of the NWP, held during the COP 18, in Doha, gathered more than 100 attendants to debate about adaptation activities and challenges of the business sector. After the welcoming words of the Executive

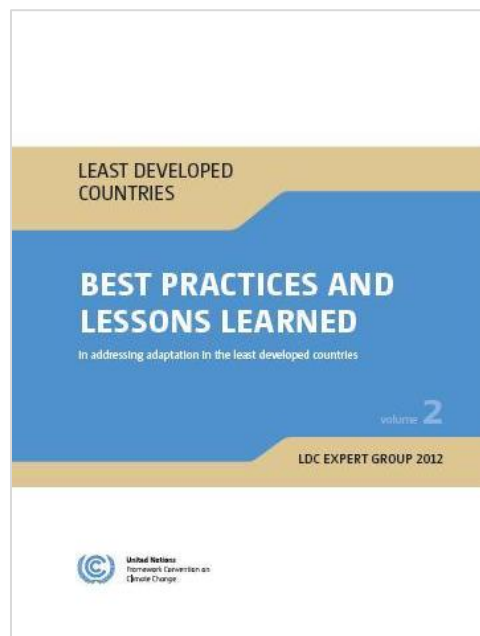


Secretary, Christiana Figueres, the Global Adaptation Institute (GAIN) provided a comprehensive overview about current engagement of the private sector entities in adaptation initiatives, and introduced the challenges to connect business strategy and uncertainties posed by climate change. The United Kingdom Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP) presented methods and tools that support businesses in their adaptation strategies. Following UNFCCC updates on the PSI, two companies presented the results of adaptation actions on the ground. Nestlé Middle East shared the outcomes of its experience supporting farming communities to adopt new practices for cultivation for coffee and cocoa; and Coca-Cola FEMSA disclosed its innovative partnership strategy to enhance the management of water resources. All [presentations](#) are available online.

New publications

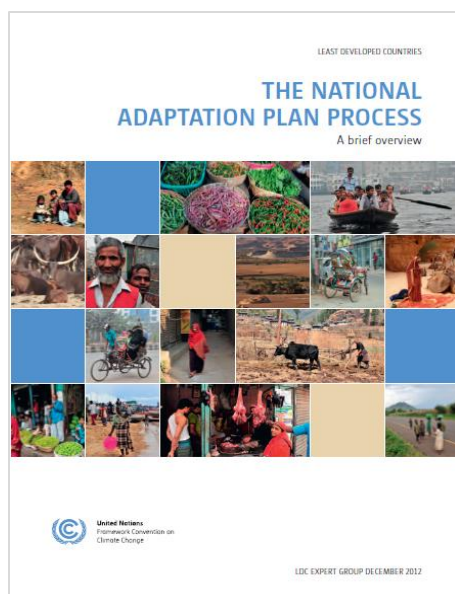
Implementing NAPAs in the least developed countries

The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) recently released “*Best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in the least developed countries*”. This second volumes of the series of studies by the LEG focuses on providing a practical understanding about the process of implementing National Programmes of Actions (NAPAs) in the least developed countries (LDCs). Available [online](#), the publication highlights progress made in ten countries in implementing NAPAs, the LDC work programme and adaptation activities, and also gathers a selection of best practices and associated lessons learned. Further copies in print may be requested from the [secretariat](#).



National Adaptation Strategies and Plans

Compilation of case studies on national adaptation planning is a report that showcases how different countries – developed, developing and least developed nations – of all continents are currently developing and implementing adaptation strategies at national level. It provides an overview of the different adaptation approaches in each of the selected countries, describes tools used to identify adaptation priorities and options, and demonstrates how the implementation process takes place. The publication is [available online](#).



The National Adaptation Plan Process

Adapting to climate change is becoming a routine and necessary component of planning at all levels. Climate change risks magnify development challenges for LDCs. The objectives of the national adaptation plan process are to reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, by building resilience and adaptive capacity, and to facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation into relevant new and existing policies, programmes and activities. This booklet reflects some insights from the LDC Expert Group (LEG) on possible ways to put the national adaptation plan (NAP) guidelines into practice. It is available [online](#) and print versions can also be requested from the [secretariat](#).

