



Doc B: Update on Planned Activities for 2016

This document provides an update on the Network's planned activities for 2016. It consists of the following:

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Introduction and a refreshed Network narrative

The overall goal of the NAP Global Network is to enhance support for national adaptation planning and action in developing countries.

In an effort to simplify and streamline the narrative around the Network's activities based on results of year one (2015) activities and plans for the coming years, we have restructured our activities under more intuitive categories. To do so, we have revised the Network's objectives in such a way that we can clearly map each of our activities directly to a particular objective, eliminating the need for the additional layers of our former "activity areas" (e.g. Targeted Topics Forum, Global Donor Coordination, and In-Country Coordination).

These reworded objectives are:

1. **To facilitate peer learning and exchange** on the challenges and opportunities associated with national adaptation planning and implementation
2. **To improve coordination** of adaptation-relevant bilateral support, with developing countries at the table to ensure that this support aligns with their priorities.
3. **To support national level action** on NAP development and implementation.

The Network's upcoming activities, many of which were newly identified in September 2015, can be mapped to these objectives as follows:

Objective	Activities
<p>1) Facilitating peer learning and exchange on the challenges and opportunities associated with national adaptation planning and implementation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted Topics Forum • sNAPshot briefs • NAP research & scoping reports (e.g. institutional context; financing; vertical integration) • Other knowledge products (e.g. videos, factsheets, guidance documents, infographics) • Help Desk • Webinars • Working Group facilitation (focused on a particular NAP issue, geography, etc.) • Peer (south-south) exchanges
<p>2) Improving coordination of adaptation-relevant bilateral support, with developing countries at the table to ensure that this support aligns with their priorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending OECD Task Team meetings • Donor survey on approaches to bilateral support for adaptation in collaboration with OECD • Development of common training materials for staff of bilateral donors • Best practice / lessons-learned resources (i.e. briefs) for development agencies
<p>3) Supporting national level action on NAP development and implementation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAP Assemblies • <i>Other in-country activities (tbd)</i>

Staffing and Resources

Beginning in September 2015, the Network Secretariat expanded to include additional IISD experts. In its ongoing activities, IISD will therefore be able to draw on a wider range of staff expertise (beyond the two core staff members and administrative support that comprised the Secretariat for most of 2015). This is expected to contribute to the Network's flexibility and demand-driven responsiveness to the needs and interests of participants.

A dedicated Media & Communications Officer also began work with the Secretariat in January 2016, which is expected to contribute to increased visibility and reach of the Network. (See attached "Communications Strategy".)

The following briefs summarize the concrete activities that the Network has identified for 2016 under each of these activities areas.

Objective 1: Facilitating peer learning and exchange

In response to demand for sustained learning and exchange expressed by participants the Network is building upon its flagship Targeted Topics Forum events to offer a broader range of activities addressing peer learning and exchange—including for participants outside of ministries of environment. Our approach to TTF events will also offer opportunities for participants to sustain learning and engagement.

Expected outcomes and desired results

- Increased knowledge on applied questions regarding the development, design and implementation of NAP processes through targeted discussions, effectively shared experiences and peer-to-peer learning
- Development partner support programs that are better informed and better suited to the needs of developing country adaptation planning practitioners
- Increased uptake of NAP-related efforts by developing country partners
- Increased awareness of the value proposition of NAPs for government officials outside of the ministry of environment
- Creation and expansion of a community of practice on NAP processes

Summary of planned activities

The Network plans to undertake the following activities related to peer learning and exchange in the remainder of the 2016 calendar year:

Sustained engagement through TTF events: Two “Classes” of Countries

- The Network is establishing two “classes” of countries, each of which will be invited to participate in one TTF per year until 2018.
- Participants from class that participated in the first TTF in Rio—“class of 2015”— was brought back together at the March 2016 TTF on “Financing NAPs: Options for Implementation”, allowing an opportunity to deepen engagement among these countries and continue pursuing a shared learning agenda.
- “Class of 2016” countries will be identified to attend the second TTF tentatively planned for September 21-23, 2016 (location tbd). This class is expected to begin with a focus on sector integration and high-level political support.
- A new class may be established if interest of an existing class wanes.

