

18th meeting of the Adaptation Committee

Agenda item 4(b)

Update on the knowledge and information support provided by the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP) in response to the Adaptation Committee (AC) advice

9-12 November 2020

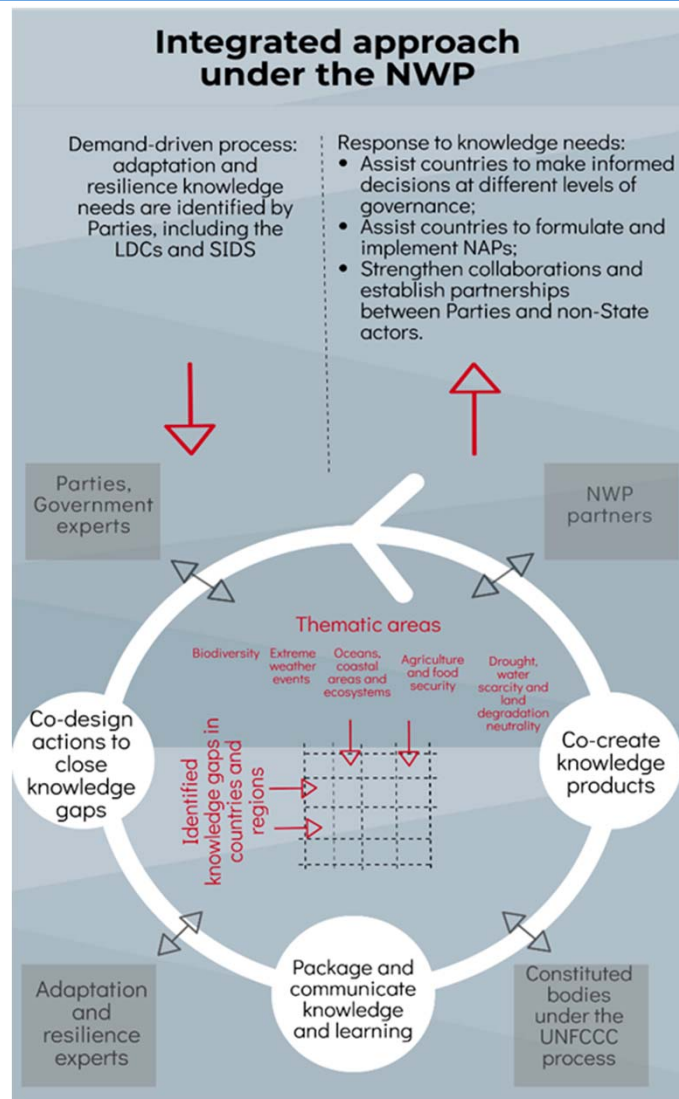


I: Outline of the presentation

- ❖ Relevant mandates from the SBSTA and the Adaptation Committee (AC)
- ❖ Overview of the NWP
- ❖ Achievements under the NWP and next steps with regards to the AC advice



II: Knowledge-to-action hub on adaptation and resilience



The NWP connects Parties, UNFCCC constituted bodies and non-Party stakeholders (currently 420 partners) through the curation, production and communication of knowledge and the establishment of partnerships for learning and collaboration on all aspects of climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation.



III. Relevant mandates

Mandate	Background	References
<p>SBSTA 50 requested the secretariat to include in future NWP annual reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- lessons learned and challenges in implementing NWP workplans- knowledge users' experience of NWP knowledge products- progress tracked against the NWP annual workplan using the NWP knowledge-to-action methodology	<p>SBSTA 48 requested the secretariat to provide a concise annual report on progress in implementing activities under the NWP</p>	<p>FCCC/SBSTA/2018/4, para. 27.</p> <p>FCCC/SBSTA/2019/2, paras. 15–17.</p>
<p>AC 17 and AC 15 provided advice on the delivery of NWP mandates that relate to the work programmes of constituted bodies, opportunities to align efforts with relevant bodies, workstreams and institutional arrangements</p>	<p>On invitation of SBSTA 48, AC 15 provided advice on the delivery of NWP mandates AC 17 subsequently provided further advice.</p>	<p>AC 17 advice to the NWP AC 15 advice to the NWP</p>



