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Upcoming negotiations at COP 17/CMP 7 in Durban, November/December 2011

Negotiations on the NWP under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Under the NWP, Parties will work towards agreeing on work areas and activities for the next phase of the programme. New mandated documents as well as new knowledge products as detailed in this eUpdate will be also be considered, including:

- [Proposals from Parties and relevant organizations for upcoming activities under the NWP](#);
- The recent [NWP Progress Report](#) providing an overview of the implementation of activities under the NWP since the thirty-fourth session of the SBSTA ([further details below](#));
- A compilation of information on ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation, [INFCCC/SBSTA/2011/INF.8](#) and [associated online database of case studies](#);
- A technical paper on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies, [FCCC/TP/2011/5](#).

New [publications and knowledge products](#) are detailed below.

Joint SBSTA/SBI in-session workshop

A [joint SBSTA/SBI in-session workshop](#) is currently scheduled to take place on 30 November 2011, to consider outcomes of the NWP, and highlight the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change most relevant to the SBI.

NWP Focal Point Forum

The 5th NWP Focal Point Forum will be held on 29 November, 2011. This year the Focal Point Forum will include an interactive format, focussing on coordinating efforts, and collaborating to advance adaptation actions in relation to the NWP. Thematic discussions based around the following themes will be held towards developing specific outcomes: making use of strategic communication for adaptation; technical support for national adaptation plans; and, applying monitoring and evaluation approaches: experimentation and shared learning.

Related adaptation negotiations in Durban

COP17 will see progress on related adaptation items, as outlined below. Parties are expected to operationalize the Cancun Adaptation Framework, including

- Elaborating modalities and guidelines for formulating and implementing national adaptation programmes (NAPs);
- Further developing the Loss and Damage work programme, including by agreeing on activities to be undertaken next year;
- Further elaborating on modalities and activities for the Adaptation Committee; and,
- Electing members to the Committee so that it can start its work in assisting Parties on adaptation in early 2012.

Parties will also consider progress on implementing interim activities mandated under decision 1/CP.10 at SBI 33, including the report of the [workshop on risk management approaches](#) which took place in Lima, Peru, 10–12 October, with a view to recommending a draft decision for adoption by the COP.

In relation to least developed countries (LDC) and National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA), COP17 will mark 10 years of the LDC work programme and NAPA activities. The LEG will showcase milestones achieved over the past 10 years, and Parties will discuss the work of the group for 2012, agreeing on activities related to LDCs and NAPAs.

Parties will consider funding of climate observations, under the SBI agenda item on the Financial mechanism of the Convention. The secretariat has compiled information submitted by Parties on support provided to developing countries and activities undertaken, to strengthen existing systematic observation and monitoring networks and, where needed, to establish new ones ([FCCC/SBI/2011/INF.10](#)).

Progress made in implementing activities under the NWP

The recent [NWP Progress Report](#) provides an overview of the progress made in implementing activities under the NWP since the thirty-fourth session of the SBSTA. It describes the continued engagement of organizations, institutions, experts, communities and the private sector in the activities of the NWP, as well as the progress made in implementing the interim activities mandated by the SBSTA at its thirty-fourth session. The report further provides information on the dissemination of outputs produced under the programme and on collaborations that have been catalysed between NWP partner organizations and Parties. It concludes with a brief overview of possible next steps.

New NWP knowledge products

The UNFCCC secretariat is proud to announce the publication of five new knowledge products! These publications are available electronically as well as in print.

Assessing climate change impacts and vulnerability. making informed adaptation decisions. Highlights of the contribution of the Nairobi work programme

The final version of this publication is now available. This publication highlights the important contribution that the NWP has made to advancing work related to the four main components of climate change adaptation: 1) adaptation assessment, 2) planning, 3) implementation, and 4) monitoring and evaluation, including stakeholder engagement and knowledge management. This publication draws from technical and workshop reports, synthesis reports and other knowledge products, as well as Action Pledges and updates contributed by NWP partners. A comprehensive series of case studies and additional resources is included, drawing from activities that have been catalysed or illuminated under the NWP, to easily provide adaptation stakeholders with useful information and examples.

