

Formulating NAPs for an integrated, risk-informed climate response

Africa LDCs Regional Training
Anglophone training workshop: 19-22 August 2019, Addis Ababa

Agenda

Objectives

The regional training workshops for African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are a part of a series of activities under the National Adaptation Plan-Global Support Programme (NAP-GSP), funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF), jointly implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to support LDCs in addressing their medium- and long-term adaptation needs through the process to formulate and implement the National Adaptation Plans (NAP). The overarching objective of these workshops is to help countries make greater strides in their NAP process in the near future in formulating the NAPs. The workshop aims to specifically inform current formulation of NAPs by facilitating a regional exchange, providing guidance, highlighting emerging best practices and presenting existing tools that policymakers and technical government officials can use.

In responding to these objectives, the training workshops will guide participants in understanding how to:

- Enhance enabling environments for climate change adaptation planning and identify practical payoffs (*day 1*)
- Use climate science and climate-relevant information to guide decision-making in adaptation (*day 2*)
- Formulate the NAPs as a strategic instrument for reducing vulnerability to climate change and integrating adaptation into national development planning and budgeting processes (*day 3*)

It will also provide clinic and marketplace sessions to address some of the technical and financial bottlenecks that countries encounter (*day 4*)

Format

An interactive participatory approach will be used for the workshop with the engagement of an overall workshop moderator and session facilitators. Practical working group sessions and “clinics” will help promote hands-on skills-based training to participants.

Participants

The training workshop will be conducted in English and will target Anglophone LDCs, namely: Eritrea, the Gambia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia. Mozambique, Guinea Bissau and Angola will also be invited to join the Anglophone workshop. The participants at this workshop are officials from Ministries of Finance, Planning and Environment, as well as representatives of local governments.

Additional:

If available, participants are invited to bring to the workshops the outline of their country's NAPs and overarching long-term climate strategy.

Participants are invited to come with a good understanding of the expertise, lessons learned and good practices developed by their country that could benefit other countries advancing on the NAP process.

The NAP-GSP will be conducting video interviews throughout the workshop during coffee-breaks as a means for collecting and sharing countries experiences, supporting not only South-South but also South-North learning.

Day 1: Enabling environment for risk-informed decision-making	
Time	Session/Topic
0830-0900	Registration
0900-1000	Session 1: Welcome and Introduction Opening and welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E Frenesh Mekuria, Office of Environment Forest and Climate Change - Paul Desanker, UNFCCC - Samba Harouna Thiam, representing NAP-GSP
	Training background & objectives
	Participants Introductions
	Pre-training self-assessment and housekeeping
1000-1030	Session 2: Setting the scene Explaining how the NAP process can facilitate risk informed decision-making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding key terms: risk, vulnerability, impact - Significance of climate change information for planning processes: future uncertainty and changing trajectories mean that stationarity is no longer reliable and therefore climate information must be incorporated into planning, project development, etc. Q & A
1030-1100	Plenary discussion
1100-1130	COFFEE BREAK – group photo
1130-1200	Session 3: Barriers and opportunities for effective adaptation response Identifying barriers and opportunities for decision making in adaptation: policy and regulatory tools, projects, private sector engagement, etc. Q & A
1200-1230	Group Exercise
1230-1330	LUNCH BREAK
1330-1400	Session 4: Strengthening vertical and horizontal integration of adaptation CASE STUDY: Experiences of vertical or horizontal coordination in adaptation planning, Case Study: Mozambique
1400-1500	Strengthening the enabling conditions for vertical integration – an overview of the Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL) Q & A
1500-1530	COFFEE BREAK
1530-1630	Session 5: Strengthening the production and access to climate-relevant data and information: An overview of the types of data and information that are useful in planning
	Enabling conditions and/or prerequisites that need to be in place for producing the data and to ensure data is accessible and useful. Case study: Zambia Q & A
1630-1730	Group Exercise Report to the Plenary
1730	Review of the Day and 5-minute daily assessment