III. Update on progress in response to the AC advice

AC advice	Progress	Links to relevant resources	Next steps
<p><u>Sharing information</u> on relevant work and engagement opportunities with a global network of partners through communication channels</p>	<p>Regular quarterly NWP newsletters, Adaptation Knowledge Portal (AKP), social media and direct email communication with NWP partners (the information also includes engagement in the technical examination process on adaptation)</p> <p>A dedicated contribution page in the AKP showcases opportunities for engagement in the NWP and the constituted bodies</p>	<p>https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/Home.aspx</p> <p>https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/contribute-resource.aspx</p>	<p><i>Continue sharing engagement opportunities as well as highlight learning through various communication channels</i></p>
<p><u>Strengthening partnerships</u> to close adaptation knowledge gaps, including at the subregional level</p>	<p>Partnerships have been strengthened and new partnerships established with academic institutions, regional partners and networks to help address the priority knowledge gaps across subregions in a demand-driven process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bridging priority knowledge gaps in the MENA (partners: UNEP, UNESCWA, WGEO) and HKH subregions (ICIMOD) -Prioritizing knowledge gaps in Pacific SIDS (partners: UNEP, SPREP) -UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme: engagement model in place and partnership in progress in a number of countries (Namibia, Peru, Nepal) 	<p>https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/Pages/aki.aspx</p>	<p><u><i>-Climate dialogue event on scaling up adaptation actions through partnerships: addressing knowledge gaps</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Engage universities in the South</i> <i>-Monitor and evaluate the outcomes and document the learning in refining the engagement model with universities</i>



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<p><u>Deepening the understanding among Parties and stakeholders about adaptation themes and <u>establishing partnerships to design collaborative actions with expert groups</u></u></p>	<p>Using the knowledge-to-action methodology Biodiversity and climate change adaptation with a focus on forest and grassland ecosystems: Expert group in place, including CBD representative -Convened the first expert group meeting in July 2020 - Draft scoping paper being reviewed by expert group members and CBs and work programmes. Selection of biodiversity expert group members: Twenty-seven experts from renown international, regional and national organizations, indigenous peoples organizations, think tanks, academic research institutions. Process: Organizations were first mapped to a pre-identified criteria list (including geographical representation, inclusivity, area of expertise, gender, etc). Strategic organisations were identified, including the Convention on Biological Diversity and IPBES.</p>	<p>Expert Group Meeting overview</p> <p>Biodiversity thematic page on the AKP</p> <p>Addressing knowledge gaps: biodiversity and climate change adaptation</p> <p>Ocean thematic page on the AKP</p> <p>Second virtual expert meeting on oceans</p> <p>List of experts can be found under the expert group members section</p>	<p><i>-Climate dialogue event on biodiversity planned on November 26 will communicate key findings from the scoping paper and get contributions from Parties and partners</i> <i>- Scoping paper to be published in early 2021, in a lead up to the focal point forum at COP26</i> <i>-Second expert group meeting to be held in Feb 2021 to kick-start co-designing collaborative actions in response to key findings from the scoping paper.</i></p>



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<p><u>Deepening the understanding among Parties and stakeholders About adaptation themes and <u>establishing partnerships</u> to design collaborative actions with expert groups</u></p>	<p>Oceans: -Second virtual expert meeting took place in June 2020 -Co-designing and implementing collaborative actions with the oceans expert group in addressing some of the Knowledge gaps identified through the demand-driven process. -IPCC expert engaged in the expert group and provided inputs to the scoping paper, including a key note presentation in the 13th focal point forum on oceans held at COP25.</p>	<p>Ocean thematic page on the AKP</p> <p>Second virtual expert meeting on oceans</p>	<p><i>-Progress to-date in the oceans will be shared during the ocean dialogue to be held during climate dialogue.</i></p>



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<p>Findings of the NWP survey: Relevance, accessibility and utilization of adaptation knowledge</p>	<p>The secretariat is already addressing several areas for improvement in response to the survey results.</p> <p>The secretariat will follow up with specific respondents who expressed an interest in helping with improvements.</p> <p>Given the number of survey respondents, especially those who had accessed and used NWP knowledge products, more outreach is needed to ensure the visibility of content produced under the NWP.</p> <p>The following slide highlight key areas of improvements.</p>	<p><i>-Survey report to be shared in December</i></p> <p><i>-Explore opportunities to share outcomes of the survey through various platforms, including the 14th Focal Point Forum</i></p> <p><i>-Continue to implement ways to enhance relevance, accessibility of NWP knowledge products</i></p> <p><i>-National focal points will be invited to attend a webinar in January 2021(Date TBCd) to guide them through the platform and its resources.</i></p>



