UNFCCC informal meeting of representatives from Parties, experts and representatives of relevant organizations on the outcomes of completed activities under the Nairobi work programme

Overview of the approach taken to implement the Nairobi work programme, outcomes achieved so far, and potential next steps

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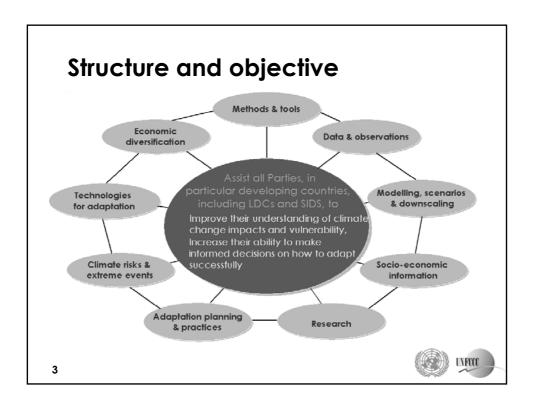




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 - Submissions from Parties and relevant organizations
 - Synthesis reports and web-based interface on adaptation
 - Workshops and expert meetings, and subsequent reports

(table summarizing activities on p.17 of the background paper)

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Outcomes of specific activities

- Submissions from Parties and relevant organizations in all areas of work, except research
- Synthesis reports for
 - Methods and tools
 - Adaptation planning and practices
 - Research
 - Technologies for adaptation
 - Economic diversification
- Workshops on
 - Climate-related risks and extreme events, June 2007
 - Adaptation planning and practices, September 2007
- Expert meetings on
 - Methods and tools and data and observations, March 2008
 - Socio-economic information, March 2008





Outcomes of specific activities

A substantive body of recommendations has resulted from the collective work of participants in the mandated workshops and expert meetings (based on submissions, synthesis reports and collective discussions by participants)

Suggestions for further actions are also available in the synthesis reports of those areas without mandated workshops or expert meetings (based on submissions)

(Section II of the background paper (p.5-12) provides a concise summary of current status, lessons learned, gaps and needs and recommendations, for each NWP area, as appropriate,

The document "Summary of recommendations" compiles the whole text of recommendations from workshops/meetings and suggestions for further actions from synthesis reports).

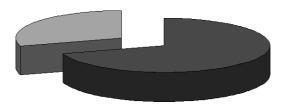




Participation of Parties in workshops and expert meetings

162 representatives from Parties and relevant national experts

30% from Annex I Parties



70% from Non-Annex I Parties



- Catalyzing new and innovative action in support of the Nairobi work programme
 - Engaging a wide range of organizations in the different activities, and encouraging them to undertake their own activities towards the Nairobi work programme objective
 - Introducing Call for Action sheets and encouraging Action Pledges
 - Enhancing cooperation among multiple partners

(Section III of the background paper (p.12-15) and Annexes 3-5 provide a summary of the results of the work undertaken in engaging organizations)





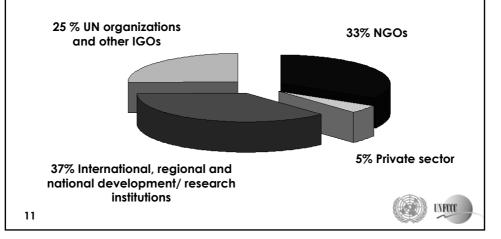
Engagement of organizations in the implementation of the NWP

- 102 organizations and institutions offered to take part in contributing to the objective of the Nairobi work programme and nominated a focal point with whom the secretariat can coordinate
- Submissions from 25 organizations and institutions
- Concept notes and additional information from 22 organizations and institutions
- 32 Action Pledges from 14 organizations



Participation of organizations in workshops and expert meetings

Representatives from 87 organizations as well as the 3 expert groups under the UNFCCC (LEG, CGE and EGTT)



Approach to implementation

Action Pledges:

NWP organizations were invited to "pledge" actions that they are undertaking towards goals and objective of the NWP.

Action Pledges provide opportunities for NWP stakeholders to identify and commit publicly to undertake activities towards the objective, expected outcomes and recommendations resulting from mandated NWP activities, such as workshops and expert meetings.

