
Progress in Adaptation under the UNFCCC Process

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Outline

- Adaptation for LDCs (NAPA)
- The Nairobi 5yr Work Programme on Adaptation
- Related Issues:
 - Article 6 of the Convention
 - Capacity-building



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Bodies under the Convention

Two main bodies:

- **SBSTA:** Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
- **SBI:** Subsidiary Body for Implementation

But also:

- **AWG:**
 - Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol
- **Dialogue**
 - on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention



Adaptation for LDCs (NAPA under SBI)

- National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) designed in 2001 to enable LDCs to address their urgent and immediate needs for adaptation
- LDC Fund established to support preparation and subsequently implementation of NAPAs
- LDC Expert Group established to assist LDCs in preparation of NAPAs and advice on implementation strategy for NAPA
- 15 of 49 LDCs are SIDs, Haiti only one in the Atlantic
- Emphasis on vulnerable communities and local coping



Adaptation for LDCs

- As of now, 16 NAPAs completed, implementation of some projects initiated.
- Ongoing discussion on implementation strategies – projects or programmes, mainstreaming in poverty-reduction strategies, MDGs, etc, also links with second National Communications
- Potential for NAPA-like process for SIDs and other developing countries as proposed by regional workshops on adaptation
- Participatory rapid assessment in NAPA a very useful approach for engaging multiple stakeholders especially local communities



The Nairobi Work programme on Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change (NWP)

- **2004 Buenos Aires:** Decision 1/CP.10
 - Recognition of the importance of a scientific and technical basis for adaptation and request for SBSTA to develop a five-year programme of work
- **2005 Montréal:** Decision 2/CP.11
 - Adoption of SBSTA five-year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change
- **2006 Nairobi:** SBSTA conclusions
 - Main outcome of COP 12
 - Agreement on initial activities
 - Review of the NWP at SBSTA 28 (June 2008) based on initial results and findings from IPCC AR4 to identify any new activities
 - Name change to **Nairobi Work Programme**



Objectives of the (SBSTA) NWP

- Assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including LDCs and **SIDS**
 - to **improve their understanding** and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation
 - to **make informed decisions** on practical adaptation actions



Expected outcomes of the NWP

- Enhanced **capacity** for V&A assessment
- Enhanced **development, dissemination and use of knowledge** from practical adaptation activities
- Improved **information and advice** to COP and SBs, including facilitation of the implementation of decision 1/CP.10
- Enhanced **cooperation** among Parties, relevant organizations, business, civil society, and decision makers
- Enhanced **integration** of actions to adapt to climate change with sustainable development



Initial activities in 9 focus areas

1. Methods and tools
2. Data and observations
3. Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling
4. Climate related risks and extreme events
5. Socio-economic information
6. Adaptation planning and practices
7. Research
8. Technologies for adaptation
9. Economic diversification

Overview of initial deliverables and actions

Year	2007				2008			
	Before/by SBSTA 26		Before/by SBSTA 27		Before/by SBSTA 28		Before/by SBSTA 29	
Focus area	Actions	Deliverables	Actions	Deliverables	Actions	Deliverables	Actions	Deliverables
Methods and tools	- Submissions by 15 May 2007		- Miscellaneous document	- Synthesis report	- Expert meeting	- Report and other outputs from the expert meeting		
Data and observations			- Submissions by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document			- Relevant parts of the report from the expert meeting		
Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling			- Submissions by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document		- In-session workshop			- Report and other outputs from the in-session workshop
Climate related risks and extreme events	- Submissions by 23 February 2007 - Miscellaneous document		- Workshop	- Report and other outputs from workshop				
Socio-economic information			- Submissions by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document		- Expert meeting	- Relevant parts of the report from the expert meeting		
Adaptation planning and practices	- Structure of submissions developed by Secretariat by 20 January 2007 - Submissions by 15 May 2007		- Miscellaneous document - Workshop	- Synthesis report 1 - Synthesis report 2 - Report and other outputs from the workshop		- Web-based interface		
Research				- Synthesis report				
Technologies for adaptation		- Technical paper		- Synthesis report				
Economic diversification			- Submissions by 17 August 2007 - Miscellaneous document	- Synthesis report				
General		- Progress report	- Submissions on expert group by 21 September 2007 - Miscellaneous document	- Progress report	- Informal meeting of representatives of Parties - Submissions on further activities - Miscellaneous document	- Progress report		- Summary report

