

CALL FOR ACTION



NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME ON IMPACTS, VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Promoting development and dissemination of methodologies and tools for impact and vulnerability assessments, such as rapid assessments and bottom-up approaches, including as they apply to sustainable development

GAP/NEED TO WHICH ACTION IS RESPONDING

To effectively employ methods and tools, it is critical to understand the practical limitations of each individual approach and the lessons learned from its previous applications. There is a need for more detailed information and guidance on what makes a tool or methods tool useful.

There is also a need for more communication between users and developers in order to provide more targeted and policy-relevant tools, and to substantially increase involvement by relevant sectors, ensuring greater input from town planners and engineers, for example, and engaging the private sector. Given that adaptation is closely linked to development, discussions should be broadened to include a wider set of tools.

The increasing number of professionals requiring information, training and support points to the need to create spaces where experiences can be shared and practitioners can teach other practitioners. Establishing user networks and providing incentives for participating in them and providing feedback on the use of methods and tools is a key challenge to be addressed.

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.

Call for Action 01 – June 2008

<http://unfccc.int/3633.php>

Pledge action or tell us about related work: nwp@unfccc.int

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.¹

Activities identified under the focus area of **methods and tools** include:

- Carry out a survey to find out who the users of methods and tools are, what tools they are using and why, and how and in what context these tools are being used.
- Analyze available methods and tools, e.g. those in the UNFCCC Compendium, possibly adopting a tiered approach, i.e. simple, medium and sophisticated approaches.
- Make available information on existing methods and tools that can be modified for climate change adaptation, e.g. community planning tools such as Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment, and water conservation tools.
- Provide guidance on different methods and tools and their application, limitations and usefulness for different types of tasks.
- Establish mechanisms to enable intercomparison of methods and tools.
- Establish information-sharing mechanisms, such as a web-based clearing house, that gives users an interactive way to share information on experiences in applying different methods and tools, and ensures the dissemination of user feedback.
- Establish, support and strengthen user networks and centres of excellence and encourage them to share expertise and experiences in the application of methods and tools, including by disseminating information gathered through surveys, and to contribute to updating the UNFCCC Compendium. Developers of methods and tools should be urged to better publicize and explain their tools.
- Promote intersectoral integrated assessments, sharing experiences on criteria and decision-making in different sectors.
- Allow for more demand-driven and stakeholder-driven approaches to increase ownership.
- Enhance coordination in the dissemination, training and use of methods and tools, particularly among bilateral and multilateral programmes and projects, and ensure the dissemination of good practices and lessons learned, taking into account the experiences and expertise accumulated outside the climate change communities.

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 expert meeting on Methods and Tools, held on 4-5 March 2008, Mexico (FCCC/SBSTA/2008/3). Details on related ongoing work is available at <<http://unfccc.int/4430.php>>.

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