

Concept Note: Regional Exchange Dialogue on Accelerating support for Formulation and Implementation of National Adaptation Plans in the East and Southern African Region.

Dates: June 04th June 2025
Virtual: Microsoft Teams

Background

Climate change is a pressing global issue, with profound effects on ecosystems, economies, and communities. In the East and Southern African region, the impacts of climate change are increasingly evident, manifesting through extreme weather events, rising temperatures, and shifting rainfall patterns. According to the Global Climate Risk Index, several countries in this region rank among the most vulnerable to climate change, with Madagascar and Mozambique frequently cited as high-risk nations due to their exposure to cyclones and flooding while Ethiopia, Kenya among other cited for droughts. Recent studies indicate that agricultural yields in the region could decline by up to 30% by 2030 due to climate-related factors, exacerbating food insecurity for millions. Additionally, water scarcity is projected to affect over 200 million people by 2030, further stressing already limited resources.

Established in 2010 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 15-18 enables countries to identify medium- and long-term and adaptation needs, and to develop and implement strategies and programmes to address those needs. The NAPs serve as the primary channel for adaptation and resilience-building in the countries. As of 12th May 2025, 7 out of 19 countries in East and Southern Africa had successfully submitted their NAPs, while others were in different stages of formulating their NAPs. To understand the challenges and capacity constraints faced by the countries in the formulation and implementation of NAPs, the UNFCCC is conducting ongoing NAP Country dialogues with NAP focal points and relevant stakeholders in each of the countries. Among the countries in the EASA region, recent dialogues were held with Angola, Eritrea, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Each country presented its unique context while highlighting common obstacles such as technical capacity limitations, funding delays and resource allocation, coordination and stakeholder engagement issues among others.

The need to accelerate efforts for effective NAP formulation and implementation in East and Southern Africa is urgent. Strengthening institutional capacity, fostering stakeholder engagement, and ensuring adequate funding are essential components and drivers to effective adaptation planning and implementation of adaptation efforts in the NAPs process as communicated by most countries during the NAP dialogues. The successful experiences of formulating NAPs from other countries in the region can provide important insights for similar countries in the region. Greater collaboration between different development partners working in these regions is also necessary to provide more targeted support for formulating and implementing NAPs.

In this context, the UNFCCC through the Regional Collaboration Center for East and Southern Africa is organizing a dialogue among country officials and development partners to facilitate understanding of support available for NAPs, to share best practices, and identify areas of collaboration to accelerate finance and technical support needed to accelerate the formulation, submission, and implementation of NAPs.

Expected outcomes

- Support available for NAP implementation and Formulation: Provide information to parties on support available in the region and how to access it fast.
- Needs identification: Identify concrete areas for further support to ensure development and submission of NAPs by 2025 as by Decision 1/CMA.5, para. 59.
- Strengthened Coordination: Development partners gain insights to better tailor and coordinate support for NAP formulation and implementation.

By facilitating discussions on accelerating support for Formulation and implementation of NAP, this webinar aims to empower diverse stakeholders facilitating NAP process among Parties in the region to effectively navigate the complexities of climate adaptation planning and secure necessary support for NAP implementation and formulation.

Target Audience

- Government officials from relevant ministries (Environment, Finance, Planning) NAP focal points
- International and Development Partners
- International / Local NGOs
- Academia and research institutions

Agenda and Format

Moderator: **Lilian KEMPANGO**, Regional Adaptation Specialist, RCC EASA

Time (EAT)	Activity	Speakers
14:00 – 14:05	Opening Remarks	Mr. William Otieno , Regional Lead RCC EASA
14:05 – 14:25	Presentation: The status of NAPs in the region and globally Key milestones for NAPs this year	Mr. Motsomi Maletjane , Team Lead, LEG & NAP Unit, UNFCCC Secretariat
Dialogue with countries on key lessons in formulating and implementing NAPs		

14:25 – 14:40	Experiences in NAP formulation and Implementation Country that has already submitted NAP i.e. (Kenya): Guiding Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What efforts is your country undertaking to Implement the NAP? - What sources of finance is your country targeting – both within and outside the Financial Mechanism? - What key lessons can be shared, especially for resource mobilization and bridging gaps in formulation and implementation? - What are the approaches being used to effectively monitor and evaluate the implementation of NAPs. 	Speaker's Ms. Faith A. Akinyi Ondeng: Information and Knowledge Management State Department of Environment and Climate Change.
14:40-15:00	Countries in Advanced stages of NAP formulation ie Uganda Guiding Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What steps is your country undertaking to meet the 2025 NAP deadline? - Is the support from international agencies sufficient? - What further technical or financial assistance is needed? 	Mr. Muhammad Semambo / Principle Climate Change Officer / Ministry of Water and Environment, Directorate of Water Resources Management (MWE), Uganda
15:00 -15: 10	Questions and Answers	All Speakers
Panel Discussion: Enhancing support for NAPs		

15:10 – 15:40	Guiding Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is your organization building technical capacity of countries in NAP formulation and implementation and how can parties tap into your support. - How are countries being supported to finance and implement NAP-identified projects? What funding opportunities are available beyond the UNFCCC mechanism? - How can your organization assist countries in effectively packaging their support requests to minimize back-and-forth communication and disbursement of funds? 	Experts: Mr. Liam Fee, Adaptation Planning Specialist, UNDP Ms. Chienyo Kangara GCF /Regional Manager for Africa Desk Ms. Silvia Mancini – Adaptation Fund/ Countries and Partnerships Team Lead- Senior Program Officer
15:40-16:00	Questions and Answers	All Speakers
16:00	Closing Remarks and Way Forward	Mr. William Otieno Regional Lead- (RCC EASA)

Follow-up Actions

At the post-webinar, participants will receive a resource pack containing relevant materials and contact information for further engagement. A feedback survey will also be distributed to assess the effectiveness of the webinar and identify future capacity-building needs.