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Updated UNFCCC NAP Technical Guidelines: *Financing and implementation*

Introducing the updated NAP technical guidelines
15 October 2025

The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)

Agenda

Time	Agenda item
15 min	Introduction and overview of updated NAP technical guidelines
20 mins	Module C – Financing and implementation
15 mins	Contents in the NAP: From finance to implementation
15 mins	Exploring finance options and tools
20 mins	General discussion
5 mins	Concluding remarks

Overview of the updated NAP technical guidelines

The NAP Technical Guidelines

Updated technical guidelines for the process
to formulate and implement national
adaptation plans

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guidelines here!



From plans to implementation



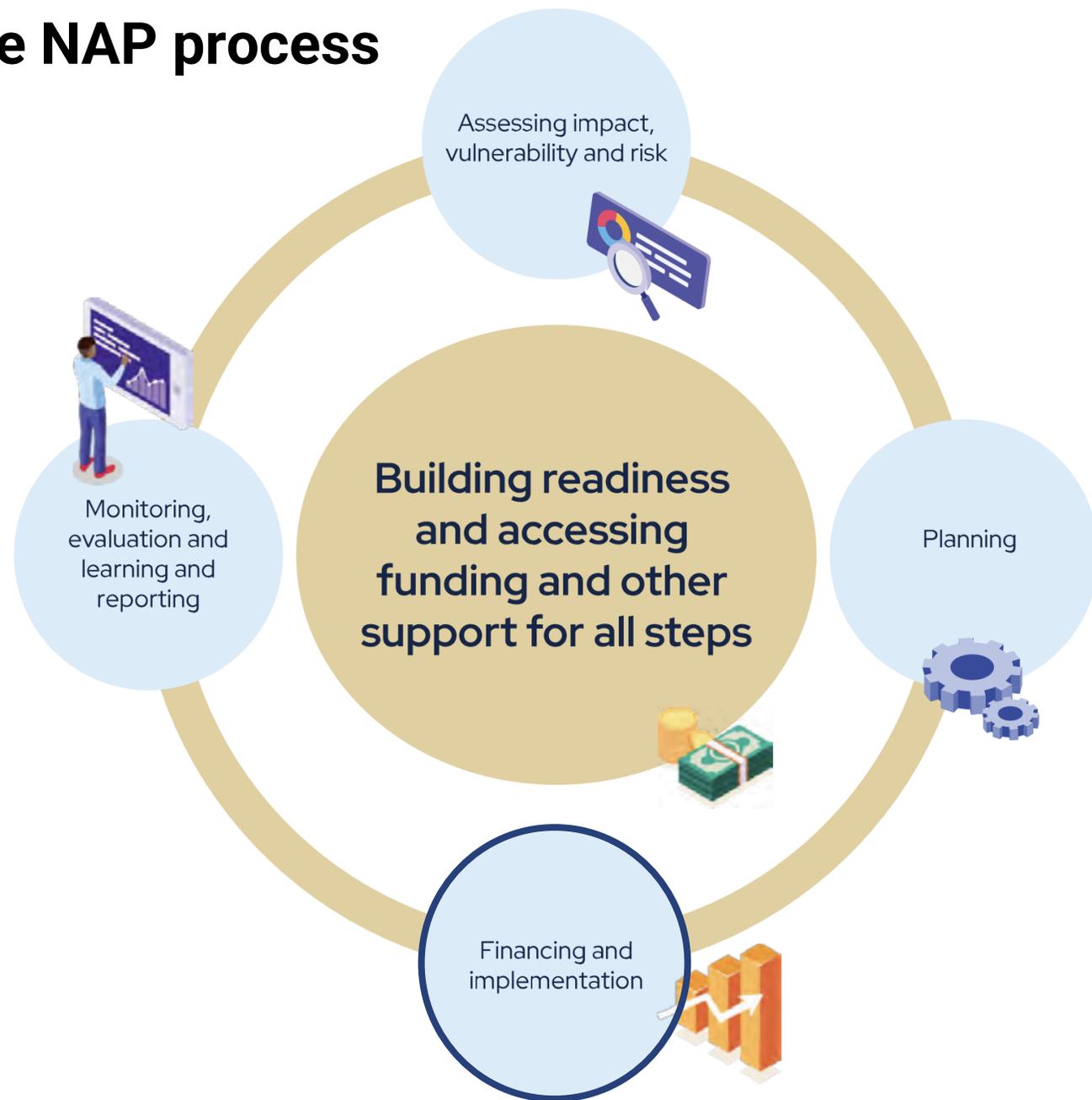


The five modules and steps of the NAP process

- ❑ The four elements of the NAP process and adaptation cycle components are merged into a set of **five modules** and steps, designed to accommodate both while aligning with the GGA framework
- ❑ The modules are iterative and interconnected, with many steps addressed in parallel

Module C: Financing and implementation

- Bridges the gap between planning and implementation
- Identify/mobilize funding across different sources and windows
- Implement adaptation solutions



Aligning implementation strategies with funding windows

List of **priority adaptation** actions

Map to broad types of adaptation projects
(e.g., *readiness, risk management, sector specific actions, project proposal development, integration into development plans, etc.*)

Package into **projects & programmes**

Funding windows (GCF SAP/PPF, GEF LDCF, etc.)