Implementation of the NWP

- **Parties**
 - Submissions under focus areas
 - Participation in workshops and expert meetings
- **Relevant organizations**
 - Submissions and participation in workshops and meetings
 - SBSTA urged organizations and stakeholders to undertake their own activities in support of the objective and themes and to share the outcomes
 - So far FAO, ISDR, IPCC, WHO, WMO, and OECD have actively engaged
- **UNFCCC Secretariat**
 - Synthesis and workshops/expert meetings reports
 - Engagement of a wide range of organizations, institutions, experts and communities
 - Wide dissemination of deliverables of the NWP to relevant stakeholders

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Focus until SBSTA 26 – May 2006

- **Under Climate related risks and extreme events**
 - Submissions by Parties and relevant organizations by 23 February 2007 containing information on their relevant programmes, activities and views
 - **Workshop from 11-13 June, Alexandria, Egypt**
- **Under Adaptation planning and practices and Technologies**
 - **Submissions by Parties and relevant organizations by 15 May 2007** containing information on adaptation approaches, strategies, practices and technologies for adaptation
 - Structure for submissions on unfccc.int
 - Workshop in September (*tbc*)

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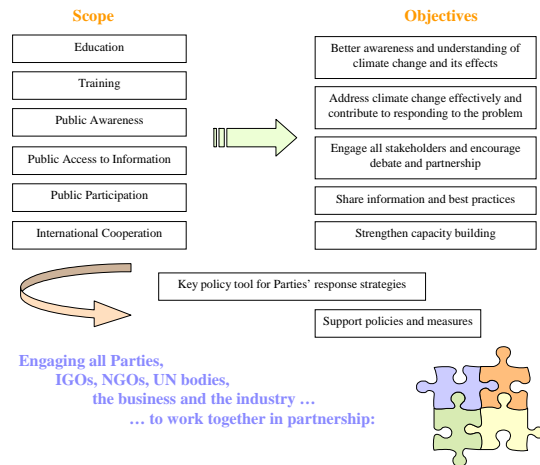
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Related Issue - 1

Article 6 of UNFCCC: The New Delhi Work Programme (2002, under SBI)



Article 6 of the Convention



New Delhi work programme

- Five-year work programme on Article 6 (decision 11/CP.8, 2002)
- Enhance climate focused education and training programmes
- Increase the availability and dissemination of information on climate change including use of electronic tools
- Improve public understanding and participation in addressing climate change issues



New Delhi Work programme

- COP will review the work programme in 2007
- **Submissions invited by August 17th 2007** on review of the New Delhi work programme and evaluation of the CC information clearing house (CC:iNet)
- **Last regional workshop on Article 6 for SIDs in St Lucia, 4-6 July 2007**



Article 6 Information Network Clearing House (CC:iNet)

- Facilitate the provision of increased access to information, <http://www.unfccc.int/ccinet>
- Based on broad participation of Parties and relevant organizations who input/provide data into a database-driven specialized web site
- Quick guide available for signing up and uploading information
- **Article 6 Focal Points per country, can include regional centres on climate change**



Related Issue – 2: Capacity-building

- Broad framework developed in 2001, plus subsequent enhancements and additional focus on Kyoto Protocol (CDM; decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 29/CMP.1, 4/CP.12, 6/CMP.2)
- CB being elaborated for adaptation, reduced emissions from deforestation, technology transfer and related.
- Focused effort on CB for CDM to address regional distribution issues e.g. through **Nairobi Framework** (for CB for CDM especially for sub-Saharan Africa)



Related Issue – 2: Capacity-building

- Current focus is on monitoring and evaluating capacity and capacity-building (to inform future CB and increase effectiveness of current efforts)
- Submissions invited by **17 August 2007 on activities on CB** (progress, gaps, lessons, etc)
- **Expert workshop on M&E of CB planned for October 2007 (tbc)**



Concluding Remarks

- Low-lying countries and SIDS, as well as LDCs are a special focus under the Convention
- Contributions from SIDS important in the SBSTA Nairobi WP, the NAPA under the SBI, and other areas such as Article 6, Capacity-building, Technology Transfer, etc, given early experiences in addressing climate change
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