In several cases Action Pledges have responded to specific Calls for Action



• Calls for Action:

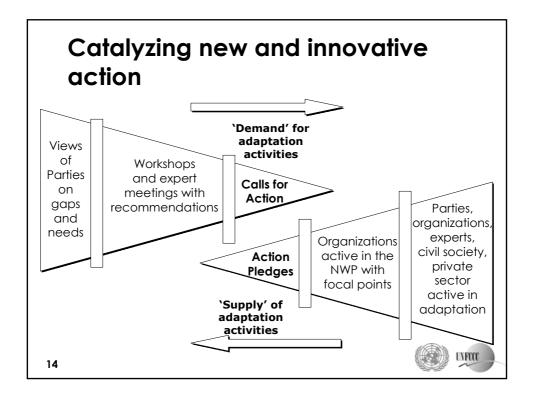
Interested entities are invited to report on related work or make an action pledge in response to calls for action.

During mandated NWP workshops and expert meetings the participants were invited to highlight, through questionnaires, practical actions that could be undertaken relating to the recommendations discussed. The secretariat has prepared several Call for Action sheets taking into account the questionnaires distributed to participants and the submissions by Parties and organizations.

The Calls for Action aim at facilitating the implementation of the recommendations from workshops and expert meetings by a wide range of stakeholders.

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- Disseminating outputs of the Nairobi work programme
 - Wide dissemination of NWP deliverables to all relevant stakeholders through producing brochures, electronic newsletters, on-line databases and interfaces
 - Coverage of workshops and expert meetings by the ENB - IISD's reporting service

(Section IV of the background paper (p.15) provides a summary of the results of the work undertaken in this matter)





Disseminated outputs

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Follow-up activities for SBSTA

- SBSTA 28 will consider, inter alia, outcomes of this
 informal meeting; views by Parties on further
 activities; Information presented in IPCC AR4;
 and relevant activities from international and
 regional institutions with the aim of contributing
 to the identification of further activities, as well as
 appropriate timing and modalities
- SBSTA 29: summary report consolidating results of the implementation of the NWP and, after completion of preceding activities and consideration by the SBSTA, possible provision of information and advice for consideration by the SBI

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Potential steps for the second phase

- Possible further mandated activities
 - Continue the 9 work areas and identify further activities
 - Promote the implementation of recommendations from workshops and expert meetings
- Further engagement of organizations, institutions, experts, communities and the private sector
 - Continue the development of Call for Action sheets and Action Pledges, but refine them according to Parties' views
 - Consider ways to follow-up and report back on the implementation of CFAs and APs.
 - Explore with NWP partners (with regional/national representation) the development of specific NWP activities at national and regional level
- Further dissemination of outcomes
 - Foster a dialogue among stakeholders, enhance links with adaptation networks, be more innovative



Other issues that may be considered

- Ways and means to enhance complementarity between the NWP and other adaptation-related activities under the UNFCCC, including providing relevant information or other possible inputs to
 - The adaptation work under the AWG-LCA's Bali Action Plan, including any requests to support further implementation
 - The adaptation work under the SBI, including to the NAPAs and to any relevant requests related to the implementation of decision 1/CP.10
 - The work of the Adaptation Fund Board, if requested



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Adaptation activities in the NWP and the BAP (para 1c) (1)

Nairobi work programme	Bali Action Plan (now, up to and beyond 2012)
Methods and tools; Data and systematic observations; Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling; Socio-economic information; Research	Vulnerability assessments
Climate-related risks and extreme events	Risk management and risk reduction strategies; Disaster reduction strategies
Adaptation planning and practices Technologies for adaptation	Prioritization of actions, Integration of adaptation actions into sectoral and national planning, specific projects and programmes

Adaptation activities in the NWP and the BAP (para 1 c) (2)

Nairobi work programme	Bali Action Plan (now, up to and beyond 2012)
Economic diversification	Economic diversification to build resilience
Wide dissemination of NWP deliverables to all relevant stakeholders	Capacity-building and response strategies
	Financial needs assessments, Means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions
Engagement of a wide range of organizations, institutions; experts and communities in the implementation of the NWP	International cooperation Ways to strengthen the catalytic role of the Convention as a means to support adaptation





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AWG-LCA's Bali Action Plan (1st session)

Relevant results for adaptation:

All issues of para. 1 (including adaptation) of the BAP will be dealt with in the next 7 meetings of this subsidiary body.

Workshop in the 2nd session (June): Advancing adaptation through finance and technology, including NAPAs.

Workshop in the 4th session (December): Risk management and risk reduction strategies, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms

And other related workshops, including 2 on technologies and 1 on financial flows.



A way forward for the NWP

- Define activities for the second phase until 2010
- Promote the use and dissemination of the useful information obtained so far and of that to be obtained until 2010.
- Ensure complementarity with the other adaptation-related activities under the UNFCCC

This will allow enhancing actions to assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, to: improve their understanding and assessments, and to enhance the actions to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change on a sound basis.



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