Module C: Financing and implementation

Module C: Financing and implementation (steps and indicative activities)

❑ Determine financing needs for implementation

- Map adaptation priority actions in project ideas and programmes;
- Integrate NAP priority projects into applicable country programmes/country assistance frameworks for each actor or funding vehicle;
- Develop a 5-year programme for implementing the whole NAP, targeting a variety of relevant funding/financing windows for the projects or combinations of windows.
- Follow the relevant project or funding cycles to prepare funding requests (in the form of project proposals or other formats as applicable)

❑ Implement/execute adaptation/risk management and resilience solutions

- Manage implementation of projects and execute adaptation solutions
- Develop and apply systematic observation and monitoring of systems under adaptation intervention to identify triggers or nodes for changes in adaptation pathways

Contents in the NAP: From finance to implementation



Best practice contents of the NAP

1. Background and contextual information about the country
2. Vision, goals and objectives
3. Policy and regulatory framework
4. Framework for the NAP
5. Consideration of guiding principles (best practices) for adaptation
6. Key climate risks and vulnerabilities, and adaptation needs
7. Priority adaptation actions
8. Integration of the NAP with national development plans, and sectoral plans where relevant, including synergies
9. Required financial resources
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12. Monitoring, evaluation and learning
13. Reporting
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Implementation strategy and financing

❑ Implementation strategy

- ❖ Identify sectoral, thematic, territorial; project or programmatic approaches
- ❖ Describe the phased approach to implement adaptation projects, prioritizing based on urgency
- ❖ Describe political, human, and capacity-related support needs (in addition to financial support)
- ❖ Demonstrate how implementation will be distributed between different actors including government agencies, private sector, civil society, and local communities

❑ Financing

- ❖ Present a concrete strategy for resource mobilization linked to different funding sources and their applicable modalities, covering funds under the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism and other sources
- ❖ Include cost estimates of the adaptation priorities
- ❖ Include strategy to expand pool of available funding beyond grants and loans, with mapping to common sources (e.g., GCF, LDCF, SCCF)
- ❖ Describe provisions for complementarity across funding to support NAP as a national programme

Key aspects of the financing and implementation plan

- ❑ Map the whole NAP to available windows under the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism and other sources of funding, including where each project will be submitted
- ❑ “Package” adaptation priorities into projects spanning common funding windows
- ❑ Utilize project profiles to facilitate proposal financing
- ❑ Estimate cost to implement the whole NAP
- ❑ Ensure capacity-development for financing at scale by 2030, including building capacity for direct access, country platforms, etc.
- ❑ Scale up actions to work towards meeting the GGA targets by 2030
- ❑ Explore scaling up successful projects from LDCF and AF with funding from the GCF

Exploring finance options and tools



Selected project profiles: essential projects and other priorities

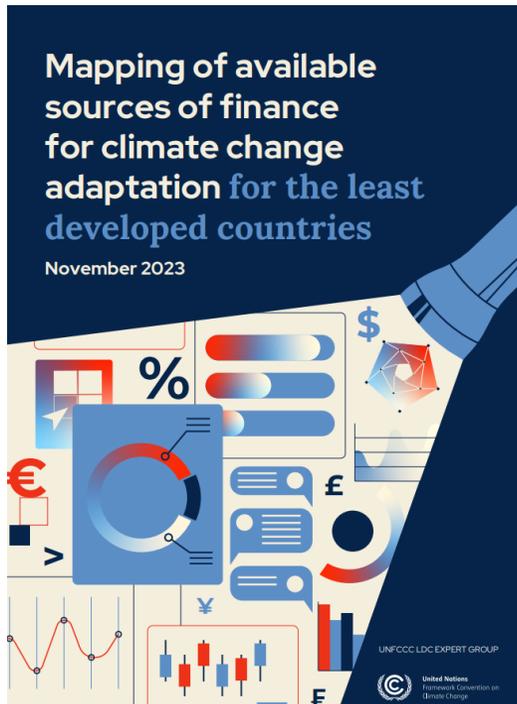
- Including project profiles in NAPs is essential because it helps translate broad climate adaptation priorities into concrete, actionable initiatives that can attract technical and financial support
- Include profiles of selected priority projects and programmes that are part of the first phase of implementation
 - Project title
 - Sector(s) based on GGA targets
 - Overall objectives
 - Activities
 - Timeline
 - Estimated costs
- Profiles for main projects suggested by the GGA dimensional targets to facilitate implementation, resource mobilization, etc.
 - GCF NAP Readiness; other readiness support
 - Multi-hazard early warning systems
 - Climate information services
 - Others



Adaptation finance mapping

The LEG maintains a **mapping of available sources of finance for climate change adaptation for the least developed countries**, to identify and apply financing at each stage of the adaptation cycle.

