

Why should bilateral donors participate?

Bilateral support accounts for a major share of adaptation-related ODA—in 2013, the OECD reported it to be three times more than multilateral adaptation-related ODA.

The cross-cutting nature of adaptation also means that “NAP-relevant support” spans development partners’ entire portfolios.

The Network offer bilateral donors three key opportunities for coordination and learning:

- » Gaining awareness of other actors’ NAP-related activities to avoid duplication and fill gaps in support.
- » Better aligning support with developing country priorities.
- » Exploring options for joint financing of a NAP process by multiple bilateral donors.



What are bilateral donors saying about the Network?

“Developing countries consistently call for better coordination of international support for adaptation—the range of adaptation programs offered by multiple development partners are often duplicative, confusing and significantly increase the workloads of partner country counterparts. Responding to this demand from developing countries, the NAP Global Network is an established platform for donors to come together and consider how their activities complement each other and align with developing countries’ priorities.”
Meredith Ryder-Rude, U.S. State Department

Find out more:

- » Initial financial support from Germany and the United States.



- » Secretariat hosted by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).



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What does the NAP Global Network offer bilateral donors?

More and more developing countries are creating and implementing National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to reduce their vulnerability and integrate climate change adaptation into national development planning. Bilateral support is essential to this NAP process. The NAP Global Network is an opportunity for bilateral donors to better coordinate their support—both globally and within countries. The Network provides donors with an opportunity to leverage and learn from each other's programs so that their support can be aligned with developing countries' priorities.

Our Activities

Facilitating peer learning and exchange on the challenges and opportunities associated with national adaptation planning and implementation. Examples include organizing the Targeted Topic Forum, a biannual event where the Network convenes to share lessons and best practices for NAPs.

Supporting national level action on NAP development and implementation. We provide technical support and knowledge sharing to leverage existing resources, minimize overlaps, and identify gaps in supporting the NAP process.

Enhancing bilateral support for adaptation and climate-sensitive sectors through donor coordination, with developing countries at the table to ensure that bilateral programs align with the priorities they set out in their NAP processes. We convene meetings and provide resources to help bilateral donors better understand the value of NAP processes, learn from each other and, where appropriate, promote harmonized approaches to NAP support.

NAPs and the post-2015 development agenda

The Paris Agreement calls for all Parties to engage in adaptation planning and implementation, while the Sustainable Development Goals include integrating climate considerations into policies, strategies and planning as a target.

This renewed emphasis means that we can expect to see more donor activities supporting NAPs. As donors scale up their activities, better coordination will be crucial to making sure their support is as effective as possible in responding to developing countries' priorities.