

# Targeted Topics Forums

Facilitating peer learning and exchange on the NAP process

The NAP Global Network's **Targeted Topics Forums (TTFs)** are a series of workshops that bring together representatives from developing countries and development cooperation agencies to facilitate learning and exchange on specific technical topics related to the National Adaptation Planning (NAP) process.

## What makes TTFs different from other workshops and training on adaptation planning and action?

**Who is in the room:** National adaptation planning and action involves a range of in-country actors—including those outside of environmental agencies. Developing countries are invited to send teams of three representatives to participate in the event: one representative from the national ministry of planning or finance, one representative from a climate-sensitive sector of the economy and a third representative from the national ministry responsible for climate and

environment. Representatives of development partner agencies—from both agency headquarters and regional offices—also participate in TTFs to learn how they can best support adaptation planning and action.

**Global scope:** The TTF convenes decision-makers and development partners from countries around the world: it's a space where adaptation practitioners can come together to exchange lessons on the unique adaptation challenges their countries face and discuss common strategies for overcoming these challenges.

**Sustained peer learning:** The TTF is not a one-off workshop; instead, once a country's team of adaptation practitioners has attended a TTF, we try to reconvene the same team alongside the same cohort of international peers. By reconvening international cohorts of adaptation specialists, the TTF contributes to building a community of peers who can support each other through ongoing learning and exchange on specific technical topics related to the NAP process.



*Participants in the 2nd Targeted Topics Forum held in Kingston, Jamaica, in March 2016 on the theme of "Financing NAPs: Options for Implementation."*

## What happens at a typical TTF?

TTFs are structured to include a balance among the following three pillars that support learning on the topic in question:

- **Technical** inputs from experts in the field to enhance understanding and frame discussions.
- **Relational** opportunities for participants to share experiences on these issues and learn from their peers in countries from around the world.
- **Reflexive** opportunities for countries to unpack what these technical inputs mean in their own country contexts.

So far, we are addressing the following topics:

- Building political support for the NAP process,
- How to integrate adaptation planning and action across sectors and scales,
- How to finance NAP implementation
- Monitoring and evaluation in the NAP process.

### Stephen King'uyu, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Kenya



“ I've learned a lot from the experiences—and expertise, of course—of other countries that are represented here. I've learned how best to link the National Adaptation Planning process with financing sources, how to link the NAP process with the IPCC process, and perhaps how to take it forward from this moment onwards.”

## Who participates? How can I get involved in the Network?

The Network is currently working with the following two cohorts of developing countries, as well as the development partners invited to attend each workshop:

### About the NAP Global Network

The NAP Global Network is a group of individuals and institutions who are coming together to enhance bilateral support for the NAP process in developing countries. If interested in joining the NAP Global Network, you can [sign up online](#).

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Kenya	Mexico
Malawi	South Africa
Peru	Tanzania
Philippines	Thailand
Togo	Samoa

You don't have to be a TTF participant to participate in peer learning and exchange through the Network—here are some other ways to get involved:

- **Join:** Joining the Network as a participant signals your interest in learning and exchange on NAP-related issues. It provides the secretariat with some basic information on your background and interests that helps engage you in relevant activities and connect you with other participants interested in learning and exchanging about similar topics. For information on participating, please visit: [www.napglobalnetwork.org/participation](http://www.napglobalnetwork.org/participation)
- **Virtual Help Desk:** Participants in the Network from developing country governments or development partner agencies can submit questions about the NAP process to our Virtual Help Desk. In response, depending on the nature of the request, the Network will respond with advice from a Secretariat expert, connect you with other participants with expertise or experience in the challenge you are addressing, and potentially support more in-depth exchange.
- **Resources and updates:** Watch [our website](#) for new guidance and learning about the NAP process, including experiences and lessons that emerge through the TTF.