The mapping serves as a foundation for developing a clear and targeted resource mobilization strategy, accessed at: unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Mapping-of-adaptation-finance.pdf



Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Financial Instruments:

Grants, Concessional loans, Guarantees, Equity

- Projects Window (Full Scale)
- Simplified Approval Process (SAP)
- Private Sector Facility (PSF)
- Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme
- Adaptation Planning Readiness Window

Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Grants

- Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation

Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)

- Country submits proposal through GEF agency and following GEF/LDCF project cycle.

Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

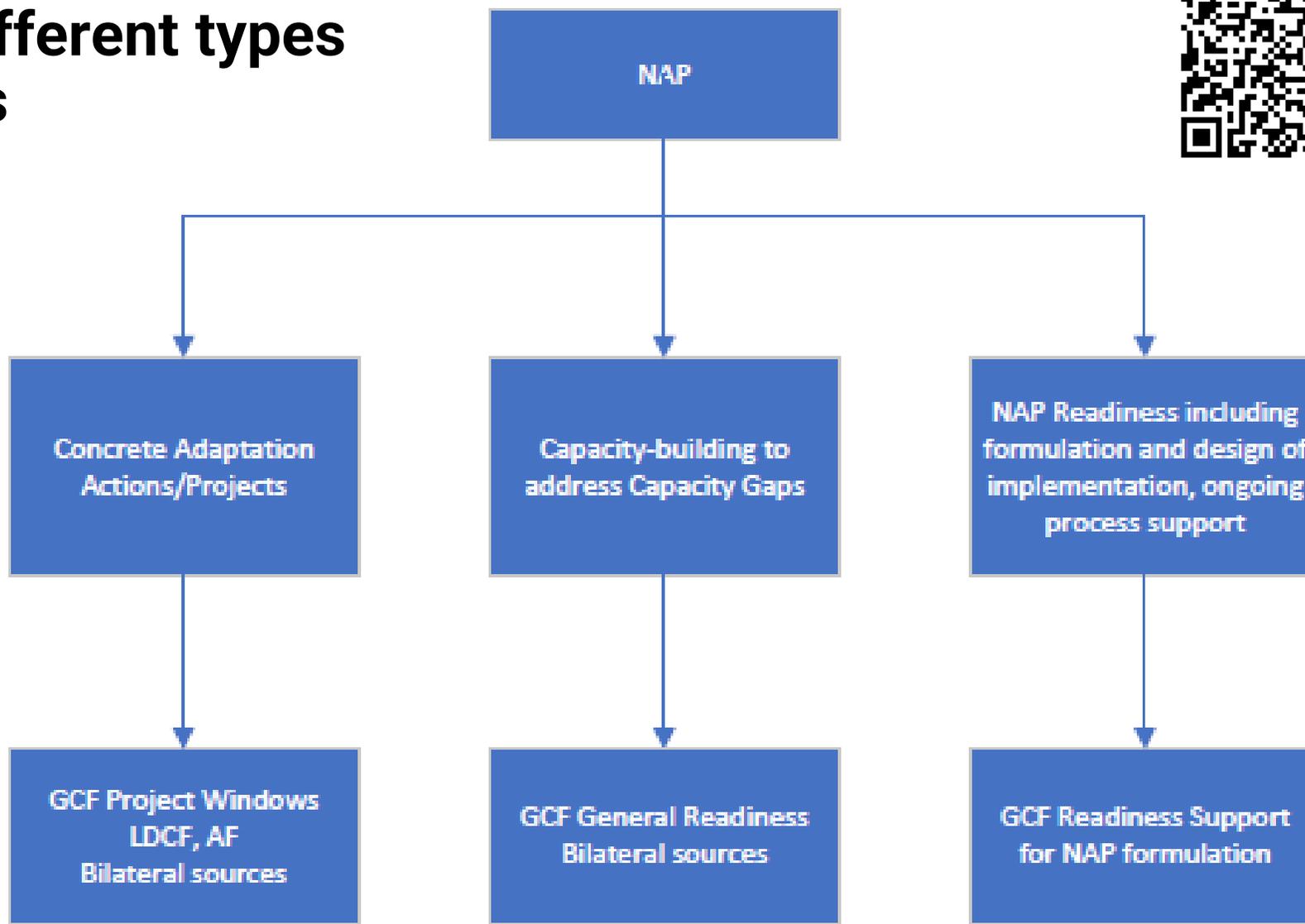
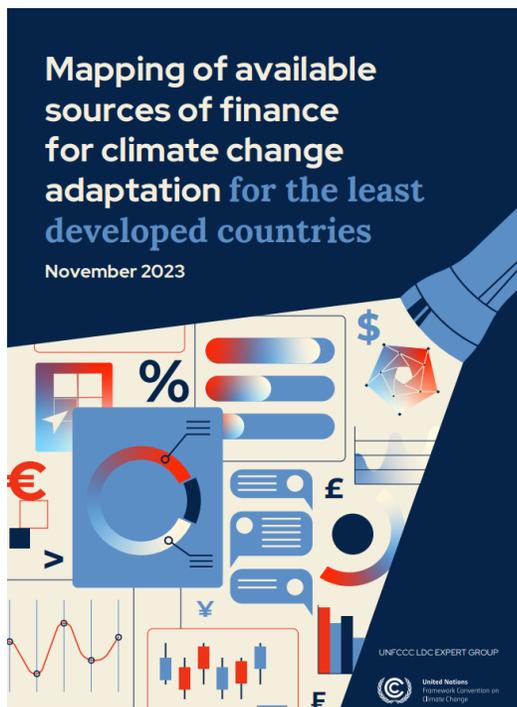
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Adaptation Fund Grants

