



Options for Collaboration with the NDC Partnership: Key Messages

With the prominent role of adaptation in the Paris Agreement and its emphasis on national adaptation planning as a central part of the global response to climate change, political attention on adaptation is at its height. Furthermore, as articulated [elsewhere](#), there are strong links between the NAP process and adaptation components of NDCs. In light of this, the NAP Global Network sees an opportunity to explore potential for collaboration with the NDC Partnership on its adaptation work.

Why should the NDC Partnership work with the NAP Global Network?

The NAP Global Network was established at the end of 2014 with initial financial support from Germany and the United States. It currently has nearly 230 individual participants in more than 60 countries¹, and two additional bilateral donors have announced additional funding for the Network beginning in 2017. Two years into its work, the Network is regarded as an established forum and hub of expertise for developing countries, donors, and others supporting national adaptation planning and implementation. Our progress in our main activity areas demonstrates this:

- *Facilitating sustained peer learning and exchange on the challenges and opportunities associated with national adaptation planning and implementation*
 - We have convened two global cohorts of NAP teams from developing countries who meet once per year along with donors and technical experts at our Targeted Topics Forums to address a specific topic related to national adaptation planning and action.
 - We run a south-south peer exchange program for adaptation planners that allows them to exchange best practices and learn from each other's approaches.
- *Supporting national-level action on NAP development and implementation*
 - We have established a Country Support Hub through which developing countries are accessing targeted technical support and expert advice to help keep momentum in their NAP process and its implementation.
 - Through this mechanism, we also support countries to convene stakeholders at critical moments in the NAP process to build awareness and support for adaptation through our NAP Assemblies.
- *Enhancing bilateral support for adaptation and climate-sensitive sectors through donor coordination*
 - Nine bilateral donors have already officially announced their participation in the NAP Global Network, and in its first two years the Network has engaged with them and others through our activities to learn how they can best align their support with partner countries' adaptation priorities, and to survey their key interests when it comes to coordinating their support for the NAP process.

To inform our activities and share lessons that emerge with wider audiences, the Network also produces research and knowledge products on key emerging issues related to the NAP process: our work on topics such as vertical and sectoral integration, high-level political support, and financing for the NAP process have established us as a thought leader on key issues countries are facing in meeting their adaptation commitments.

A collaboration with the NAP Global Network would bring a number of benefits to the NDC Partnership. Firstly, it would *support the Partnership's objective* of building on and connecting existing initiatives that strive to support climate action in developing countries. Collaboration would

¹ See Annex for further details on countries and donors engaged in the NAP Global Network.

also be an opportunity to *leverage the valuable experiences, technical knowledge, and in-country contacts* that the Network has established in its first two years of activities. Relatedly and critically, it would strengthen the Partnership's *credibility in the eyes of partner countries*, who are already spending valuable time navigating a rapidly-evolving and complex landscape of initiatives supporting NDC implementation. Collaboration would also help ensure *efficient use of resources*, by relying on – and possibly amplifying – existing efforts rather than duplicating work and further crowding the aforementioned landscape. Finally, collaboration between the NDC Partnership and the NAP Global Network would help to *reinforce links between NDC and NAP-related discussions*, signifying that the two agendas are connected and mutually reinforcing.

How could the NDC Partnership work with the NAP Global Network?

The NDC Partnership's areas of activity roughly correspond with the NAP Global Network's work on the NAP process, as illustrated in the following table:

NAP Global Network		NDC Partnership
1. Facilitating sustained peer learning and exchange	4. Publications, knowledge products, expertise on the NAP process	Develop and share knowledge and information, including through publications and peer exchange opportunities
2. Supporting national-level action		Facilitate technical assistance and capacity building
3. Enhancing bilateral support		Facilitate enhanced financial support for NDC implementation

Based on an analysis of the Network's discrete activities in each of these areas, briefly described in the previous section, the Network has identified a number of corresponding potential options for supporting and collaborating with the NDC Partnership, likely through its Adaptation Working Group. *If some or all of these options for collaboration are of mutual interest, the Partnership may wish to consider having the Network co-chair its Adaptation Working Group:*

1. The Network could manage peer-to-peer learning, south-south exchanges and cultivation of a community of practice addressing implementation of countries' adaptation commitments, building on its established platforms.
2. The NDC Partnership could refer countries seeking targeted technical support, expert advice and/or support for convening stakeholders around the implementation of their adaptation commitments to the Network's Country Support Hub.
3. The Network could continue its role as the main forum for donor coordination discussions and targeted capacity building for donors on how they support partner countries to address their adaptation priorities, including NAPs as an important component for implementing their adaptation commitments.
4. The Partnership could look to the NAP Global Network to produce resources and knowledge products on issues related to the NAP process, and its inherent links with implementing countries' adaptation commitments under NDCs.

Each of these options would help to link the two initiatives' activities, avoid duplication of established platforms supporting implementation of adaptation commitments, and convey the linkages between NDC adaptation components and the NAP Process.

Pursuing any of these options would of course be subject to further discussion between the Network and the Partnership regarding resourcing, potential branding implications, and specific working arrangements.

Annex: Countries Engaged in the NAP Global Network

While participants from more than 60 countries have taken the initial step of registering for NAP Global Network participation, the following countries are currently actively engaged in the Network's activities. Active participation by developing countries is through participation in a TTF cohort, receiving support through the Country Support Hub, and/or participating in a peer exchange. Active participation by bilateral donors is through participation in Network activities and events, and/or funding Network activities.

Legend:	
-	Orange highlight indicates country is also listed under NDC Partnership
-	Bold text indicates the country is a founding member of the Network

Active NAP Global Network Countries	
Albania	Japan (JICA)
Australia	Kenya
Austria	Madagascar
Benin	Malawi
Botswana	Mexico
Brazil	Morocco
Cambodia	Peru
Canada	Philippines
Colombia	Samoa
Ethiopia	South Africa
European Commission	Tanzania
France	Thailand
Germany (BMZ)	Togo
Grenada	United States (US State, USAID)
Jamaica	United Kingdom (DFID)

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