

UN4NAPs: Leveraging technical assistance for NAP formulation and implementation from across the UN system

Perspective of partner organizations

2024 Adaptation Forum by the Adaptation Committee:
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opportunities for action and collaboration

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UN4NAPs

- **UN-wide rapid technical backstopping initiative for National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), launched in 2021 by the UNFCCC secretariat**, in response to mandates for engaging international organizations in support of climate change adaptation, to scale up technical support to LDCs and SIDS to formulate and implement NAPs.
- The partnership **enables the UN-wide system of organizations** and other intergovernmental organizations **to respond to technical requests identified by any country that is in the process of formulating or implementing its NAP.**
- **When receiving requests for technical assistance**, the **UNFCCC secretariat communicates with relevant partners from a roster of more than 50 organizations** for a prompt response.
- UN4NAPs will continue to facilitate support for countries in their efforts towards NAP formulation and implementation, through a collaborative, cross-organizational approach; thus, contributing towards the fulfilment of the GGA and GST decisions, for countries to have formulated a NAP by 2025 (GST), and to be implementing the NAP by 2030 (GST/GGA).



UN4NAPs: Categories of technical assistance that can be catalyzed between agencies and countries



Simple technical queries which can be answered by relevant agencies via email;



Delivery of specific data/knowledge products (such as datasets, analytical tools, guidance material);



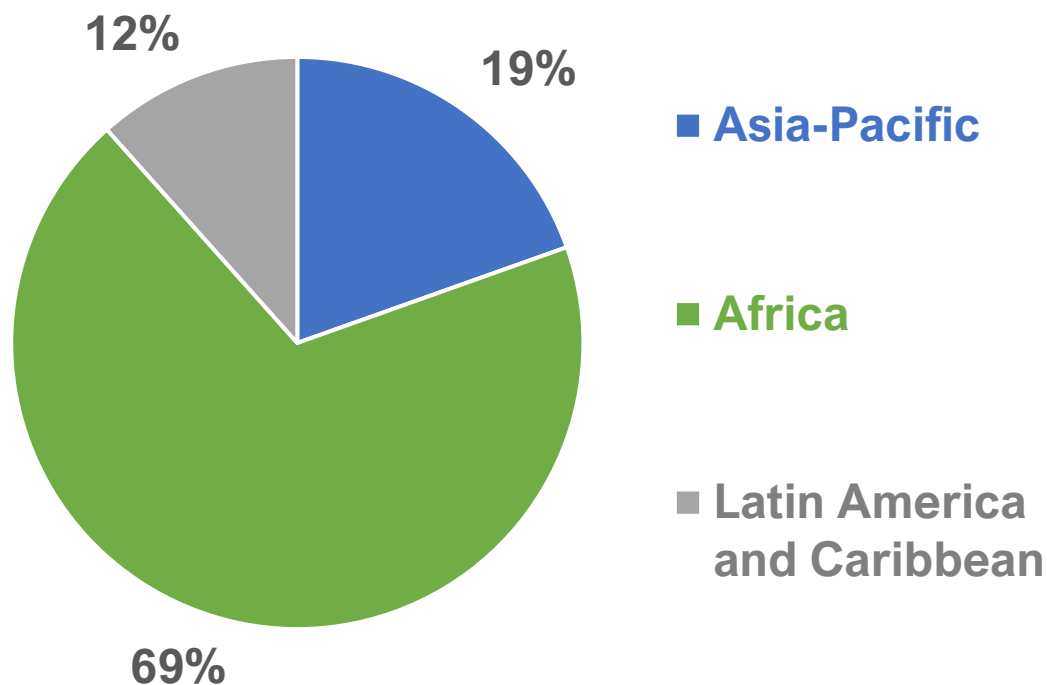
Longer-term capacity development/engagement with the requesting country;



Review of draft NAPs upon request by a country, based on agencies' area of expertise, with a view to enhance the coverage of issues to facilitate subsequent implementation.

