

## CALL FOR ACTION



### NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME

#### ON IMPACTS, VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**Promoting the development and dissemination of methods and tools for assessment and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions, and integration with sustainable development**

**Collecting, analysing and disseminating information on past and current practical adaptation actions and measures, including adaptation projects, short- and long-term adaptation strategies, and local and indigenous knowledge**

#### GAP/NEED TO WHICH ACTION IS RESPONDING

There is a requirement for enhanced integration of adaptation into development and budgetary planning and policies across **subnational, national regional and international levels**. There is a need for more targeted research and better communication between users and providers of data and information aimed at identifying and assessing practical adaptation options, including their costs, benefits and possible trade-offs; and enhanced engagement of the private sector in adaptation.

However, adaptation has specific constraints at the various levels. For example, for adaptation to be successful at the subnational level, adaptation planning needs to address the local needs identified by communities by taking participatory approaches that complement any existing top-down efforts to implement national strategy and action plans. At the national level, the involvement of all relevant ministries and agencies, sectoral stakeholders and the private sector is critical for defining, implementing and evaluating adaptation plans. At regional and international levels, coordination is necessary in the areas of awareness-raising, advocacy and funding to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of adaptation. However, coordination and integration at the international and regional levels should only be sought when it adds value to national or subnational adaptation activities.

A conceptual framework for adaptation is needed that would assist in identifying the range of available adaptation practices while at the same time providing for flexibility and redesign of practices as more clarity emerges regarding the level of change or impacts to which different sectors and levels need to adapt.

#### NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

To assist all Parties, in particular developing countries including the least developed countries and small island developing States, to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, and to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change on a sound scientific, technical and socioeconomic basis, taking into account current and future climate change and variability.

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## ACTIVITIES

The SBSTA requested the secretariat to strive to engage a wide range of organizations, institutions, experts and communities in the implementation of the Nairobi work programme. The SBSTA urged relevant organizations and other stakeholders to undertake their own activities in support of the objective and themes identified in decision 2/CP.11 and to share outcomes of these activities with the SBSTA at subsequent sessions, as appropriate.<sup>1</sup>

Activities identified under the focus area of **adaptation planning and practices**<sup>2</sup> include:

### Subnational level

- Apply information at the local level in a format that can be used and understood locally, for example, through user-friendly climate change casebooks, which highlight issues such as sustainability, transferability and scalability of adaptation practices.
- Analyse and enhance urban adaptation by supporting organizational learning processes and establishing quality standards for urban management.
- Ensure community (i.e. end user) involvement in framing research to ensure rapid and effective assimilation of research results.

### National level

- Facilitate the development of national regulatory frameworks for adaptation, national adaptation strategies and corresponding adaptation action plans, including by preparing a handbook or set of guidelines with examples of case studies.
- Develop a country-driven, indicator-based monitoring and evaluation system for adaptation in different sectors and levels to identify good practices and maladaptation.

### Regional and international levels

- Map and take stock of regional and international institutions, networks and projects to facilitate awareness and coordination of adaptation actions, enhance synergies and ensure that needs are fulfilled.
- Strengthen regional hubs and networks for knowledge exchange and capacity-building with a view to supporting adaptation at the national level.
- Facilitate regional adaptation projects and activities through regional institutions and networks to address climate change impacts on shared regional resources such as watershed basins, biodiversity and coastal ecosystems.
- Enhance coordination of adaptation at the international level through coordinated mandates and activities of different MEAs, for example using the Joint Liaison Group, and organizations, or the UN Environment Management Group (EMG).

The secretariat has prepared this Call for Action following guidance from the Chair of the SBSTA. It aims to facilitate the implementation of recommendations resulting from the Nairobi work programme workshops and expert meetings by a wide range of stakeholders. The information is taken from the report of the workshop on Adaptation planning and practices, held on 10-12 September 2007, Italy (FCCC/SBSTA/2007/15). Details on related ongoing work is available at <<http://unfccc.int/4430.php>>.

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBSTA/2006/11, extract of paragraph 17.

<sup>2</sup> Activities under the adaptation planning and practices focus area, in this Call for Action, relate to those identified at and across subnational, national, regional and international levels.

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