Assessing the costs and benefits of adaptation options - An overview of approaches

This publication elaborates on the role and purpose of assessing the costs and benefits of adaptation options in the adaptation process. It explains the most commonly used assessment approaches, including cost-benefit analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis and multi-criteria analysis, and introduces a range of key methodological issues. Examples, lessons learned and good practices are provided, along with a bibliography of useful resources and references.

Practical business cases and examples of products and services - an online database

While climate change poses a number of risks to vulnerable communities and businesses around the world, many opportunities are unfolding for private companies to implement actions towards reducing risks to their business operations, as well as to invest in adaptation action in vulnerable regions in a sustainable and profitable manner. This online database of case studies has been developed under the NWP Private Sector Initiative, and features good practices and profitable climate change adaptation activities being undertaken by private companies (sometimes in partnership with NGOs or the public sector) from a wide range of regions and sectors. The first part of the project will be made available before the end of 2011 on [<unfccc.int>](http://unfccc.int).

Ecosystem-based adaptation case studies - An online database

This database provides case studies of ecosystem-based adaptation approaches across several sectors, including livelihood sustenance and food security, sustainable water management, disaster risk reduction and biodiversity conservation. The cases in this database supplement the aforementioned “Ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation: compilation of information” [UNFCCC/SBSTA/2011/INF.8](#).

Adaptation calendar 2012: Showcasing ecosystem-based adaptation activities

A new adaptation calendar has been produced to highlight ecosystem-based adaptation activities. Copies of the calendar are available from the secretariat, and the calendar will be provided electronically on unfccc.int.



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Partnership statistics

The NWP team would like to welcome the following [partners](#) that have joined the programme since our last NWP eUpdate in July 2011:

- [Adapting to Climate Change in China Project \(ACCC\)](#)
- [Business Council on Sustainable Energy \(BCSE\)](#)
- [Climate Business Network \(CBNet\)](#)
- [Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies \(CER\)](#)
- [Ecofys](#)
- [EnterpriseWorks/VITA - A Division of Relief International](#)
- [Fantsuam Foundation](#)
- [Global Climate Adaptation Partnership](#)
- [International Business Leaders Forum \(IBLF\)](#)
- [International Council on Mining and Metals \(ICMM\)](#)
- [International Road Federation \(IRF\)](#)
- [Irbaris LLP](#)
- [Kyoto Club](#)
- [Levi Strauss](#)
- [Microsoft](#)
- [Nestlé](#)
- [Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation \(PROVIA\)](#)
- [RÉSEAU environment](#)
- [Responding to Climate Change \(RTCC\)](#)
- [SAEN Environment](#)
- [Stanford University Center for Integrated Facilities Engineering \(CIFE\)](#)
- [URS Corporation](#)
- [Water and Climate Coalition](#)

Current partnership statistics as of November 2011:

- Number of [partners](#): 238, including 52 private sector partners
- Number of [Calls for Action](#): 11
- Number of [Action Pledges](#): 161
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 69, including 6 private sector partners
- Number of [experts](#) that our partners have nominated: 43

Requesting your input and further engagement

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge on adaptation to Parties and partners, please help us by:

Providing information on your adaptation activities

We are always happy to receive updates from our partners, and to upload relevant information into the NWP [database](#).

Characterizing your organization

If you have not yet done so, complete and return the [characterization form](#).

Making Action Pledges

Create an Action Pledge using the [Action Pledge submission template](#). Information on existing Action Pledges is available in the [Action Pledges database](#).

Updating us on your progress in implementing Action Pledges

If you would like to submit an update of an existing Action Pledge, you can complete and return the [Action Pledge update template](#). Information on existing updates is available in the [Action Pledges database](#).

Nominating adaptation experts

Complete and return the [expert form](#).

Please send all forms and information to: nwp@unfccc.int



Join [The Adaptation Exchange](#) on Facebook

The Adaptation Exchange is a community on Facebook for sharing, collaborating and networking on adaptation. It is intended to provide a collective space for dialogue on adaptation to climate change across all sectors, levels, scales, and stages of adaptation planning and implementation. We encourage all NWP partners, as well as the wider adaptation community, to contribute and post; and to share stories, information, and views on successes and lessons learned; challenges; solutions; as well as needs.

Already, over 1000 individuals and organizations 'like' the Adaptation Exchange. Please share this community widely within your networks!