Requests for technical assistance received through UN4NAPs

More than 150 requests for technical assistance, submitted by more than 30 countries



Process to request technical assistance through UN4NAPs

UN4NAPs focal points in Governments, in coordination with NFP, submit requests for technical assistance or queries, related to their NAP, via email to un4naps@unfccc.int

UNFCCC follows up with the country to clarify details on the exact needs

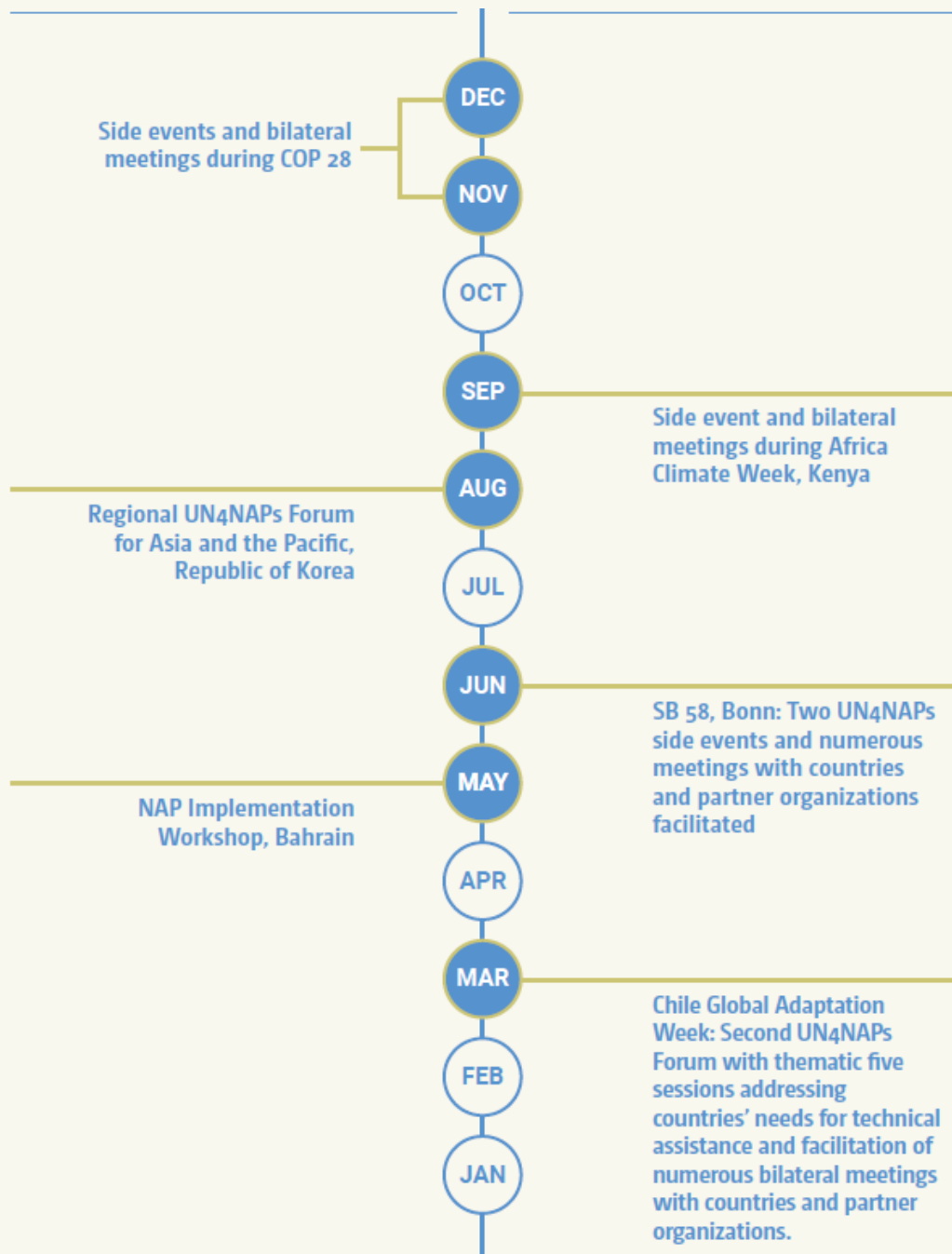
UNFCCC shares the request(s) with relevant partner organization(s)

Partner organization(s) respond(s) promptly

UNFCCC organizes initial meetings between country and organization(s) to ensure the implementation of the needed response



UN4NAPs events in 2023



UN4NAPs events and exchanges between countries and partner organizations to facilitate technical assistance for NAPs

Upcoming opportunities 2024:

- NAP Expo, April 2024, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- SIDS 4 Conference, May 2024, Antigua and Barbuda (TBC)
- SB60, June 2024, Bonn, Germany

UN4NAPs PARTNERS:

UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

as of March 2024

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Profiles of partner
organizations:



