

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



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

There are several activities remaining for the first phase of the Nairobi work programme (up to SBSTA 28)

Submissions due 21 September 2007 on:

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

Workshops and meetings:

- Workshop on climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling
- Expert meeting on methods and tools, and data and observations
- Expert meeting on socio-economic information

Outputs:

- Reports from workshop and expert meetings
- Web-based interface for adaptation, planning and practices

ACTION PLEDGES

Four action pledges towards the objectives of the work programme have been received from Nairobi work programme partner organizations.

The global change SysTEm for Analysis, Research and Training (START)

START commits to carry out activities that support all nine areas of work of the Nairobi work programme. START also intends to develop and implement three new initiatives that would contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Nairobi Work Programme:

- Decision Support for Climate Change Adaptation
- Albertine Rift Integrated Regional Studies
- Capacity Building for Climate Change Adaptation

The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

The Risk and Vulnerability programme at the IIASA pledges to draft and submit a guidance paper with the title "Using climate data, observations, and forecasts to improve adaptive decision-making in multiple sectors in Africa". Building on work that has been conducted over the last year, this paper will include a new set of analyses specific to the objectives of the Nairobi work programme.

Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET)

ISET and its partners aim to support the Indian government's efforts to develop adaptation strategies through the provision of information on vulnerability and social assessments financial systems, climate disaster risk reduction, and multi-sectoral issues.

ISET is also considering partnering with and fostering social entrepreneurs with climate resilient and environmentally sustainable business models, by providing information and expertise until the business ventures can stand on their own. In this way ISET will increase knowledge on the effectiveness of adaptation strategies in different economic and social settings.

Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)

LI-BIRD aims to increase access to information on climate change issues for use by civil society actors and students through Climate Change Information Resource Centres.

It also aims to reduce the vulnerability of poor and marginal communities to the negative impact of climate change on agriculture through awareness raising on climate change and the development of government policies and programmes on climate change.

CALL FOR ACTION

One way in which the UNFCCC secretariat will try to increase the response to adaptation gaps and needs identified by Parties during the Nairobi work programme is by using the deliberations at the workshops to create 'call for action' sheets. These will form a series of short publications which highlight the most pressing gaps and needs, and elaborate on those activities that can respond to the gaps. These can then be used by Parties and organizations when putting together their adaptation priorities.

CONTACT US

For further information please see the Nairobi work programme webpages on the UNFCCC website (<http://unfccc.int/3633.php>) or contact the Adaptation Team at nwp@unfccc.int