NWP partners' corner

Call for information on NWP partners' 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.*

Adaptation Partnership contributing to the NWP Adaptation Practices Interface

The Adaptation Partnership, an initiative chaired by Costa Rica, Spain and the United States that started in 2010 at the Petersberg Ministerial Climate Dialogue, contributed 160 new adaptation practices to the [Adaptation Practices Interface](#) – totalling about 300 exemplary adaptation practices worldwide.

More private sector companies sharing their experience on adaptation

The recent call on businesses and companies to showcase their engagement on climate change adaptation activities has boosted the [database of case studies](#) under the Private Sector Initiative (PSI) of the Nairobi work programme, which now contains nearly 90 business adaptation practices. The selected case studies describe sustainable initiatives undertaken by a number of companies, including BASF, Bayer, CaféDirect, CCP, Dow, Femsa Foundation, Syngenta and Unilever, with a view to adapt their businesses to climate change, and to provide vulnerable communities with ways to adapt to climate change. The range of new case studies which covers all global regions mainly focus on the management of water resources; enhancement of crops resistance to pests, diseases and droughts; and conservation practices to increase ecosystems resilience.

NWP Partners organizing relevant events

The CBD secretariat organized a [sub-regional workshop for Anglophone Africa](#) on the integration of climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation in national biodiversity planning processes from 24 to 27 March in Dar es Salaam, back to back with UNFCCC technical workshop on ecosystem based approaches.

Recent UNFCCC adaptation activities

Adaptation Committee

The [Adaptation Committee \(AC\)](#) held its [second meeting](#) in Bonn, Germany, from 5-8 March 2013. The Committee initiated and significantly furthered its work on a set of activities on its [three-year work plan](#), which was agreed at COP 18. Agreement was reached on the next steps regarding ensuring the coherence of adaptation action under the Convention and the provision of technical support to developing countries. The agreement includes, inter alia, work on measuring and evaluating adaptation actions, and on national adaptation planning for non-LDC developing countries. The Committee also agreed on issuing annual thematic reports, and to publish, in 2014, a comprehensive overview report on adaptation action under the Convention. The AC agreed to hold its next meeting in Bonn from 18-20 June 2013.

The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) training workshop for Francophone LDCs

The LEG conducts [regional training workshops](#) as part of its activities under its 2012–2013 work plan. The workshops focus on National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) and medium- and long-term adaptation. Participants from LDCs are provided with technical guidance and advice. New approaches are introduced, best practices and lessons learned are shared, and regional and international synergy is promoted. These workshops build on the experience gained by the LEG during 2009–2010, when it conducted regional training workshops on the implementation of NAPAs.

The training workshop that took place in Togo recently was the second of the workshops held by the LEG during. The first was held in Tuvalu for the Pacific region, towards the end of last year. Two more will be held for the Asia and Anglophone Africa regions during the course of the year. So far the workshops have been very successful, and have seen the full engagement of participants. Much knowledge and experience has been shared.

Adaptation related COP 19 outcomes

The National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process

In Doha, Parties continued their consideration of guidance on policies and programmes to enable support for the [NAP process](#) under the SBI. The [COP provided guidance to the Global Environment Facility](#) (GEF) to enable activities for the preparation of the NAP process by the LDC Parties from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF). The COP also requested the GEF to report on relevant information in its annual report to the COP, and urged for support for interested developing countries that are not LDCs, through bilateral and multilateral channels, including through the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). The GEF was also requested to consider how to enable activities, through the SCCF, for the preparation of the NAP process for these countries.

Matters relating to LDCs

The LEG, having already been mandated to provide technical guidance and support to the NAP process, was [requested by the SBI](#) to submit its views on the ways it could further support LDCs to prepare their NAPs. It was also requested to



organize an LDC NAP event, with the support of the secretariat and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to be held during the 38th session of the SBI.

The SBI also expressed its appreciation to the LDC Expert Group (LEG) for the progress made under its work programme, including regional training workshops on adaptation for the LDCs. This year, further [regional training workshops on adaptation](#) will be held for LDCs. The [LEG](#), in collaboration with the GEF and its agencies, will explore issues related to the accessibility of funds for LDC Parties for the implementation of their [NAPAs](#), which are supported under the LDCF. The LEG will include information on ways and means to enhance the implementation of NAPAs in its reports for consideration by the SBI.

