The NAP provides overarching policy guidance for adaptation planning across sectors in the country. It further facilitates coordination across key stakeholders inclusive of the spheres of government, business and non-governmental organizations. The plan is country-driven and was developed through an extensive consultation process based on the best available science and traditional knowledge. The plan contains four strategic objectives and a set of nine strategic interventions and outcomes across 11 sectors.

**Priority Sectors for Adaptation**

- Forestry
- Disaster risk reduction and management
- Mining
- Energy
- Oceans
- Human settlements
- Water
- Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Fisheries
- Transportation and infrastructure
- Agriculture

**Key Observed & Anticipated Climate Change Impacts**

**Temperature**

- **Under low mitigation**: temperatures to increase drastically
  - Temperatures to increase drastically (increases greater than 4°C in the 2080–2099 period, more than 6°C possible in western, central and northern interior).
  - Increases in the number of heatwave days and very hot days.

- **Under high mitigation**: Temperature increases in the interior could be contained to a range of 2.5–4°C.

**Rainfall**

- **More uncertainty** in rainfall projections than temperature projections.

- **Under low mitigation**:
  - South Africa to experience drier conditions overall
  - Extreme rainfall events to increase over the interior

- **Under high mitigation**: Different projections
  - Large number of projections predict generally wetter conditions over the central and eastern interior.
  - Other projections predict generally drier conditions.

**NAP Process Milestones**

- 2014: NCCAS introduced during the National Climate Change Dialogue
- 2015: Development of NCCAS conceptual framework
- 2016: 1st draft of NCCAS
- 2017: Provincial NCCAS roadshows & 2nd version of the NCCAS
- 2018: Development of the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment for the NCCAS and 3rd version of the NCCAS
- 2019: Initiation of the NCCAS Gazetting process for finalization and implementation of sector-wide implementation

**Key Lessons on the NAP Process**

**Climate Change is a Development Issue, in Order to Address It, a Holistic Approach is Required.**

- Climate change is expected to exacerbate existing South African challenges such as poverty and lack of access to services. The NCCAS will guide South Africa through the process of both addressing its development challenges and adapting to climate change.

**Vertical and Horizontal Integration in the NAP Process is Critical**

- South Africa has three spheres of government: national, provincial and local. The NCCAS will guide the adaptation efforts of these three spheres of government as well as community, business and other stakeholders.

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