

South–South Peer Exchange Awards

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What are the NAP Global Network South–South Peer Exchange Awards?

The awards seek to foster exchange among peers from developing countries on key technical topics that are vital for effective national adaptation planning and implementation. Through these awards, participants of the NAP Global Network can:

- **Host a peer exchange.** Network participants from developing countries can seek and receive input on topics related to the NAP process and its implementation from adaptation planners in other developing countries. *To apply to host a peer exchange, please complete the [online application form](#).*
- **Attend a peer exchange.** When a host country makes a peer exchange request, the Network communicates this opportunity to its participants, and solicits those who might have the required experience and knowledge requested to apply for the award. *If you are not already a participant, you can join online for free by completing the [sign-up form](#).*

2) What do the Peer Exchange Awards consist of?

The Network provides recipients of the awards the following:

- Sponsorship of flights, accommodation, meals and incidental costs such as visas
- Logistical support by the Network to make arrangements for the peer exchange (travel booking)
- Support from the host country and the Network to coordinate specific technical inputs during the exchange (e.g., presentations)



Photo: Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania, via Facebook



3) What are the requirements to participate in a peer exchange?

There are three requirements:

- You need to be registered as a NAP Global Network participant (if you are not already a participant, you can join online for free [here](#)).
- Be from a developing country.
- Work on the NAP process either as part of the country's government or a key developing country organization. Note that your country's NAP focal point needs to be aware of your request.

4) Where do the exchanges take place?

A peer exchange can take place either during an official NAP related event organized by the host country—such as a conference or a workshop where the invited expert(s) can contribute and share their experience—or it can be a meeting on its own.

5) How long are the exchanges?

Depending on the host country's needs and the availability of the participants, peer exchanges can last anywhere from one day up to a maximum of five days.

6) How many awards can be given for each exchange?

The host country's needs will determine how many experts will be invited for each peer exchange.

7) How can I request support to host a peer exchange?

To apply to host a peer exchange, please complete the [online application form](#).

The Network encourages all those applying to host a peer exchange to coordinate with their country's NAP focal point.

Furthermore, to allow sufficient time for the Network Secretariat to select participating peers and make travel arrangements for the exchange, please submit a request a minimum of two months in advance of your preferred date for hosting.

For help in filling out the form, please contact us at info@napglobalnetwork.org.

8) How can I apply to attend a peer exchange?

Specific exchange opportunities will be communicated to Network participants as they arise on an ongoing basis, in response to requests from host countries. Each exchange opportunity will request experience with or knowledge of a specific topic related to the NAP process which will be specified with the award announcement. Each announcement will be accompanied by an application form along with instructions for submitting. Successful candidates are selected based on the answers provided in the application form and are announced according to the deadline specified in the instructions.

If you are not yet a registered participant of the NAP Global Network and would like to be considered for future peer exchanges opportunities, you can join online for free [here](#).

9) What are some examples of past peer exchanges?

Senegal hosted by Togo

Khady Sané and Fatou Thiaw attended a regional workshop that the Network co-hosted with the West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BiCC) Program in Togo on the integration of coastal issues into national adaptation planning. The workshop was attended by representatives from six West African countries, and Ms. Sané and Ms. Thiaw presented on Senegal's **adaptation plan for the fisheries sector**.



"The NAP Global Network strengthens a learning-by-doing approach with these peer exchanges." (Khady Sané, Senegal)

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines hosted by Jamaica

Janeel Miller-Findlay, Director of Environmental Management in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' Sustainable Development Unit, attended a training workshop held in Jamaica on **integrating climate change adaptation into national and ministerial budgets**.



"We can all be advocates for climate change adaptation." (UnaMay Gordon, Jamaica peer exchange host)

Peru hosted by Saint Lucia

Víctor Santillán, Media and Communications Officer for Peru's Ministry of Environment, attended a series of workshops and consultations being held in Saint Lucia toward developing a communications strategy for their NAP process. Mr. Santillán presented Peru's **communication campaigns related to climate change adaptation**, and Saint Lucia government colleagues outlined a variety of previous climate change communications campaigns.



"Adaptation is not just about policy and strategies, it's more about life." (Víctor Santillán, Peru)

Grenada hosted by Albania

Martina Duncan, climate change focal point for Grenada's Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, attended a NAP Assembly gathering all major stakeholders in Albania, and organized with support from the NAP Global Network. Ms. Duncan presented on her own country's **planning efforts to adapt to climate change**.



"We welcome the opportunity to be able to share our experience... thank you to the Network for all of the support!" (Martina Duncan, Grenada)

10) Other questions? Please contact us directly: info@napglobalnetwork.org

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