IV. Areas of improvement: Adaptation Knowledge Portal

Approach	Progress undertaken by the secretariat
Produce regular NWP content and showcase partner updates on the adaptation knowledge portal and promote them through the UNFCCC and other climate change networks	<i>Focusing on producing regular news stories and content</i>
Improve visibility of and access to relevant content on the adaptation knowledge portal, including thematic content	<i>Working on improving the navigation to various pages of the adaptation knowledge portal</i>
Strengthen outreach through regular social media engagement, quarterly NWP eUpdates and other climate change networks	<i>Working on strengthening NWP social media presence</i>
Undertake additional communication using tools such as webinars and video and audio content	<i>Experimenting with several multimedia tools to support outreach activities in 2020</i>
Improve signposting to potential useful technical and practical content of NWP partners	<i>Redesigning critical sections of the adaptation knowledge portal to improve signposting, including the home page and thematic pages</i>
Experiment with improving the ranking of the adaptation knowledge portal on Google search for improved access to content	<i>Technically feasible options will be explored</i>
Improve user information pathways on the NWP web pages and adaptation knowledge portal	<i>The NWP web pages and adaptation knowledge portal will be reviewed to make it easier to access information</i>
Explore possibility of co-creating knowledge products with partners	<i>A few survey respondents will be contacted to explore their interest in co-creating NWP knowledge products</i>



IV. Update on progress in response to the AC advice

AC advice	Progress	Links to relevant resources	Next steps
<p><u>Supporting the work mandated to the AC by the CMA 10 and the AC's 2019-2021 workplan</u></p> <p>-The AC invites to develop and update the inventory</p> <p>-With regard to water, the AC invites the NWP <u>to partner with Alliance4water, GIZ and other relevant organizations</u>, including to identify adaptation--relevant elements on water from relevant documents, including National Adaptation Plans and the Nationally Determined Contributions</p> <p>-Mandates relating to the <u>adaptation communication and the global stocktake</u></p>	<p>An inventory of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs in the AKP</p> <p>Engaged and provided presentation during the recent task force meeting of the UNECE, a NWP Partner, with a specific focus on the implementation of National Adaptation Plans, the updating of NDCs, related work under the NWP and WIM. The key audience of the meeting was Parties in the UNECE process.</p>		<p><i>-Engage in updating the inventory</i></p> <p><i>-Jointly analyse the submissions associated with paragraph 16 of decision 11/CMA.1 (due by February 2021).</i></p> <p><i>-Continue engaging with relevant partners in response to the AC advice</i></p> <p><i>AC to provide advice on the design and delivery of NWP work and priorities that are relevant for the adaptation communication and the global stocktake</i></p>



IV. Update on progress in response to the AC advice *(continued)*

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<p><u>-Share experience and lessons learned from developing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The NWP annual progress report documents learning (lessons learned, good practices and challenges) with regards to all ongoing initiatives. -The NWP knowledge-to-action methodology has a track and learn component through the process. - A number of tools to capture learning and monitor progress. These includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - News stories on the AKP - Updates in quarterly eUpdates - Presentation at internal and external events to showcase work and learning - Regular interactive meetings with relevant partners - Documentation of communication. 	<p>News stories Eupdates</p>	<p><i>The NWP knowledge-to-action approach will continue to be refined to reflect lessons learned and improve monitoring and evaluation of activities.</i></p> <p><i>Continue to explore useful monitoring and evaluation tools that can enhance the NWP's work.</i></p>



IV. Update on progress in response to the AC advice *(continued)*

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<p><u>Supporting the work mandated to the AC by the CMA 10 and the AC's 2019 -2021 workplan</u></p> <p><u>Contribute to the overall coherence of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention.</u></p>	<p>With regards to supporting the LEG in relation to the national adaptation plans:</p> <p>-A joint session @ 2019 NAP Expo on strengthening considerations regarding vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems.</p> <p>-Partners were engaged in the NAP technical working group, designing and organizing the 2019 NAP Expo, advancing the NAP-SDG iFrame, and rolling out the Open NAPs initiative for the LDCs that are in the early stages of the process to formulate and implement NAPs.</p>	<p><i>Partners will be mobilized to implement NAP-related activities and providing support to the LDCs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Gathering knowledge in support of the systems approach of the NAP-SDG iFrame, and supporting Open NAPs</i> <i>-Supporting the organization of NAP Expos</i> <i>-Contributing to the development of the integrative supplement</i> <i>-Supporting the work of the LEG, for example through inclusion in the NWP eUpdates of calls for interest in activities in support of Open NAPs</i> <i>-Collecting case studies relevant to formulating and implementing NAPs and collaborating with the LEG on determining best practices and lessons learned</i>