- Single Country Funding Window.
- Regional Projects and Programmes
- Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) Funding
- Large (Single/Regional) Innovation Grant
- NIE Small Grants for Innovation.



Navigation for different types of needs in NAPs





Finance mapping tool

The LEG's Tool for mapping relevant sources of support for climate change adaptation is now available on NAP Central

The tool facilitates the mapping of available finance based on the following:

- **Category of need**
- **Fund window**
- **Brief description (eligibility, region, source)**

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Tool for mapping relevant sources of support for climate change adaptation

Clear all filters

Category of need

- Adaptation planning cycle
- Adaptation practices, tools, and technologies
- Capacity building
- Financing concrete adaptation actions
- Integrating adaptation plans into development plans
- Policy development/revision
- Project proposal development
- Research and systematic observation

After selecting the need category (or categories), choose a fund name (window) to view a brief description on the right.

Fund name (window)

- Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP)
- Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)
- Adaptation Fund large (single country or regional) innovation grant
- Adaptation Fund learning grants
- Adaptation Fund NIE small grants for innovation
- Adaptation Fund Project Formulation Grants (PFGs)
- Adaptation Fund Project Scale Up
- Adaptation Fund Readiness Package Grants
- Adaptation Fund regional projects and programmes
- Adaptation Fund single country funding window
- Adaptation Fund Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy
- Adaptation Fund's Enhanced Direct Access funding window
- Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF or Fund)

Description

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Funding Institution

Adaptation Fund

Funding source

Government Financing Institution

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EUR 5-20 million (thematic calls)
EUR 12-15 million (country calls)

Link

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<https://napcentral.org/mapping-available-finance>





Finance mapping tool

After **selecting the category of need** (type of adaptation activity), you are presented a list of applicable funding windows with brief description and relevant details to facilitate proposals and applications:

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Hypothesized list of projects covering the available windows to be submitted for funding over a 5-year period

Target window	Theme/sector	Title	Amount	Submission Year
GCF/SAP Sector specific project	Livelihoods, Health, food, water security	Empowering Women Groups to Build Resilience to Climate Impacts	USD 25.0m	2026
GCF/Full Project Sector specific project	Infrastructure, Livelihoods	Infrastructure Climate Resilient Fund (ICRF)	USD 245.0m	2027
GEF/LDCF Concrete adaptation project (Full-size)	Monitoring & EWS, Livelihoods, Capacity-building	Enhanced Adaptive Capacity to Withstand Disaster Risks	USD 20.0m	2026
GCF/SAP Sector specific project	CIS/MHEWS, Infrastructure, Livelihoods	Enhancing Climate Information Systems for Resilient Development	USD 25.0m	2028
GEF/LDCF Full-size Project	Food security	Integrating Adaptation to Climate Change into Agricultural Production and Food Security	USD 20.0m	2027
AF/Single-country project funding	Food security, Water security, Cap-Build.	Promoting Climate Resilience in Cocoa and Rice Sectors as an Adaptation Strategy	USD 9.5m	2030
GCF/Full Project Sector specific project	Infrastructure, Cultural heritage, Livelihoods	Integrating Cultural Heritage Conservation into Climate-Resilient Urban Development	USD 150.m	2029

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