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Supporting Global Adaptation Action

**NAP Global Network
2017-18 Progress Report**

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“IPCC reveals that without adaptation investments on all coasts, a sea-level rise of only 0.5 meters could cause the displacement of 72 million people... We need to act with extreme urgency to address climate impacts to our communities.”

Senator Loren Legarda

Designated “National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Champion” for the Philippines by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat.

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The climate is changing. Impacts are being felt, and adjustments today and in the future are necessary.

More and more countries are defining and addressing their medium- and long-term climate adaptation priorities through National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes.

The NAP Global Network was created to support developing countries in advancing their NAP processes, and help accelerate adaptation efforts around the world.



We were founded in December 2014 at the 20th Conference of the Parties in Lima, Peru, by adaptation policy-makers and practitioners from Brazil, Germany, Jamaica, Japan, Malawi, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Togo, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Our vision is a world where communities and countries—particularly the poorest and most vulnerable—are able to articulate, work toward, and realize their development aspirations in a changing climate. This is possible by having robust adaptation planning processes that are aligned with development

priorities and effectively channel resources to the people, places and systems that need them most.

Our mission is to harness the collective knowledge and resources of governments, practitioners, donors and civil society to build capacities and accelerate the formulation and implementation of NAP processes.

Our goal is to enhance national adaptation planning and action in developing countries. We:

- **Facilitate sustained South–South peer learning and exchange** on the NAP process.
- **Support national-level action** on NAP development and implementation.
- **Enhance bilateral support** for adaptation and climate-sensitive sectors through donor coordination, with developing countries at the table to ensure that bilateral programs align with the priorities they set out in their NAP processes.



This progress report focuses on our activities from November 2017 to November 2018. In some sections, it provides an update on the Network's overall progress.

IN THIS REPORT:

- *We, us, our* and *Network* mean the NAP Global Network
- *NAP* means national adaptation plan

NETWORK SECRETARIAT

- International Institute for Sustainable Development

NETWORK FUNDERS

- United States (U.S.) Government
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Germany's Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
- Austria's Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism (BMNT)

Director's message

NAP FACTS

2010

Year that the NAP process was formally established under the Cancun Adaptation Framework

91

Number of developing countries that have initiated and launched the NAP process*

64

Number of countries that have made a submission to the Green Climate Fund for adaptation planning support

The global momentum to act on climate change is growing. The historic Paris Agreement in 2015 offered a new international framework for action, and since

then we've seen a steady stream of governments, communities and businesses announcing bold commitments for making it a success. At the same time, the urgency and scale of the climate challenge has never been starker. The recent IPCC special report on 1.5°C laid bare the transformations needed to limit global warming and those that would result from a failure to do so. With the world already 1°C warmer than pre-industrial levels, impacts are already being felt, with more to come. The imperative to adapt is clear.

Countries are rising to the occasion, including by establishing the foundations for adaptation action through their National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes. The importance of these processes cannot be overstated. They drive coordination, set policy priorities, mobilize resources, allocate support, and track progress in countries' efforts to achieve their adaptation goals. And since the Paris Agreement requires all Parties to engage in adaptation planning and implementation, NAP processes are also essential to making it a success.

The NAP Global Network is proud to be part of this success story. In our fourth year of activity, we saw the global momentum described above reflected in our activities. We are offering support in more countries, on more topics and through more channels than ever before.

We have delivered technical support to over 30 countries. The number of requests for short-term technical support via our Country Support Hub tripled this past year. And we celebrated some important milestones in our longer-term country support programs, with several countries launching adaptation plans and strategies, ready for implementation.

We also facilitated more peer exchanges than ever before. In February, we held our largest-ever Targeted Topics Forum in Fiji—home to the COP 23 Presidency—where 21 countries came together and shared stories of progress and troubleshooting advice on a range of issues related to adaptation planning and action. While these interactions are fruitful in themselves, it's the follow-up actions they inspire that speak to the power of peer learning. Representatives from the government of Jamaica went home and built in-house capacity on gender-responsive adaptation planning, while representatives from Brazil forged ahead with a communications strategy around one of the country's most important adaptation strategies—climate-smart agriculture. Both countries will have better NAP processes and more sustainable adaptation outcomes as a result.

Our engagement with bilateral donors to help them better coordinate support for NAP processes progressed in different countries and regions. At our Donor Symposium in Barbados, 19 donors active in the Caribbean came together to hear government representatives from Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines present their adaptation priorities, which were included in their newly-launched NAP documents. This meeting was an important step

* United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat. (November 2018). Progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans. Retrieved from <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/sbi2018inf13.pdf>

in advancing a dialogue of cooperation between countries and development partners around adaptation action that reflects the goals and ambitions of each, and we look forward to supporting more such interactions.

