

## The Nairobi Work Programme on Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change

UNFCCC workshop on climate related risks and extreme events  
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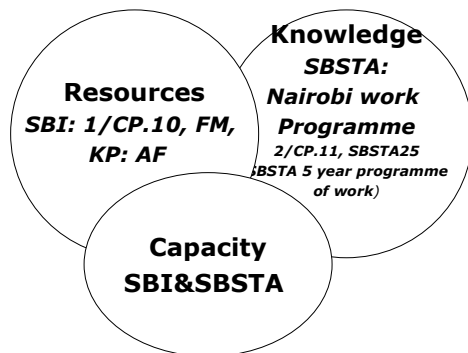
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- Objectives, outcomes, scope and process
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## Adaptation dimensions under the UNFCCC



## Objective of the NWP

- Assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including LDCs and SIDS
  - to **improve their understanding** and **assessment** of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation
  - to **make informed decisions** on **practical adaptation** actions



## Expected outcomes of the NWP

- Enhanced capacity for V&A assessment
- Enhanced development, dissemination and use of knowledge from practical adaptation activities
- Improved information and advice to COP and SBs
- Enhanced cooperation among Parties, relevant organizations, business, civil society, and decision makers
- Enhanced integration of actions to adapt to climate change with sustainable development



## Initial activities in 9 focus areas

Data and observations  
Methods and tools  
Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling  
Socio-economic information  
Research

### **Climate related risks and extreme events**

Adaptation planning and practices  
Technologies for adaptation  
Economic diversification



## Distinctive features of the Nairobi work programme

- o Implementation "outside" the SBSTA negotiations with regular reports to the SBSTA and review in 2008 and 2010
- o Implementation through both specific actions, and catalysing adaptation actions by others
- o Specific actions (workshops, papers) are the tools rather than a end-products of NWP
- o Involving both Parties and a broad range of stakeholders (organisations, business, civil society, practitioners)
- o Wide and "tailored" distributing of deliverables
- o Addressing all parties while recognising most vulnerable



## Actors and responsibilities

- **Parties**
  - Submissions under focus areas
  - Participation in workshops and expert meetings
  - Sharing experience and tools
- **Relevant organizations&institutions**
  - Submissions and participation in workshops and meetings
  - SBSTA urged organizations and stakeholders to undertake their own activities in support of the objective and themes and to share the outcomes with the SBSTA
- **UNFCCC Secretariat**
  - Synthesis and workshops/expert meetings reports, progress reports on implementation
  - Engagement of a wide range of organizations, institutions, experts and communities
  - Wide dissemination of deliverables of the NWP to relevant stakeholders -beyond UNFCCC BAU practice - by all effective means and "tailored"to specific users
- **SBSTA&UNFCCC**
  - Coordinating implementation, monitoring progress, reviewing, identifying further actions, forwarding results to SBI
  - Catalysing actions by others



### How NWP can catalyse activities on adaptation?

- Enhancing flow of technical information to feed to the implementation process under SBI/COP
- Enhancing information transfer between climate change and other communities through involving a broad range of organizations and their respective networks, including sectoral and disaster risk reduction and management communities, NGOs on community based adaptation.
- Involving national actors in policy areas that are most relevant to adaptation action (e.g. sectoral authorities, including financial ministers, planners, decision makers)
- Facilitating dialogue between scientific&technical and policy community, promoting development of adequate methodologies for assessment and practical adaptation



### NWP Work so far

- Submissions from Parties and organizations:
  - Climate related risks and extreme events - May
  - Adaptation planning and practices- May
  - Methods and tools- May
  - On four more NWP areas by August and September
- Workshops, meetings
  - Climate related risks and extreme events - June, Cairo
  - Adaptation planning and practices -September, Rome
  - Methods and tools - early 2008, TBD
- Involvement of organisations - Action pledges
- Dissemination - creating warehousing, preparing for distribution of information/tools/research to relevant stakeholders



### Website and contacts

- The Nairobi work programme pages on the UNFCCC website are being continually updated, please check back regularly at <<http://unfccc.int/3633.php>>:
- The list of organisations which have expressed an interest in cooperating on the work programme can be found by following the link 'Involvement in the work programme'.
- Contact [nwp@unfccc.int](mailto:nwp@unfccc.int) to communicate with the secretariat and the NWP focal points for other organisations



### Concluding remarks

- Nairobi work programme provides for a structural work and cooperation among Parties, organisations and other stakeholders on scientific methodological and technical aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation adaptation
- NWP is being implemented through:
  - Conducting specific actions mandated by the SBSTA (workshops, submissions, papers, etc.)
  - Catalysing the adaptation actions by others in support of the objectives and related objectives for each of 9 focus areas
- NWP can constitute a valuable contribution to any future regime on adaptation under UNFCCC