Work programme on loss and damage

The [loss and damage](#) deliberations progressed significantly in Doha. Taking into consideration the work resulting from the work programme on loss and damage up to COP 18, the COP agreed on the importance of developing comprehensive climate risk management approaches, and the role of the Convention in addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, especially in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.



Parties also identified areas where further work is needed to advance the understanding of and expertise on loss and damage, and agreed on interim activities, including an expert meeting to consider future needs, including capacity needs associated with possible approaches to address slow onset events, and preparation of technical papers on non-economic losses and on gaps in existing institutional arrangements.

Furthermore, the [COP decided](#) to establish, at its 19th session, institutional arrangements, such as an international mechanism, to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change, in accordance with the defined role of the Convention.

The SBI will elaborate activities during its 38th session, taking into account areas identified where further work is needed.

Adaptation Committee

In Doha, Parties approved the [three-year work plan](#) of the [Adaptation Committee](#) to deliver on the Committee's objective of 'the coherent implementation of adaptation activities under the UNFCCC'. The report on the work of the Committee in its first year was welcomed.

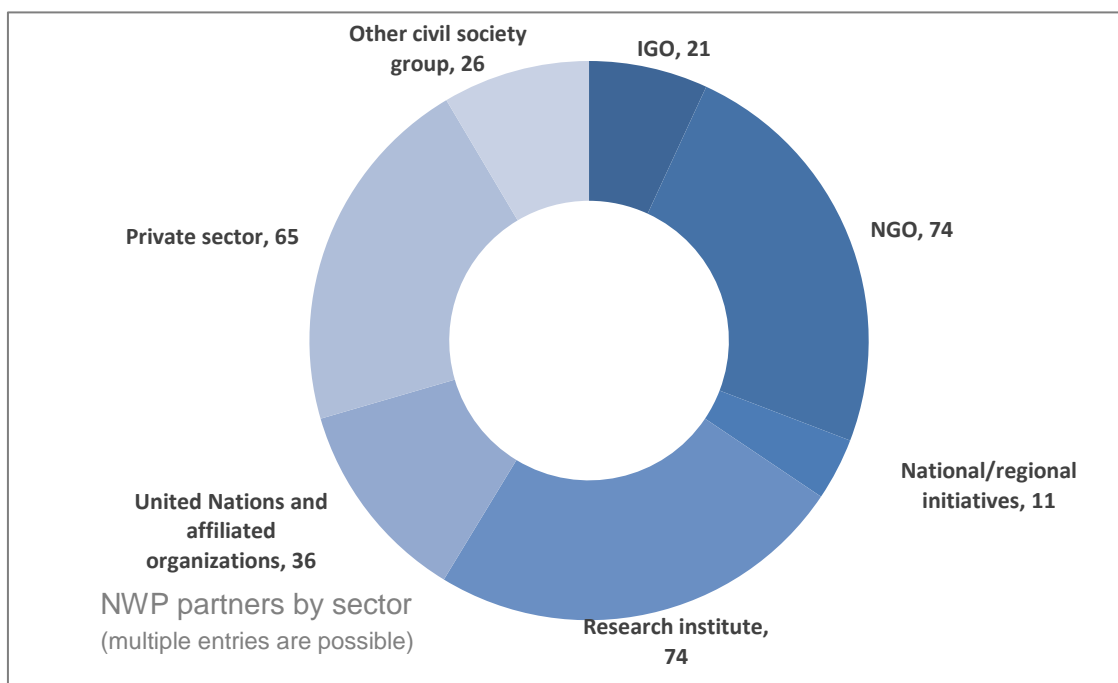
Partnership statistics

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

- [Association for Promoting Sustainability in Campuses and Communities](#)
- [Complexitas P/L](#)
- [International Centre for Climate Change and Development](#)
- [Pyrenees Climate Change Observatory- Pyrenees Working Community \(Comunidad de Trabajo de los Pirineos- CTP-\)](#)
- [Save the Environment, Pakistan](#)
- [The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements \(IFOAM\)](#)
- [Twin](#)
- [UK Department for International Development in Kenya \(DFID Kenya\)](#)
- [WBCSD - World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#)

Current partnership statistics as of March 2013:

- Number of [partners](#): 271, including 65 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 NWP 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 NWP community and beyond.

Please email any questions you might have related to your engagement under the NWP 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 2000 individuals and organizations 'like' The Adaptation Exchange. Please contribute to the Exchange and share this community widely within your networks!