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<p><u>Contribute to the overall coherence of adaptation-related institutional arrangements under the Convention.</u></p>	<p>With regards to the collaboration with other CBs:</p> <p>Following activities have taken place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A joint event with the NWP, the FWG, the AC and the LEG convened at COP 25 to facilitate the effort to integrate indigenous knowledge and local knowledge systems into climate adaptation action -Students from University of Michigan, drawing from the LAKI project outcomes in Seychelles, co-drafted a chapter on technologies for coastal zone risk assessments in a joint policy brief of the Executive Committee of the WIM and the TEC on technologies for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in coastal zones 	<p>Joint event with the NWP, the FWG, the AC and the LEG convened at COP 25</p> <p>University of Michigan Capstone Project</p>	<p><i>-Implement the collaborative activities (see next slides)</i></p>



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<p>The AC invites the secretariat <u>to share</u> with relevant constituted bodies lessons learned in implementing the NWP, with a view to facilitate coherence across adaptation-relevant work and promote the uptake of successful approaches</p>	<p>With regards to developing activities where the NWP adds most value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Between January and April 2020, the secretariat reached out to the CGE, Executive Committee, FWG of the LCIPP, PCCB, SCF, TEC, and SBI Chair in relation to the LWPG. b) Formal invitation letters of engagement was shared by the SBSTA Chair c) NWP has received positive responses from most CBs and WPs, except WIM d) Potential areas for collaboration were identified where the NWP could add most value to the workplans in line with respective mandates e) Follow-up meetings with the CBs and work programmes secretariat staff were held to ensure the development of aligned work plans with specific activities and outputs to complement the areas of collaboration identified for the 2020 - 2021 period. 	<p><i>-Implement the collaborative activities (see next slides)</i></p> <p><i>-Document and share lessons learned in implementing the NWP activities, including those in collaboration with the Constituted Bodies (initial lessons learned will also be communicated through the progress report that will be prepared in 2021 to be considered by Parties at SBSTA 52)</i></p>



V. Update on progress in response to the AC advice

From the work of the NWP, the following activities have been identified:

Constituted body or institutional arrangement	Identified collaborative activities
<p>CGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of relevant technical guides on reporting • Participation in the UN Climate Change and Universities Programme, which NWP is leading on • Engagement on CGE training workshops and webinars
<p>PCCB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and information sharing and stakeholder engagement with relevant actors • Technical session on capacity building and adaptation at the Capacity Hub event planned for the COP26 • Co-convene activities at the regional scale, especially through the Regional Climate Weeks and the LAKI
<p>SCF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCF Forum on the topic “Finance for Nature-Based Solutions”.



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Constituted body or institutional arrangement	Identified collaborative activities
TEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information and examples compilation of good practices and lessons learned on RD&D by NWP partners • Support innovative approaches to deploy, disseminate, and scale up adaptation technologies (knowledge sharing and connecting with partners) • Collaborate with the oceans expert group and TEC to develop the concept note leading to various outputs for SB52
FWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and participate in dialogues, meeting and events organized under the LCIPP • Invite relevant Indigenous Peoples Organizations and other expert institutions engaged in the LCIPP work to be partners of the NWP • Indigenous people's curricula and materials (to be discussed) • Interoperability and synergy between the LCIPP dedicated web portal and the AKP • IPO engagement on the thematic focus on biodiversity



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Constituted body or institutional arrangement	Identified collaborative activities
Lima work programme on gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="625 613 1873 837">• Identify and connect the Lima work programme on gender with relevant partners to provide expertise and research on gender. For example: Global Gender Event at the Climate Dialogues which will be an opportunity for stakeholders to publicly share their plans on supporting the implementation of the LWPM/GAP<li data-bbox="625 867 1829 899">• Mainstream gender issues through collaborations in ongoing adaptation activities.
Excom	To be discussed and confirmed at a later date.



VI. Further update on progress in response to the AC advice

AC advice	Progress	Links to relevant resources	Next steps
<p><u>NWP priority work areas:</u></p> <p>On forest and grassland, the AC recommends taking into account the work under REDD plus.</p> <p>On agriculture and food security, the AC recommends linking to the Koronivia joint work on agriculture and the recent workshop on adaptation in the agriculture sector.</p>	<p>-Invited the UNFCCC REDD+ secretariat team to present their work at the first expert group meeting</p> <p>-Received inputs from UNFCCC REDD+ for the scoping paper</p> <p>-forests focused case studies included in the scoping paper.</p> <p>-The NWP to initiate mapping of relevant partners and key reports as well as review of ongoing work and documents related with Koronivia joint work on agriculture to kickstart the scoping work on agriculture and food security, which will be one of the priority thematic areas to focus the NWP for 2021.</p>		<p><i>-AC to advice on priority topics for further work, including for the thematic focus for the 15th Focal Point Forum</i></p>

