



# NAP Global Network

Targeted Topics Forums:  
What we learned



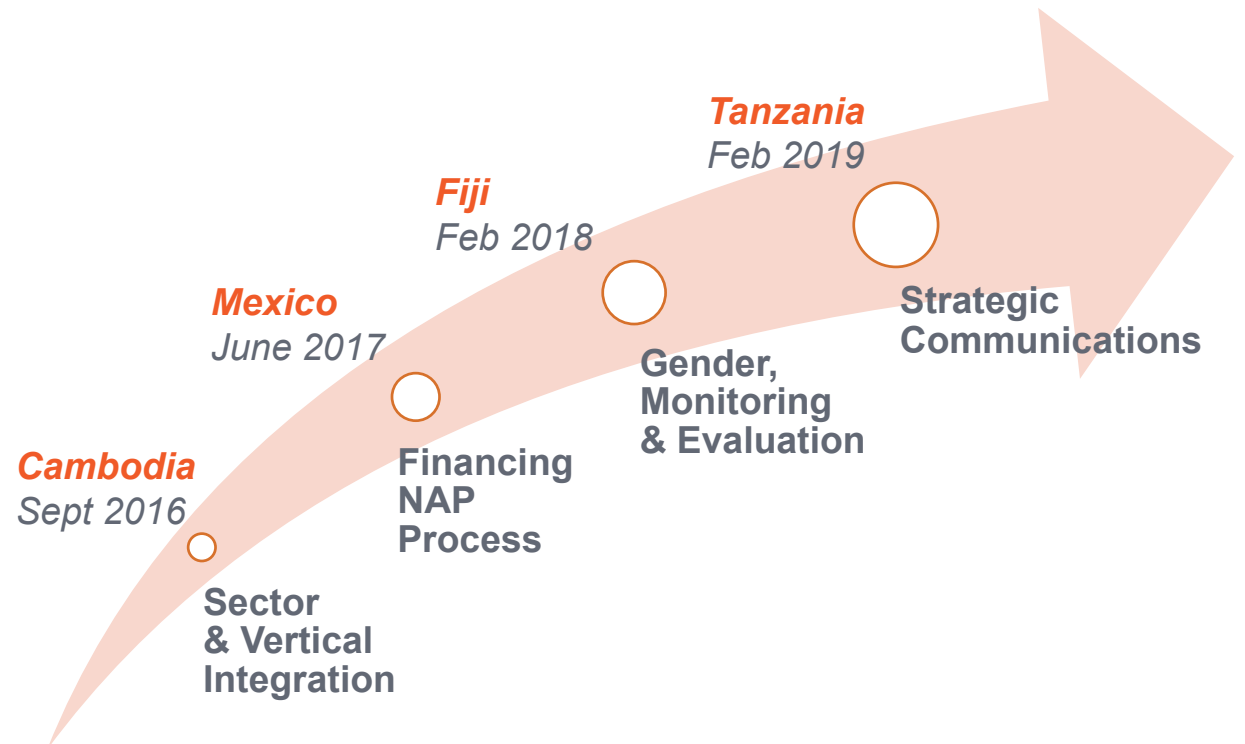
# Reminder: What the TTFs sought to achieve

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**Neutral space** to allow for honest and practical exchanges around NAP

**Focus in** on one specific topic related to NAP, move beyond generalities

**Community of practice**, that facilitate South-South exchange



# The approach we developed

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- Established two **cohorts** of 8-12 countries that met annually for 4 years
- Each country requested to send a **team of three**
- Organised meetings that balanced **different types of learning:**



# What worked?



## **Genuine cross-country learning**

- People took inspiration from examples and lessons from others

## **Not difficult to de-politicize the discussions**

- Discussions did remain technical, negotiations didn't creep in

## **Country teams appreciated the space to sit together**

- Some team members were meeting for the first time

## **Balancing the different types of learning worked well**

- We adjusted the balance based on feedback

## **The value of good facilitation was recognized**

- Request for facilitation guidance to host similar meetings at home



# What worked?



## **Some learning activities really stood out**

- Knowledge clinics, marketplaces, workbooks

## **Field trips were a hit**

- Allowed people to get more technical and see host country

## **Big added-value in inviting communications personnel**

- Added a different and constructive dynamic

## **Saw relationships being built and maintained**

- Subsequent meetings got more familiar and honest

## **TTFs became important mechanisms for supporting other Network activities**

- Seeded many Country Support Hub requests, sNAPshots
- Established a cadre of Network allies and champions



# Some challenges



## Difficult to get full country teams

- Could often get NAP Focal Point (often in Ministry of Environment) and a sector representative
- Rare to get Ministry of Finance or Planning

## Significant level of turnover in country teams

- More difficult to establish and maintain relationships
- Harder to build on previous meetings and conversations

## Managing language needs

- Simultaneous translation not possible due to nature of event
- Francophone countries in particular were at a disadvantage

## Global vs. regional meetings

- Sometimes wondered if more learning and follow-up would happen if meetings were regional



# Some challenges



## **Cohort approach was sometimes limiting**

- Could feel a bit exclusive, closed-off to other interested parties
- Tried to be open and flexible without compromising dynamics

## **Cohort approach requires commitment**

- From countries to send a team every year
- From donors for 3-4 years to see the approach through

## **Topics on “learning journey” could be limiting**

- Want to be responsive to new interests and continued challenges → why we introduced Masterclasses

## **Difficult to capture sustained learning**

- How to know if what people learned was applied or made a difference at home?
- Almost always anecdotal



# What we're taking forward

Balancing **different types of learning**

Keeping certain **learning activities**

Emphasis on high-quality **facilitation**

Inviting country **teams of three**

Organising **field trips**

Open to organizing **regional meetings**

Identify **topics** in a more responsive and opportunistic way

Find a workable follow-up protocol to capture **applied learning**





# Questions or advice?





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