



Strengthening LDC participation & capacity for implementing the Rio Conventions

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Overview of UNDP engagement with LDCs



UNDP is the lead capacity development UN agency and have a long history of assisting LDCs to address climate change, climate variability & extremes; land degradation and biodiversity loss, and developing capacity in these areas.

- ✓ UNDP's CC adaptation portfolio includes 25 LDCs and 17 SIDS
- ✓ UNDP has supported 31 LDCs to develop NAPAs, and 26 LDCs to develop National Communications
- ✓ UNDP is currently supporting over half of all LDCs to access financing for NAPA follow-up priorities funded by the LDCF, etc
- ✓ UNDP assists 23 LDCs to conserve & sustainably use biodiversity; an additional 12 LDCs will soon be supported
- ✓ UNDP supported 32 LDC to undertake National Capacity Self-Assessments and work with several to address priorities

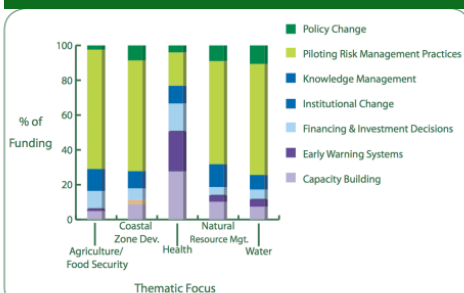
UNDP's Approach to Adaptation



UNDP assists over 75 non-Annex I countries to adapt to climate change.

> Of these, 54 countries are already implementing programmes/projects to manage uncertainties of climate change. This includes 25 LDCs and 17 SIDS.

UNDP Climate Change Adaptation Assistance: Distribution of Funding by Activity



1. Develop Technical Capacity

- > Identify climate change risks and opportunities
- > Prepare long-term risk management strategies

2. Internalize Climate Change Risks

- > Integrate climate change risks into planning, budgeting, management
- > Incorporate climate change risks into decision making process for key economic sectors

3. Policy and Institutional Support

- > Revise and formulate national and sectoral policies
- > Establish institutional support mechanism

4. Demonstration Projects

- > Test approaches and technologies for climate change risk management

5. Capacity Building

- > Codify and disseminate knowledge and best practices

UNDP Support to Least Developed Countries (LDCs)



UNDP has been instrumental to the development of National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) and Implementation of NAPA Priorities

> NAPAs

- > UNDP has supported 31 LDCs to develop NAPAs
- > The final 2 UNDP-supported NAPAs for Nepal & Timor Leste were completed in 2010

> Implementation of NAPA Follow-Up Activities

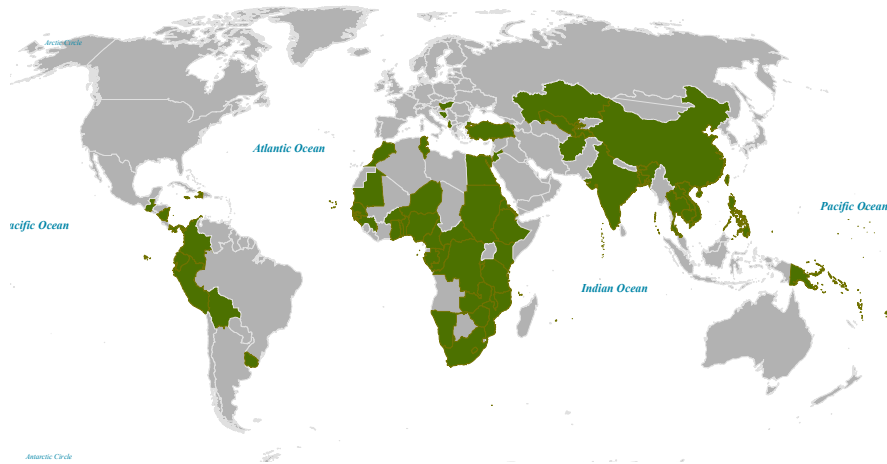
- > UNDP is the first development agency to support NAPA follow-up activities
- > UNDP is currently supporting over half of all LDCs to access financing for implementation of NAPA follow-up priorities funded by the LDCF

UNDP also supports LDCs via initiatives funded by the SCCF and AF

> Some examples:

- > Coping with Drought & Climate Change (SCCF): Ethiopia, Mozambique
- > Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (SCCF): Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
- > Enhancing resilience of communities to the adverse effects of climate change in agriculture and food security (AF): Solomon Islands

Countries supported through UNDP LDCF/SCCF/SPA Initiatives



Climate Change: Africa Adaptation Programme



- ✓ \$92 million programme funded by Gov't of Japan
- ✓ Partnership between UNDP, UNICEF, UNIDO & WFP
- ✓ Of the 20 participating countries, 10 are LDCs

Overall Programme Objectives

- ✓ Enhance adaptive capacity of vulnerable countries to climate change risks by promoting early adaptation
- ✓ Lay foundation for long-term investment to increase resilience

