



DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE
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**Regional Training Workshop on National Adaptation Plan
Strengthening Capacity for Multi-Sectoral Inclusion in the NAP Process
in the Asia Pacific Region**

28 - 30 May 2025
The Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand
Meeting Room: Kamolmart Meeting Room (6th Floor)

I. Background

As part of the Cancun Adaptation Framework, the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process was established in 2010 for developing countries to identify medium- and long-term adaptation needs and develop and implement strategies and programmes to address those needs. The NAP process has two objectives: a) to reduce the vulnerability to the impact of climate change by building adaptation capacity and resilience and b) to facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation in development planning processes. Among the guiding principles of the NAP process is that it is country-driven and participatory and underscores the importance of a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to adaptation planning and implementation.

With the first outcome of the Global Stocktake, all Parties are encouraged to put in place their NAPs by 2025 and ready for implementation by 2035. At the same time, the NAP process is also becoming increasingly important for developing and implementing the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) enshrined in the Paris Agreement, most of which include adaptation components.

The NAP process defines a comprehensive and integrated national framework that establishes institutions aimed at assisting all sectors and regions in collaborating to identify current and future risks, as well as to set priorities for programs and policies to enhance resilience and prevent losses. To date, 17 Asia Pacific countries have submitted their NAPs.¹ With the region's high vulnerability to climate change and its impacts as elaborated in the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, it has become more evident that countries must begin and accelerate the process of developing and implementing NAPs anchored to their specific risks and vulnerabilities.

Against this backdrop, the AIT Regional Resource Centre for Asia and Pacific (RRC.AP), in partnership with the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCC Asia Pacific), is organizing a NAP capacity-building and training programme for national government officials and master trainers from national training service-providing institutions from the region to support the innovative potential of the countries on NAP formulation and implementation and creation of specific positive examples.

This regional training workshop's content materials and tools are specifically designed to align with the recent COP decisions relating to adaptation, including the updating of the NAP technical

guidelines, the outcomes of the first Global Stocktake, and the decision on the global goal on adaptation, among others.

II. Workshop Objectives

This regional capacity-building workshop aims to support governments of Asia and Pacific countries with the national adaptation planning process, via strengthening their capacities and providing practical and internationally tested models, methodology, and tools to:

- Improve understanding and raise awareness of the NAP process;
- Strengthen the capacities of country teams to carry out the NAP process at the national level;
- Familiarize with the technical resources, support channels and links to other national processes;
- Providing practical guide on how to
 - i) Establish institutional arrangements for NAP formulation and implementation;*
 - ii) Develop a gender-sensitive and inclusive NAP;*
 - iii) Integrate climate change adaptation into national development planning processes;*
 - iv) Develop the M&E frameworks for adaptation planning, and*
 - v) Access climate finance for adaptation planning and implementation.*

III. Target Audience

The target audience of this regional training workshop includes:

- National and local governments, decision-makers and technical experts responsible for the overall launch and steering of the NAP process;
- Experts and stakeholders involved in tasks of planning and implementation of the NAP process from sectors and institutions focusing on planning, financing, environment, infrastructure development, economic development, agriculture, meteorology and many others, and
- Non-Party stakeholders, including youth representatives, potentially involved in the NAP process.

IV. Structure, Methodology and Duration

Structure

The comparably diverging target groups addressed by the training will require a flexible structure that allows tailoring the training elements to the concrete target group of a specific training event. This can be achieved through a modular design that can be selected and composed in different ways.

Training for high-level decision-makers would comprise only selected modules on general strategic understanding and process orientation, whereas technical experts, e.g. from sector ministries, would also be involved in more detailed issues of NAP elaboration.

Training Methodology

The training workshop will use learner-centered methodology and will apply a *'hands-on'* approach, (i.e., practice-oriented and interactive learning methods) which conveys teaching messages mainly through interactive practical work done by the participants. Most of the modules follow the same sequence of elements including:

- A brief **introductory presentation** delivered by the trainers/resource persons, including some participants, providing the necessary theoretical background and country case studies, and familiarising the participants with their tasks in the exercise.
- The **group exercise** gives participants the opportunity to work practically on certain NAP process challenges and tasks in sub-groups.
- The **group work presentation- plenary discussion sessions** will reflect experiences made during group work and deduct key issues and lessons learnt through group discussion.

V. Additional Details

This regional training workshop is organized by the AIT Regional Resource Centre for Asia and Pacific (RRC-AP) (<http://www.rrcap.ait.asia>) in partnership with the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (<https://unfccc.int/RCCAsiaPacific>), and financial support from the Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan (MoEJ) (<https://www.env.go.jp/en/>).

ⁱ <https://napcentral.org/submitted-NAPs>