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## New publications

To highlight the large range of partner engagement and action, a new synthesis publication “**Action Pledges: Making a difference on the ground. A synthesis of outcomes, good practices, lessons learned, and future challenges and opportunities,**” was recently launched. It showcases the concrete results of action implemented by partners through their Action pledges under the NWP. This synthesis publication, available in printed form at the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and also in pdf from the NWP website, is a truly voluntary contribution from 24 partners and was undertaken in the spirit of their commitment towards the achievement of the objectives of the NWP.

As a complement to this work, the new book by the secretariat “**Climate Change: Scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of adaptation**” summarises the large range of information and knowledge amassed under the NWP through its implementation (partner engagement, submissions, workshops and expert meetings, Calls for Action and Action Pledges). The book aims to assist Parties in their assessment and planning of adaptation and will be available in pdf from the NWP website soon and in printed form from the secretariat in early 2010.

Further upcoming NWP papers include the mandated technical paper on “**Potential costs and benefits of adaptation options: a review of existing literature**” (FCCC/TP/2009/2).

*Action Pledges: Making a difference on the ground. A synthesis of outcomes, good practices, lessons learned, and future challenges and opportunities* is available at:

[http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/application/pdf/actionpledges\\_makingadifferenceontheground2009.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/application/pdf/actionpledges_makingadifferenceontheground2009.pdf)

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## NWP side event at Barcelona Climate Change Talks

The secretariat held a side event at the Barcelona climate change talks on 3 November, chaired by Ms Helen Plume, chair of the SBSTA, to present highlights from the implementation of the NWP and to discuss practical ideas for further enhancing collaboration and learning.

Highlights from implementing the NWP were presented by the secretariat and partner organizations that had contributed to the above-mentioned synthesis publication introduced their respective chapters. Parties and organizations present at the side event welcomed the launch of the publication and encouraged the further development of similar knowledge products under the NWP.

A panel discussion was held for panelists from Parties and organizations to share insights and practical experiences to elaborate ways to enhance mutual collaboration under the NWP. Key discussion points included:

- The huge progress made on engaging a wide range of partners (over 140 to date) and the positive contribution that these partners are making towards the objectives of the NWP and adaptation action on the ground;
- Challenges and gaps that still remain for the NWP;
- The challenge of scaling up adaptation and knowledge sharing;
- Synergies, opportunities and entry points for collaboration between NWP partners and Parties under the NWP;
- Future roles, strategic directions and focus for the NWP.

Details of the side event, including agenda, presentation and a summary of discussion points, are available at <http://unfccc.int/4300.php>

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## **Technical workshop on advancing the integration of approaches to adaptation planning**

A three-day technical workshop on [advancing the integration of approaches to adaptation planning](#) was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12 to 14 October.

Around 70 experts representing developed and developing countries, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, attended the workshop which was mandated under the [adaptation planning and practices](#) NWP work area.

Holistic planning for adaptation is a multisectoral, multi-level and multi-hazard exercise, and cannot be undertaken in isolation from other planning efforts. As we move into a scaled-up adaptation regime in the future, the integration of existing approaches to planning for adaptation becomes an even more essential aspect of the adaptation discourse.

At the workshop, participants shared information, exchanged views and discussed key issues on enabling factors, good practices, lessons learned, and needs and opportunities for integrating different approaches to adaptation planning. The wealth of knowledge shared in this workshop is a testament to the significant potential of integrating approaches to adaptation planning.

Background information and presentations are available at <http://unfccc.int/4915.php>

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## **Call for Action 9**

The ninth Call for Action under the NWP has been developed based on discussions at the technical workshop on increasing economic resilience to climate change and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors, including through economic diversification. It will be presented to Parties for their endorsement at the SBSTA 31 session during the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference.

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## **Enhanced NWP information and resources now available on the website**

New enhancements to the Nairobi work programme webpages, available from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009, will provide increased user-friendliness of the Nairobi work programme pages and profile a new database.

The NWP now has over 140 partners, 40 of whom have contributed 90 action pledges to the programme and have also provided updates on action taken on 68 of these 90 pledges. Partners are also identifying adaptation experts under the NWP.

The new [Partners and Pledges database](#) allows easy searching, for example by NWP work area, sector, region and adaptation delivery activity, of:

- Partners and their contributions to the NWP as well as other adaptation actions they are carrying out;
- Action pledges and updates provided by partners;
- Adaptation experts identified under the Nairobi work programme.

A Beta version of the database is published and will run in parallel with the information

that is currently available on the NWP webpage on partners and pledges. The intention is to make the database fully operational in 2010.

For this database to reach its full potential, partners are invited to provide input by completing the forms "[Characterise your organization for the NWP](#)." ( See section below on *Help implement the work of the NWP*, p5).

Beta version of Partners and Pledges Database is available at <http://unfccc.int/5005.php>

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## **Copenhagen Climate Change Conference**

### **Negotiations on adaptation under the AWG-LCA**

Negotiations under the two-year Bali Roadmap process for a strengthened future response to climate change to enable the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012 are reaching their climax in Copenhagen. A main pillar of future response is adaptation and a negotiating text was agreed on in Barcelona that will be forwarded to Parties in Copenhagen to serve as the basis for finalizing agreement on how to enhance future action on adaptation. Parties have so far highlighted the need to enhance mechanisms such as the NWP for knowledge sharing and learning.

### **SBSTA 31**

The thirty-first session of the SBSTA will be held at COP 15 (Provisional agenda and annotations are available in document [FCCC/SBSTA/2009/4](#)). At the session, the SBSTA will consider the report on progress made in implementing the NWP ([FCCC/SBSTA/2009/INF.5](#)) as well as other outputs from implementation as detailed in the annotations.

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## **Upcoming in 2010**

### **Workshops before SBSTA 32**

- Technical workshop on how regional centres and networks undertaking work relevant to climate change could collaborate on information covered in the NWP work areas methods and tools, data and observation and climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling
- Technical workshop on costs and benefits of adaptation options, mandated under the NWP work area on socio-economic information

### **Further user-friendly outputs**

- The secretariat would welcome suggestions for further collaboration from Parties and partners organizations on producing user-friendly outputs from the implementation of the NWP.

### **Further information available from**

- NWP Activities and Work Areas  
<http://unfccc.int/5137.php>
  - NWP Publications  
<http://unfccc.int/4628.php>
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## Help implement the work of the NWP

### Make action pledges and provide updates

Information on partners and action pledges is available at  
<http://unfccc.int/5005.php>

### Categorize your organization for the new partners and pledges database

Complete and return the form:  
[http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/sbsta\\_agenda\\_item\\_adaptation/application/msword/characterize\\_orgs\\_form.doc](http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/application/msword/characterize_orgs_form.doc)

### Identify adaptation experts

Complete and return the form:  
[http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/sbsta\\_agenda\\_item\\_adaptation/application/msword/experts\\_nomination\\_form.doc](http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/application/msword/experts_nomination_form.doc)

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