Serving as a “Virtual Help Desk” on NAPs

- The Network strives to identify on an ongoing basis demand-driven opportunities for learning and exchange among developing countries working on NAP processes, and among bilateral development partners supporting them.
- To this end, the Network will serve as a virtual hub to which participants can direct questions or flag topics of interest related to NAP processes.
- With the launch of the help desk this week, participants will be able to send questions or topics of interest to the Secretariat using an online form
- The Network Secretariat will respond in one or more of the following ways:
 - Pointing the participant to available information and resources on the topic

- As applicable, putting the participant in touch with other participants who have expertise or experience in the area in question.
- Tracking requests and, where they highlight a gap in existing resources and information or an area of interest to many participants, using this information to inform the Network's upcoming activities.

Developing Publications and Learning Materials

- At COP21 the Network launched *sNAPshots*, a series of briefs that provide an overview of key issues related to the NAP process, and short profiles of the approaches different countries are taking.
- The first round of *sNAPshots* focuses on sector integration of adaptation considerations, based on results of the Network's first TTF. Future subsets will address other topics covered at TTF events and through other activities
- Other publications and learning materials planned for 2016 will include results of targeted research, including
 - In-depth country case studies on approaches to financing NAPs, and
 - Guidance on vertical integration of adaptation planning in the NAP process
 - Results of survey of bilateral donors on approaches to supporting adaptation (see objective 2), including briefs and case studies

Facilitating Working Groups on Emerging Topics of Interest

- The Network will facilitate the formation of virtual working groups to encourage ongoing knowledge sharing and co-investigation among participants working on similar issues
- Formation of working groups will be demand-driven, with topics expected to emerge through the virtual hub and/or through other learning and exchange activities
- Each working group will be encourage to begin activities through virtual channels, such as conference calls and discussion boards
- Once momentum builds through virtual channels, a working group may request support from the Network Secretariat for in-person activities

Supporting South-South Technical Exchanges

- In cases where participants from two countries identify an opportunity for more in-depth learning from each other's approaches to the NAP process, the Secretariat may offer them the opportunity to participate in a south-south technical exchange
- In such an exchange, the Network would support a participant to join a peer in another country for up to five days to provide support and guidance based on his/her own country's experience

Webinars

- The Network will launch a series of webinars, which may feature TTF results for a wider audience, or focus on a particular knowledge product. These may include webinars on TTF topics to broaden reach of emerging lessons and engage a wider audience, and/or webinars on other topics.

Objective 2: Improving coordination

Activities under this objective will provide opportunities for development partners to learn from each other's approaches to providing adaptation-relevant bilateral support, with developing countries at the table to ensure this support aligns with their priorities. Activities will raise donor awareness on the need for and value of national adaptation planning and encourage them to coordinate and collaborate with each other to enhance their support..

Expected outcomes and desired results

1. Broad awareness among bilateral donors of the purpose and opportunity represented by NAP processes, both at HQ and field levels;
2. Increased bilateral donor participation in the Network
3. Identification of lessons from successful support for NAP processes; and
4. Promotion of improved and harmonized approaches to NAP support

Summary of planned activities

The Network plans to undertake the following activities related to improving coordination in the remainder of the 2016 calendar year: Where appropriate, the Secretariat will continue to build on its collaborations with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to ensure existing data and resources feed into these exchanges.

Survey of Bilateral Donors on Approaches to Providing NAP-Relevant Support

- The Network is collaborating with the OECD Task Team on Climate Change and Development Cooperation to conduct a survey of Task Team members on approaches to supporting adaptation in developing countries.
- Results are expected to help identify challenges and best practices for providing NAP-relevant support, which will be published and disseminated (see objective 1 above)

Offering Common Training Materials

- The Network promotes harmonized approaches to supporting NAP processes by bilateral development partners
- To this end, the Network will offer a set of common training materials that development cooperation agencies can use to help staff in headquarters and in field offices understand the value of NAP processes and how they can integrate climate change considerations into development planning
- The training materials will draw on the results of the survey of bilateral donors in order to reflect the experiences

Convening Donor Coordination Meetings

- The Network will have a presence at a meeting of the OECD Task Team on Climate Change and Environment on the margins of the upcoming Adaptation Futures Conference in May 2016—this will be an opportunity to promote the Network among donors, and solicit responses to the above-mentioned survey, which will be open for responses
- In the fall of 2016, the Network plans to share the results of the survey of bilateral donors at a full meeting of the OECD Task Team (dates tbd)

Objective 3: Supporting national level action

Support for national level action will help shift the view of climate stress as a strictly environmental issue to an economic development challenge, and to broaden ownership of the NAP process to all affected ministries as well as development partners supporting them

Expected outcomes and desired results

- Increased technical capacity of in-country policymakers, practitioners and development partners to contribute to more effective NAP processes that are aligned with country-specific development priorities

Summary of planned activities

The Network plans to undertake the following activities related to supporting national level action in the remainder of the 2016 calendar year—note that additional activities may be identified on an ongoing basis based on needs and priorities expressed by participants.

