



NAP Global Network Management Team Minutes

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1. Country Support Hub Requests

- Saint Lucia submitted a request on hiring a consultant to write a chapter on the 'limits of adaptation' (request form and concept note attached separately).
 - **State Dept.:**
 - the terminology "limits to adaptation" is frequently used in the highly politicized and challenging discussions under the Loss and Damage agenda item
 - This terminology has not come up in any other discussions regarding adaptation, NAPs or otherwise.
 - There isn't a clear link on how the inclusion of a chapter on the limits of adaptation in St. Lucia's NAP would strengthen either the planning or implementation of comprehensive risk management practices in St. Lucia
 - There would be concerns about the inclusion from ECCC as well
 - The IPCC's sixth report is anticipated to discuss the limits of adaptation. Saint Lucia hoped to anticipate this discussion ahead of this through inclusion of a chapter in their NAP. Proposed CSH request would hire a legal expert to write this chapter.
 - **Next steps:** Secretariat to respond to request to say that the Management Team did not see this as a fit for the Country Support Hub, and propose revising the request to focus on other forms of support for finalizing the NAP document (e.g., development of a sectoral strategy).
- A submission was received from a Nigerian PhD student from the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture to provide support on vertical integration. The submitter had not been in touch with Nigeria's NAP focal point.
- Morocco has indicated that they would be interested in making a request for the NAP Global Network to host a training workshop on NDC-NAP linkages.
 - **Question from State Dept.:** Does NAPGN have modules needed to provide the necessary training? What is the approach that the Network would take?
 - NAPGN Secretariat would most likely look to develop training to build on an existing framework ([available here](#)). With new BMUB funding coming online that will have a strong focus on NDC-NAP linkages, this is going to be a theme of increasing importance.
 - US position is that countries can include adaptation if they wish in their NDC, but it remains a voluntary component. Network should be mindful not to be broadly prescriptive, as that can quickly become political. There has been a push from some Parties to make the adaptation aspect of Paris Agreement work towards an international finance goal. The NAPGN Secretariat should be careful not to say 'this is what your NDC should include on adaptation' – should be mindful that adaptation component is voluntary.

- ECCC shares above concerns about being prescriptive in NDC work – don't want to be seen as being in a position as telling developing countries that NDCs should include.
- Secretariat will take note of these concerns. Approach has been to position the NAP process as a vehicle for implementing the adaptation component of the NDC, if there is one – the NDC sets the high-level vision (the 'what') and the NAP is a process for implementation of this vision (the 'how').
- State Dept. supportive of Secretariat advancing the NAP process via the high-level attention that the NDCs are getting.
- For Morocco and other in-country requests, NDC work should focus on technical aspects of what countries are doing/need domestically. In developing guidance or training materials, should take note of concerns about becoming prescriptive.

2. Targeted Topics Forum planning

- Participants from all countries in Cohort 1 have been confirmed, namely, Albania, Brazil, Grenada, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Peru, the Philippines, Togo.
- Participants from Cohort 2 have been confirmed for Benin, Colombia, Fiji, Madagascar, Mexico, Thailand, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tuvalu.
- From Cohort 2, nominations are still outstanding from Kiribati (NAP focal point out on leave until Jan 20 – are following up with his colleagues), Cambodia, Tanzania and South Africa
- We have had responses from Tanzania and South Africa, and are following up to get nominations.
- Cambodia still has not confirmed receipt of the request for nominations. Christian will follow up with Erik Wallin, GIZ, with Jonathan Cook on copy.
- We hope to confirm speakers from US and Germany to deliver remarks at one of the following occasions:
 - Monday, February 5th at 9:00am (speaking to Cohort 1). We've heard informally that Fiji's Permanent Secretary for Economy plans to speak, but need to confirm.
 - Thursday, February 8th at 9:00am (speaking to Cohort 2). We've heard informally that the Head of Fiji's Climate Change Unit plans to speak, but need to confirm.
- **Bilateral donor attendance:** in addition to Canada, US, and Germany, invitations to attend were issued to Malcolm Ridout (U.K.), Lisa Gittos and Russell Miles (Australia) and Ichiro Sato (Japan). None have yet confirmed.
 - Secretariat to follow-up on donor invitation
 - Secretariat will also share latest version of draft agendas