Key Outcomes

- ✓ Strengthened long term planning
- ✓ Effective leadership & institutional frameworks built
- ✓ Pilot adaptation initiatives supported
- ✓ Range of financing options identified
- ✓ Knowledge management systems built

**Encouraging
programmatic
approach to
CC adaptation**

Climate Change: Capacity Development for Policy Makers to Address Climate Change



- ✓ \$7.7M project funded by UNDP, UN Foundation, Norway, Finland, Spain, and Switzerland
- ✓ 19 countries participating, of which 6 are LDCs

Key outcomes

- ✓ Improved understanding of the UNFCCC negotiations
- ✓ Assessments of the investments & financial flows needed to address CC adaptation and/or mitigation in key sectors
- ✓ Key line ministries engaged on CC planning

The I&FF assessment seeks to answer the question:
“From a development perspective, what can my country do to address climate change in selected key sectors, & what level of financial contributions will be needed to achieve these objectives?”

Quantifying costs of adaptation & mitigation

Climate Change: “Boots on the Ground”



- ✓ \$5.8M project funded by UNDP (core funding)
- ✓ Supporting 24 LDCs directly
- ✓ National officers placed in 24 UNDP Country Offices to provide LDC governments with climate policy support
- ✓ Backstopped by 4 regional policy advisors + HQ knowledge management team

Key outcomes

- ✓ Support selected LDCs to climate proof their development paths with a package of focused climate change services

Supporting LDC Gov'ts with stronger UNDP Country Offices

National Communications

UNDP is supporting 26 LDCs with their National Communications to the UNFCCC

- The only reporting requirement for LDCs countries under the UNFCCC
- Main components include GHG inventory, mitigation analysis, vulnerability and adaptation assessments, and other relevant information (i.e. Capacity needs, technology transfer, financial needs, education/public awareness)
- A key document to identify linkages between CC and development priorities at the country level
- NCs play a key role on capacity building for CC in countries
- NCs have facilitated institutional coordination on CC issues at the national level and in many cases been used to establish CC Units within relevant institutions
- Can be the basis for project formulation in the areas of mitigation of and adaptation to climate change

UN-REDD (UNDP, UNEP & FAO)



- ✓ Assisting developing countries prepare & implement national REDD+ strategies
- ✓ 29 partner countries in Africa, Asia-Pacific & Latin America, of which 5 are LDCs
- ✓ \$73.5 million budget, funded by Gov't of Norway, Denmark and Spain.

- Supports countries benefit from REDD+, preparing National REDD+ Strategies and Readiness
- Established in 2008 as response to UNFCCC Bali Action Plan
- Offers UN Joint Program: Delivering as One UN
- Agreed delivery platform with FCPF and FIP
- Builds on wider UN agency roles - e.g. Nat'l programs; as GEF Implementing Agencies, etc.

Global Activities

- ✓ Bringing together technical teams to help develop analyses on issues as measurement, reporting & verification of carbon emissions, and supporting the engagement of Indigenous Peoples & Civil Society at the implementation of REDD+ strategies.

Biodiversity & Ecosystems



UNDP has strengthened partnership with Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to:

- ✓ Integrate new Biodiversity Strategy & 2020 Targets into Revised NBSAPs
- ✓ Support implementation of CBD programme of Work on Protected Areas
- ✓ Economic assessment of biodiversity relevant to development & finance
- ✓ Support capacity building in all aspects of biodiversity & development
- ✓ Establish a knowledge platform to share biodiversity-related information

Biodiversity & Ecosystems programme: country examples



Mali, Senegal, Gambia & Guinea:

- ✓ Regional UNDP project is working to remove barriers to the in-situ conservation of three priority endemic livestock species

Liberia:

- ✓ Upcoming UNDP project to prepare a National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan, assisting Liberia to meet its obligation in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Lao PDR:

- ✓ New UNDP project to work with government, agri-business, farmers, donors to make biodiversity a key consideration in decision-making

Biodiversity: Ecosystem-based adaptation



- ✓ US\$ 1.95 billion: \$700 million from the GEF
- ✓ Protected Areas: 100.5 million ha

Key Results

- ✓ Environmental finance is accessed, combined & sequenced to strengthen the policies, institutions & markets
- ✓ Implement ecosystem based mitigation solutions that reduce emissions from land use change & forestry
- ✓ Advance ecosystem based adaptation solutions as part of integrated adaptation investment strategies

NCSA Process and Products



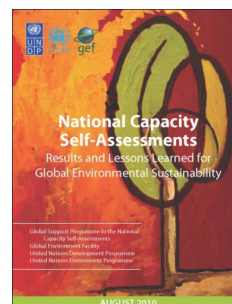
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Process

1. Engaged broad range of stakeholders in understanding root causes of environmental unsustainability
2. Strengthened legitimacy of action to build foundational cross-cutting capacities for the global environment and environmental sustainability

Products

1. Focal Area Stocktaking and Thematic Assessment of Capacity Development needs
2. Cross-Cutting Capacity Development Assessments
3. Final Report and Action Plan
4. Monitoring Guidelines of Capacity Development
5. NCSA Synthesis Report





Thank You!

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