United Nations
Climate Change

Adaptation Fund	IOM	UNESCAP
ADB	IPCC	UNESCO and UNESCO/IOC
ADPC	IRENA	UNESCWA
AfDB	ITU	UNFPA
CBD	OACPS	UN-Habitat
CGIAR	SPREP	UNHCR
Commonwealth Secretariat	UN OCHA	UNICEF
CTCN	UN Women	UNIDO
EIB	UN OHCHR	UNITAR
FAO	UNCCD	UN-OHRLLS
GCF	UNCDF	UNOOSA
GEF	UNDP	UNU
GWP	UNDRR	WFP
ICIMOD	UNECA	WHO
IFAD	UNECE	WIPO
IFRC	UNECLAC	WMO
ILO	UNEP	WTO

Expertise for technical assistance of UN4NAPs partner organizations mapped to thematic GGA targets

Thematic targets GGA	Partner organizations include
Reduced climate-induced water scarcity and enhanced resilience to water-related hazards	GWP, UNDRR, CTCN, UNCCD, UNICEF, WHO, WMO, UNU
Climate-resilient food and agricultural production and supply and distribution of food	FAO, IFAD, CGIAR, WFP, UN Women, WIPO, WMO, UNCCD
Resilience against climate change related health impacts/ climate-resilient health services	WHO, IFRC, CGIAR, Commonwealth, UNFPA, UNICEF
Reduced climate impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity and increased ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions	CBD, UNEP, UNU, Commonwealth, FAO, UNESCO
Increased resilience of infrastructure and human settlements to climate change	UN-Habitat, WFP, ADPC, UNU
Reduced adverse effects of climate change on poverty eradication and livelihoods	UNDP, CGIAR, IFAD, UN Habitat
Protecting cultural heritage from the impacts of climate-related risks through adaptive strategies, guided by traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems.	UNESCO, IOM, UNU

Areas related to NAP formulation under which requests have been received

- Technical review of draft NAPs or adaptation strategies;
- Strengthening capacities in climate observation and modeling, and access to climate scenarios;
- Improving knowledge in biodiversity assessments and conservation measures for biodiversity, water and soil;
- Developing nature-based solution strategies;
- Technical assistance to strengthen efforts of accessing climate finance;
- Strengthening monitoring and evaluation as well as information management systems.



Examples of contributions to technical assistance facilitated through UN4NAPs (by UNU)

- Request of Government: Review of draft NAP of Zimbabwe (March 2023). The UNFCCC secretariat consolidated the inputs by WHO; UNDRR; WFP; UNHCR; WMO; the Commonwealth Secretariat; CGIAR; OHCHR; UN Habitat, the Adaptation Fund, UNDP and UNU, and shared with Government of Zimbabwe for their consideration.
- UN4NAPs facilitated initial discussions with several countries and UNU on provision of support and capacity building on vulnerability assessments and the deployment of the Economics of Climate Adaptation (ECA) tool.
- *On UN4NAPs website: Partner profiles and contacts, e.g., UNU:*
 - *UN4NAPs focal point Dr. Himanshu Shekhar*
 - *Dr. Saskia Werners*



Example: UNU profile in the UN4NAPs initiative



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UN University (UNU) contributes, through research and education, to efforts to resolve pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare.

UNU is ready to help countries in

- Research and systematic observations in support of adaptation assessment, planning and implementation
- Capacity building & readiness support in submitting a proposal to the GCF Readiness Programme
- Technical assistance and advice in the process of drafting the NAP
- Analyzing past climate and future climate change scenarios
- Developing social-economic pathway scenarios for the future
- Assessing climate risk & vulnerability at appropriate levels & different sectors
- Applying best available science in assessing, planning & implementing adaptation
- Integrating adaptation into national, subnational & local development plans
- Advocacy & education on climate change and adaptation
- Technological support in accessing information & other countries' experience in applying different adaptation technologies to facilitate the selection, installation & operation of appropriate technologies for local problems
- Technical advice and support in developing projects and proposals to the GCF and other funding sources
- Managing coherence between adaptation & relevant frameworks incl. 2030 Agenda & Sendai Framework
- Applying frontier technologies to advance adaptation assessment, planning & implementation
- Engaging multiple stakeholders incl. indigenous peoples, women, youth and the private sector.

Specific expertise includes:

- Climate change vulnerability and risk assessment, Ecosystem-based adaptation; Creating country-specific adaptation pathways; Tailoring climate risk insurance;
- Linking adaptation to DRR, Sustainable urban transformation; Climate migration and displacement; Loss and damage

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Adaptation-related programmes:

- [FloodAdaptVN](#)
- [Transformative Urban Coalitions](#)
- [HI-PATH](#)
- [Where the rain falls](#)
- [Pacific Climate Change and Migration](#)



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Profiles of
partner
organizations



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