

The NAP Global Network: Enhancing bilateral support for adaptation

Bilateral Support for NAPs: The Need to Align, Coordinate and Learn

More and more developing countries are engaging in National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes to reduce their vulnerability and integrate climate change adaptation into development planning. Indeed, these processes are vital for implementing the Paris Agreement.

Bilateral donors already account for a major share of adaptation-related official development assistance. To help developing countries meet their adaptation goals, bilateral donors must ensure their investments are aligned with the adaptation priorities identified through their NAP processes. Donors must also work together to better coordinate their activities to minimize gaps and duplication on the ground, and they should learn from each other's approaches so that their support can be as efficient and effective as possible.

How the Network Can Enhance Bilateral Support for NAPs

The NAP Global Network can help bilateral donors respond to the increasing need and demand for NAP support through activities that:

- **Build donors' understanding of NAP processes**, so they can better engage in relevant processes and make better programming decisions.
- **Enhance the effectiveness of bilateral support for adaptation** by helping donors better align their investments in adaptation with in-country adaptation priorities, and coordinate with other donors who are on the ground.
- **Increase the visibility of bilateral support for adaptation and NAP processes**, by helping them profile their work and maintain the political momentum of the Paris Agreement.



Resources and Services Tailored to Bilateral Donors' Needs

- **Technical resources on the NAP process**, such as working papers, briefs and webinars to help bilateral donors increase their understanding of NAPs and the evolving landscape of adaptation support.
- **Targeted policy analysis** to understand how the NAP agenda links to other climate and development priorities (e.g. NDCs, SDGs).
- **Regular updates from NAP-related policy events** so that agency staff responsible for NAP support can stay on top of the latest developments and discussions related to adaptation planning and implementation.
- **Meetings and events focused on donor coordination and joint implementation.** At the country level, this can be done through "[NAP Assemblies](#)" where donors can engage with partner countries and/or other donors to align their support with priorities being identified through the NAP process and explore options for jointly supporting implementation.
- **Peer learning opportunities** through participation in events such as [Targeted Topics Forum workshops](#), where donors can learn first-hand from developing country partners how NAP processes are evolving.

- **Communications materials highlighting bilateral donor support**, such as infographics, briefs, profiles and presentations, highlighting different donors' approaches, programs and lessons associated with NAP processes, as well as their ongoing commitment to providing adequate support.

How Donors Can Get Involved

There are multiple ways of engaging with the Network, which can be tailored to the particular interests and needs of each donor, whether based in capitals or field offices:

- [Sign up online](#) as a Network participant to receive regular updates on activities;
- Collaborate with the Network Secretariat to profile your agency's support for adaptation and the NAP process;
- Encourage developing country partners to explore and request Network support, particularly the [Country Support Hub](#);
- Request and/or participate in a Network meeting or event (e.g. NAP Assembly, TTF) to share and inform your agency's experiences with NAP support;
- Provide financial support to the Network to help scale-up activities and shape the conversation around the role of bilateral support for NAPs;
- Participate on the Network Steering Committee.



What Does Better Coordination Look Like?

USAID and GIZ, on behalf of Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, are collaborating to provide support to Cambodia's Ministry of Environment to implement the country's NAP process. The two agencies organized a joint programming mission that included coordination meetings with other NAP actors. Continued collaboration will strengthen the Cambodian government's capacity to access and channel resources to high-priority adaptation needs.

What are Bilateral Donors Saying About the Network?

"Developing countries consistently call for better coordination of international support for adaptation—the range of adaptation programs offered by multiple development partners are often duplicative, confusing and significantly increase the workloads of partner country counterparts. Responding to this demand from developing countries, the NAP Global Network is an established platform for donors to come together and consider how their activities complement each other and align with developing countries' priorities."

**Meredith Ryder-Rude,
U.S. State Department**



Network participants from nine countries, three bilateral donor agencies and two other organizations with expertise on the NAP process at a TTF in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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.

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