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Liberia's NAP at a Glance

- Liberia's NAP is a comprehensive framework that outlines the country's strategies and action plans to address the impacts of climate change and promote climate resilience.
- The overarching goal of Liberia's NAP is to strengthen the country's overall adaptive capacity, minimize vulnerability to climate risks, and ensure sustainable development in the face of a changing climate. The NAP aims to achieve this goal through a coordinated and participatory approach involving various stakeholders, including government institutions, civil society organizations (CSOs), communities, and development partners.



Liberia's NAP Communication Strategy Objectives

Objective 1: Raise Awareness and Understanding of National Adaptation Priorities

The first objective of the NAP Communication Strategy in Liberia is to raise awareness and enhance understanding among stakeholders and the public about climate change impacts, adaptation efforts, and the importance of the NAP. This objective aims to engage both urban and rural communities to ensure widespread awareness of the NAP's aims, priorities, and expected outcomes. By creating a shared understanding, this objective seeks to foster community engagement through dialogue that will influence decision making on adaptation in Liberia.

Objective 2: Facilitate Stakeholder Engagement in Adaptation Decision Making

The second objective of the NAP Communication Strategy is to facilitate stakeholder engagement throughout the planning, implementation, and MEL stages of the NAP process. This objective aims to create an inclusive and participatory process by encouraging active involvement and feedback from a diverse range of stakeholders, including government entities, CSOs, local communities, academia, and private sector actors. The strategy will outline specific mechanisms for engagement, such as consultative meetings, workshops, round-table discussions, and online platforms.



Objective 3: Enhance Knowledge and Capacity Building on Adaptation

The third objective of the NAP Communication Strategy is to enhance knowledge and build capacity among stakeholders regarding climate change adaptation, NAP implementation, and MEL. This objective aims to provide targeted training programs, workshops, and resources for different stakeholder groups to improve their understanding of climate change impacts, adaptation strategies, and their role in implementing and monitoring the NAP. Capacity-building initiatives will address specific needs, such as technical skills, data collection and analysis, and mainstreaming climate change adaptation into existing policies and programs.

Objective 4: Foster Collaboration and Partnerships to Advance the NAP Process

The fourth objective of the NAP Communication Strategy is to foster collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders to leverage resources, expertise, and knowledge for effective NAP implementation. This objective seeks to create an enabling environment for multisectoral and multidisciplinary collaboration, encouraging joint efforts among government institutions, NGOs, international partners, private sector entities, and communities. Through fostering collaboration and partnerships, the strategy aims to mobilize additional resources and expertise to support the successful implementation of the NAP.

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Objective 5: Monitor, Evaluate, and Learn From Communications Efforts

The final objective of the NAP Communication Strategy is to develop a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness and impact of communication efforts related to the NAP implementation. This objective aims to track and measure the reach,

Benchmarks



Policy Coherence: ensuring that all sectoral policies are aligned and highly consider the six objectives of ACE.



This is to ensure a cohesive approach that aligns with broader development goals and enhances resilience across sectors.

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Multi-Stakeholder Engagement: This ensures the inclusion of diverse voices in the planning and implementation of climate initiatives. This includes the robust and continuous engagement involving government, civil society - particularly to vulnerable groups - and the private sector, fostering collaboration and leading to more effective and inclusive outcomes.



Highlighting of ACE elements: This approach includes coverage of its six objectives. Premium is placed on strategies that address all these elements, empowering communities and promoting climate action through a holistic approach.

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Gender Mainstreaming: This is to highlight and encourage values that promote gender equality, empower women as agents of change, and ensure equitable distribution of benefits, resources, and decision-making power



Youth Empowerment: Encourage the meaningful engagement of youth in climate action, empowering them to contribute to decision-making processes, and building a resilient future generation through education and capacity-building initiatives

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