

THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME ON IMPACTS, VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE



OVERVIEW

AIM OF THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME

- To assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation; and
- To assist all Parties to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change on a sound scientific, technical and socio-economic basis, taking into account current and future climate change and variability.

AREAS OF WORK

Methods and tools

Developing and disseminating methodologies and tools for impact and vulnerability assessments and adaptation planning.

Data and observations

Improving collection, management, exchange, access to and use of observational data and other relevant information on current and historical climate variability and change.

Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling

Promoting the development of, access to, and use of information and data on projected climate change.

Climate related risks and extreme events

Promoting understanding of impacts and vulnerability, emphasizing current and future climate variability and extreme events, and the implications for sustainable development.

Socio-economic information

Improving knowledge of the socio-economic aspects of climate change and promoting the integration of socio-economic information into impact and vulnerability assessments.

Adaptation planning and practices

Collecting, analyzing and disseminating information on past and current practical adaptation actions and measures, including projects, short- and long-term strategies, and local and indigenous knowledge. This will be done through facilitating communication and cooperation between stakeholders.

Research

Promoting research on adaptation options.

Technologies for adaptation

Promoting the development and diffusion of technologies, know-how, and practices for adaptation, addressing identified adaptation priorities and building on lessons learned from current adaptation projects and strategies.

Economic diversification

Promoting understanding and the development and dissemination of ways to increase economic resilience and decrease reliance on vulnerable economic sectors.

ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Mandated activities

Submissions have been received from Parties and relevant organizations under four areas of work: methods and tools; climate related risks and extreme events; adaptation planning and practices; and economic diversification. Submissions have been compiled into miscellaneous documents that are available on the UNFCCC documents web page and on the Nairobi work programme web pages by area of work.

Two workshops were scheduled for this year. The first workshop on climate related risks and extreme events took place from 18 to 20 June in Cairo, Egypt. The second workshop to take place is the adaptation planning and practices workshop, from 10 to 12 September in Rome, Italy. Background documents, presentations and reports from these workshops can be found on the Nairobi work programme web pages.

Other activities

Relevant organizations and other stakeholders are urged to undertake their own activities in support of the objectives and themes of the Nairobi work programme. Action pledges have been introduced as one way for organizations to do this.

With action pledges organizations offer to carry out specific activities towards the work programme's objectives and expected outcomes. To make a pledge, organizations select an aspect of their future work with an outcome that will contribute to activities under one of the nine areas of work.

In return the organization gains an opportunity to publicize its activities, partake in secretariat activities and gain better relationships with potential project partners. A template has been developed to help organizations prepare their action pledges. Please contact the UNFCCC Adaptation Team for more information.

CONTACT US

For further information please see the Nairobi work programme web pages on the UNFCCC website (<http://unfccc.int/3633.php>) or contact the Adaptation Team at nwp@unfccc.int