Convening NAP Assemblies

- NAP Assemblies are events that will support in-country awareness-raising around the NAP process and improve coordination of bilateral support at the country level, linking wherever possible with existing in-country coordination structures

Objectives

- NAP Assemblies will pursue the following three objectives:
 - a) Ensure developing countries have a say in how existing development support can best support their climate-resilient development
 - b) Build political support for the NAP process by highlighting how coordination and alignment can help to achieve broader development goals
 - c) Avoid duplication of efforts and identify potential synergies among development partners' NAP-relevant initiatives, as well as areas where the Network may help to facilitate further coordination

Expected results

- For developing countries, NAP Assemblies are expected to contribute to leveraging development partner assistance in support of the NAP process
- For development partners, NAP Assemblies will be an opportunity to improve the impact of their support through better coordination and to ensure their support contributes to the country's overall development goals without duplicating the efforts of other partners

What will NAP Assemblies look like?

- The specific format of each NAP Assembly will be tailored to the country's context through collaboration between a country's NAP focal point and the NAP Global Network Secretariat
- This will include taking into account any existing donor coordination mechanisms in the country that might be built upon

- In general, NAP Assemblies will bring together development partners providing NAP-relevant support in a given country, and as appropriate a range of in-country actors involved in the NAP process. Sessions during the one- to two-day event might include:
 - a) Introduction to the country's NAP process for development partners
 - b) Speed networking and follow-up group discussions to help identify potential areas of synergy and/or overlap in support being provided or planned
 - c) Prioritizing potential synergies and overlap among different sources of development support to identify next steps towards achieving improved coordination.

How will countries be selected?

- In consultation with in-country NAP focal points, the Network will explore opportunities to support NAP Assemblies in countries where there is political will to partake in such an event, building on participation in the Network's other activities
- Two or more development partners providing support for adaptation and/or climate-sensitive sectors will be a pre-requisite

Additional background information

The concept of NAP Assemblies emerged through the Network's donor coordination activities in 2015. Through these activities, the Network identified a continuum of levels of coordination of NAP-related support:

- a) Awareness-raising of what other in-country actors and development partners are doing that might be relevant to the NAP process and avoiding duplication.
- b) Alignment and complementarity of support with priorities identified through the NAP process and support being provided by other development partners working in the country. If the country already has a planning framework, this could include supporting implementation.
- c) Joint financing/implementation, where two or more development partners work together to finance implementation of a NAP process (as is taking place in [Cambodia](#)).

NAP Assemblies are expected to contribute to achieving the first level, *awareness*, which in most cases will be a prerequisite to identifying pathways towards results-oriented coordination or joint financing/implementation.

Key upcoming dates

- Albania NAP Assembly (late April)
- Adaptation Futures: Joint session with OECD (Rotterdam, Netherlands; May 11th)
 - “Integrating and implementing adaptation considerations in development planning and support”
- Representation at OECD Task Team Meeting (Rotterdam, Netherlands; May 13th—tbc)
- Side event at Bonn Climate Change Conference (Bonn, Germany; date in May tbc)
 - “Financing Adaptation and Resilience through Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform and Fuel Duty”
- Side event at NAP Expo (location tbd; tentatively July 10th-17th)
- High-level NAP event in Togo (Lomé; date in July/August tbd)
- Donor coordination meeting on margins of OECD Task Team (location tbd; tentatively September or October)
- Class of 2016 Targeted Topics Forum (location tbd; tentatively September 21-23)
- COP22 outreach activities (Marakkech, Morocco; exact dates in November tbc)

Key considerations for Steering Committee members

- 1) Reflecting on year one activities, do our plans for 2016 respond to your expectations for the Network and lessons from year one?
- 2) Do you have suggestions related to how we can improve our ongoing engagement with existing participants?
- 3) Based on these briefs, the attached timeline, and discussions during the Steering Committee meeting, do you approve of the Network’s work plan for 2016?