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Adaptation planning is our priority.

Climate impacts have increased in severity, threatening irreversible losses. Adapting to these actual and expected impacts is now widely recognized as a critical component of our global response to the climate crisis. Adaptation efforts so far have typically been incremental, disjointed and ad hoc, and it's now clear this has not been sufficient. We need to reset our approach and prioritize long-term systemic change, and this calls for good adaptation planning.



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Why planning matters ↓

Adaptation is about looking ahead to manage risks. It involves systemic change, which doesn't happen overnight. It requires planning to be effective. Adaptation planning brings different actors together, improving coordination and creating collective

ownership of a shared problem. It ensures adaptation interventions are informed by science and Indigenous knowledge, and that they're targeted where they're needed most. It makes implementation easier and more effective.



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We understand adaptation planning.

Founded in 2014, the NAP Global Network (NAP GN) is a global authority on the national adaptation planning process. Hosted by the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the Secretariat is a multi-disciplinary team of experts, researchers, and practitioners with decades of experience working in climate change adaptation planning. We are trusted by the countries we work with because we are reliable and consistent, and we provide demand-led support. Instead of easy-to-communicate quick wins, we are focused

on the hard work that takes time but brings about lasting change. That means prioritizing relationships and inclusivity, strengthening long-term capacity, and improving governance systems. But we don't provide one-size-fits-all solutions. We draw on our expertise working with 90+ different national governments, in a range of different political contexts, to provide co-designed support tailored to each country's needs and goals while, critically, connecting and convening countries that might be facing similar challenges.



KIRIBATI

Kiribati is a low-lying island nation under threat from rising seas. In 2024, the Office of the President reached out for support with a monitoring, learning, and evaluation (MEL) system to track progress on adaptation. Between 2024 and 2025, four embedded national adaptation advisors, supported by the NAP GN, joined the Office to operationalize the country's MEL system for the first time. This support included carrying out a stocktake of Kiribati's adaptation plan, creating the first evidence-based picture of progress. Government staff also strengthened their skills through a NAP GN-supported online course and took part in a Q&A session with the NAP GN Secretariat's MEL experts. Kiribati now consistently applies MEL evidence to inform decision-making on national adaptation priorities and is better positioned to meet reporting and investment requirements. It has also retained one advisor as a long-term member of government staff.



Supporting countries with their national adaptation planning is what we do

Over the last 10 years, over 70 developing countries have relied on our expertise and come to us for direct technical support on their adaptation planning. Representatives from over 80 countries have shared experiences and challenges at our global and regional peer learning events. We have published hundreds of freely available resources with the explicit goal of strengthening technical capacities, sharing lessons between countries, and bridging the gap between policy and practice. Over the coming years, we can expect accelerated climate impacts and an evolving development landscape, and it will be more important than ever for countries to have robust, actionable, up-to-date adaptation plans in place. We remain committed to supporting countries as they meet this unprecedented challenge.

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We believe good adaptation planning ↓

is good governance. Planning helps governments and partners systematically integrate climate change adaptation considerations into policies, decisions, and budgets at all levels.

is more than a document. A robust national adaptation plan is vital, but so is execution. An effective adaptation plan is one that can be implemented.

helps us in uncertain times. There is a lot we don't know about the current and future impacts of climate change. Good planning helps us decide, act, and adjust as conditions change.

is a good investment. Sudden-onset climate disasters are costing countries billions of dollars. Proactive planning can help protect countries from unforeseen and unanticipated losses.

puts people first. The impacts of climate change affect different people in different ways. Effective planning starts with asking the right questions, so interventions truly help those who need them most.

can help mobilize and access finance. Building resilience to climate risk requires resources. Planning helps countries articulate priorities, identify opportunities, and work out how to pay for them.

doesn't happen in a silo. Adaptation is cross-cutting, intersecting with everything from development to biodiversity protection. Planning reduces duplication and supports synergies with other national and multilateral processes.

VIET NAM In 2019, Viet Nam's Department of Climate Change (DCC) was developing the country's NAP. The DCC participated in a NAP GN peer learning summit on engaging the private sector in NAP processes, which led government staff to ramp up private sector engagement and investment in climate change adaptation. The DCC, with support from the NAP Global Network, then developed a strategy to engage the private sector in NAP development. Today, these efforts have led more businesses to invest in climate change adaptation in Viet Nam. Financial institutions are providing better loan packages for adaptation initiatives guided by the strategy, and the DCC has improved collaboration with banks like the Viet Nam Maritime Commercial Joint Stock Bank and the Bank for Investment and Development of Viet Nam.



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