Day 2: Making use of climate-science and climate-relevant information to support decision making	
Time	Session/Topic
0900-0915	Reflections on Day 1
0915-1000	Session 6 - Uncertainty and future planning. What are the uses and limitations of future projections? CASE STUDY: Incorporating downscaling into planning processes Case study: Malawi Q & A
1000-1030	COFFEE BREAK
1030-1100	GCMs, Projections, scenarios, downscaling, how to use each and their limitations. -Sources of information and projections, and the pros and cons of developing these capabilities in your own country. -How each of these things relates to the NAP process? Q & A
1100-1230	Session 7: Tools for conducting climate risk and vulnerability assessments for informed adaptation planning Interactive presentations of CRVA tools and their applications/demo Q & A
1230-1330	LUNCH BREAK
1330-1430	Session 7 (continued) Interactive presentations of CRVA tools and their applications/demo (continued)
1430-1530	Session 8: Appraising adaptation options: overview of appraising tools CASE STUDY: Use of appraising results to convince decision makers, in particular those that understand mostly economic language Case study: Rwanda Q & A
1530-1600	COFFEE BREAK
1600-1645	Group exercise: Understanding the practicalities of CBA and MCA
1645-1730	Report to the Plenary
1730-1800	Review of the Day and 5-minute daily assessment

Day 3: Formulating NAPs (rationale, strategy, check list and reporting on progress in the NAP process)	
Time	Session/Topic
0900-0915	Reflections on Day 2
0915-0945	<p>Session 9: Essential components to be included in the NAPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNFCCC NAP Technical Guidelines building blocks - Alignment and coherence with reporting under the Paris Agreement - Submissions to NAP Central <p>Q & A</p>
0945-1015	<p>Session 10: NAPs as strategic instruments for adaptation planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NAPs as a tool for risk-informed decision-making - NAPs as a tool for enhancing integration of adaptation into development planning and budget processes <p>Case study: Liberia</p> <p>Q & A</p>
1015-1045	COFFEE BREAK
1045-1130	<p>Session 10 (continued): Reflecting sub-national adaptation efforts in NAPs or other national strategic documents</p> <p>Q & A</p>
1130-1230	<p>Reflecting on ways to create linkages with SDGs, Sendai Framework on DRR and other frameworks in NAPs</p> <p>Q & A</p>
1230-1330	LUNCH BREAK
1330-1500	<p>Session 10 (continued) CASE STUDIES: country experiences in formulating NAPs and insights into their next steps</p> <p>Case study: Ethiopia (TBC) Case study: Sudan</p> <p>Q & A</p>
1500-1530	COFFEE BREAK
1530-1615	<p>Session 11: Reporting adaptation efforts to the UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting on progress on NAPs - Communicating adaptation priorities and ambition through NDCs - Communicating progress on adaptation through the adaptation communication <p>Q & A</p>
1615-1700	<p>Group Activity: Plotting the Next Step. In this session, the workshop participants will discuss and map out actions to advance their countries' NAP processes upon conclusion of the workshop.</p>
1700-1730	Review of the Day and 5-minute daily assessment

Day 4: Addressing bottlenecks in the NAP process	
Time	Session/Topic
0900-0930	Reflections on Day 3 (what worked, what needs more information/clarification)
0930-1100	Session 12: Countries Needs – country presentation - 2 major challenges on developing/formulating/implementing NAPs - 2 prioritized supports needs Q & A
1100-1130	COFFEE BREAK
1130-1300	Session 13: ‘Help desk’ clinics: Roundtable of UN agencies on current support on NAPs GCF: Advancing NAPs through accessing GCF NAP readiness window (via skype) UNFCCC: Paul Desanker, structure and function of NAPs, reporting on adaptation under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement UNCDF: Rafael Moser, LoCAL UNDP: Umberto Labate, available tailored support to countries UN Habitat: Marcus Mayr NAPGSP: Samba Harouna Thiam Q & A
1300-1400	LUNCH
1430-1530	- Participants feedback (plenary statements) + Post-training self-assessment (identifying future needs) - Certificate award ceremony - Closing remarks
1530-1600	COFFEE BREAK & Market Place

Housekeeping Notes:

- Lunch is provided each day of the meeting. A member of the NAP-GSP will make a daily announcement regarding the lunch venue. Lunch is strictly one hour, unless otherwise advised.
- There will be two 30-minute tea/coffee breaks each day. Participants are kindly requested to return to the meeting room in a timely manner.
- In order to encourage discussions with a range of colleagues, we would like to encourage participants to seat themselves at a different table each day.
- A NAP-GSP staff member will be conducting video interviews throughout the workshop during coffee-breaks as part of a knowledge product for NAP-GSP.
- Participants are requested to please take note of when they are scheduled for the interviews. Location for the interviews will be announced during the workshop

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