**Webinar Series on** **Adaptation and Resilience**

**Part II: NAPs Best Practices**

***UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for West and Central Africa (RCC WACA) & NAP Global Network***

**Webinar for West and Central Africa**

**Date and time: 10 June 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM (GMT 00) via MS Teams**

**Background**

Decision 5/CP.17, adopted at the 17th [Conference of the Parties](https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/supreme-bodies/conference-of-the-parties-cop) (COP17) to the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)](https://unfccc.int/), established guidelines and support mechanisms to assist developing countries—particularly [Least Developed Countries (LDCs)](https://unfccc.int/resource/ldc/countries.html)—in formulating and implementing [National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)](https://unfccc.int/national-adaptation-plans). These plans are essential for identifying and addressing medium- and long-term adaptation needs through strategic national planning. Similarly, [Decision 1/CMA.5](https://unfccc.int/documents/7109) (the Global StockTake), paragraph 59, urges Parties that have not yet done so to have their national adaptation plans, policies, and planning processes in place by 2025, and to demonstrate significant progress in implementing them by 2030.

Despite these mandates, as of May 2025, 12 countries—including both LDCs and non-LDCs—within the jurisdiction of the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for West and Central Africa (RCC WAC Africa) are yet to submitted their NAPs. These delays are often due to persistent challenges such as limited access to accredited entities, insufficient data, financing gaps, capacity constraints, and a limited South–South cooperation and peer learning on NAP processes.

To support countries in meeting the 2025 deadline and advancing adaptation efforts, it is imperative to facilitate cross-country learning and promote regional collaboration. With substantial developments anticipated under the Paris Agreement—including updates on the [Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)](https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/gga), progress on NAPs, and support to adaptation-related constituted bodies such as the [Adaptation Committee](https://unfccc.int/Adaptation-Committee) and the [Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)](https://unfccc.int/LEG#:~:text=The%20Least%20Developed%20Countries%20Expert,implement%20national%20adaptation%20plans%20(NAPs))—now is a critical time to promote both South–South and North-south engagement. This is particularly important for regions such as West and Central Africa, which comprises diverse economies, Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and high-emission countries—all facing unique climate vulnerabilities and opportunities.

Since its establishment, the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for West and Central Africa (RCC WAC Africa) has worked closely with Parties and stakeholders across the region to mainstream climate action. A webinar focused on best practices in NAP formulation and implementation will provide an inclusive platform for peer-to-peer exchange, fostering collaboration and capacity-building among countries in the region. This upcoming webinar on Adaptation and Resilience (Part II: NAP Best Practices) is being organized in collaboration with the [NAP Global Network](https://napglobalnetwork.org/), and aims to enhance technical understanding, share success stories, and strengthen regional coordination for effective climate action.

**Objectives**

The webinar series aims to:

* To provide a platform for countries in West and Central Africa to share experiences, lessons learned, and best practices in the formulation of NAPs, fostering peer-to-peer learning and regional cooperation.
* Identify and address key barriers to NAP advancement
* Strengthen Regional Capacity and Coordination for Adaptation Planning Strengthen regional collaboration and partnerships for enhanced climate action.

**Format**

* Duration: 90 minutes
* Platform: Online via MS Teams

**Target Audience**

* Government representatives and policymakers from West and Central Africa;
* UN Country Teams;
* Regional centers and organizations;
* Civil society and non-governmental organizations;
* Private sector and businesses;
* Youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and academic institutions.

**Agenda**

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| **Duration** | **Agenda / Discussion Flow** | **Speakers** |
| 5’ | Introduction & Welcome remarks  | **Walters Tubua**, Regional Lead, RCC WAC Africa  |
| 10’ | * NAP guidelines
* Updates on NAP 3.0 initiatives
 | **Adaptation Division**, UNFCCC Secretariat |
| 10’ | * Best practices and challenges in NAP formulation, and the support available to countries in the region.
 | **Aurélie Ceinos**, NAP Global Network |
| 10’ | Question and answer | **Moderator:** RCC WAC Africa  |
| 35’ | Roundtable * *Sierra Leone’s experiences in NAP formulation: lessons, challenges and opportunities to consider for effective NAP process*
* *Burkina Faso’s experiences in updating its NAP: Key lessons, challenges and opportunity for NAP revision*
* *Best practice in integrating Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework for the NAP*
* *How can countries better incorporate Gender, Youth and Indigenous voices in their NAPs*
 | **Sierra Leone** NAP Team **Burkina Faso** NAP team**Liberia** NAP team**International Land Coalition (ILC)** |
| 15’ | Question and answer | **Moderator:** RCC WAC Africa  |
| 5’ | Closing Remarks | **Walters Tubua**, Regional Lead, RCC WAC Africa |

*Other Capacity building events:*

* From NAP formulation to implementations
* Regional dialogue on adaptation and finance (Stakeholder’s support to Adaptation)