Finally, the Network continued to offer some of the most trusted and up-to-date resources on the NAP process. This past year, we took a deeper dive into key themes like gender; advancing new thinking on links between NAPs and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction; developing guidance on how to prepare NAP Frameworks based on work in Fiji, Ghana and Sierra Leone; sharing lessons with a global community of NAP specialists through publications, blogs and webinars; and tracking broader progress and trends

so we have a sense of how we're doing and what's important in adaptation planning.

At the core of all this work is our firm belief that if we want to see successful adaptation at scale, then robust NAP processes must be in place. Through close partnership with developing country adaptation practitioners and bilateral development partners over the past four years, the Network has become a key player in making this happen. This past year we saw unprecedented progress in NAP processes. While there is still more work to be done, we should take a moment to celebrate how far we have come and what we have learned.

So I want to thank all of the participants who continue to make this Network possible, and I look forward to continuing our work with you in the coming year.

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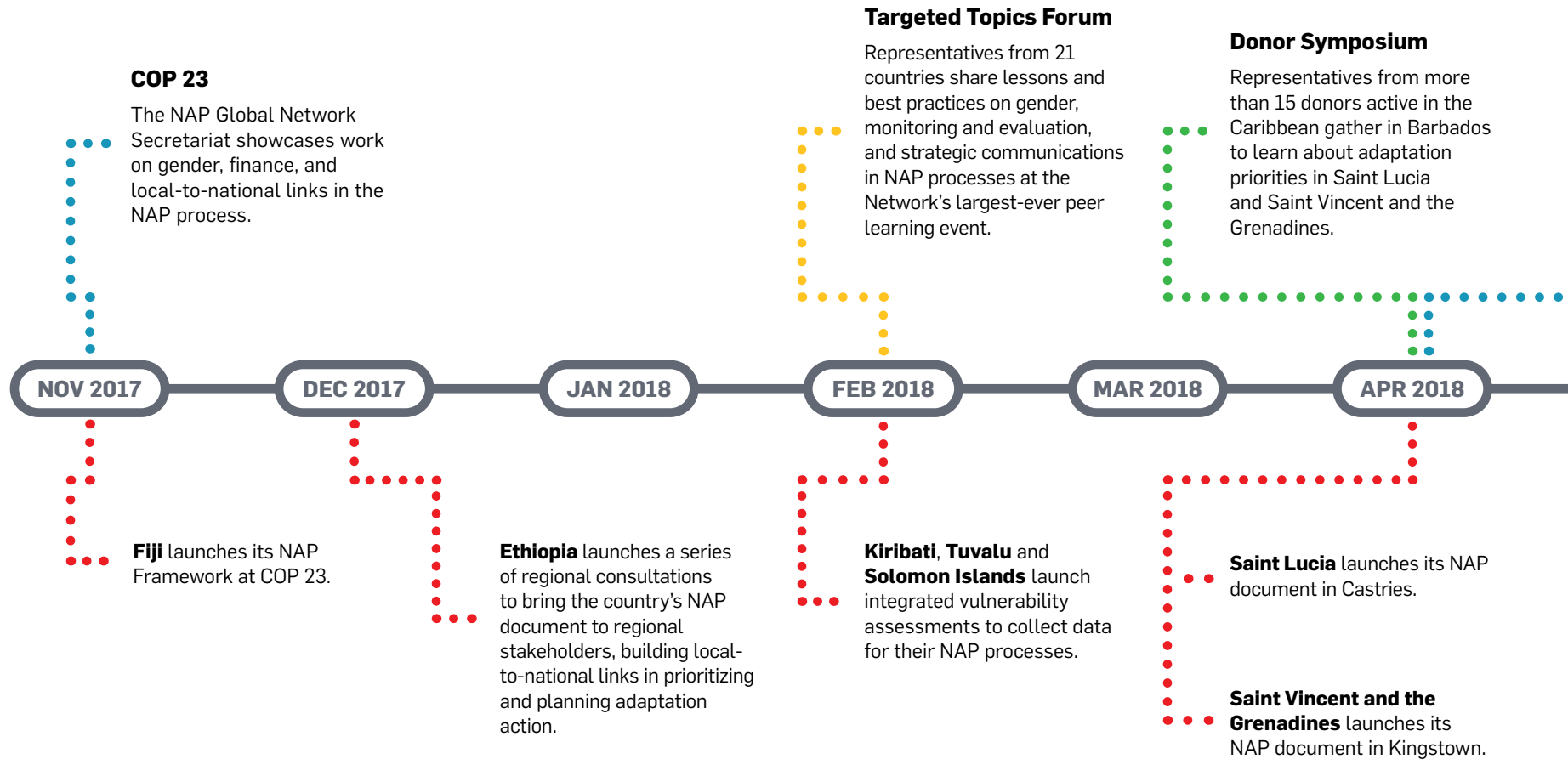


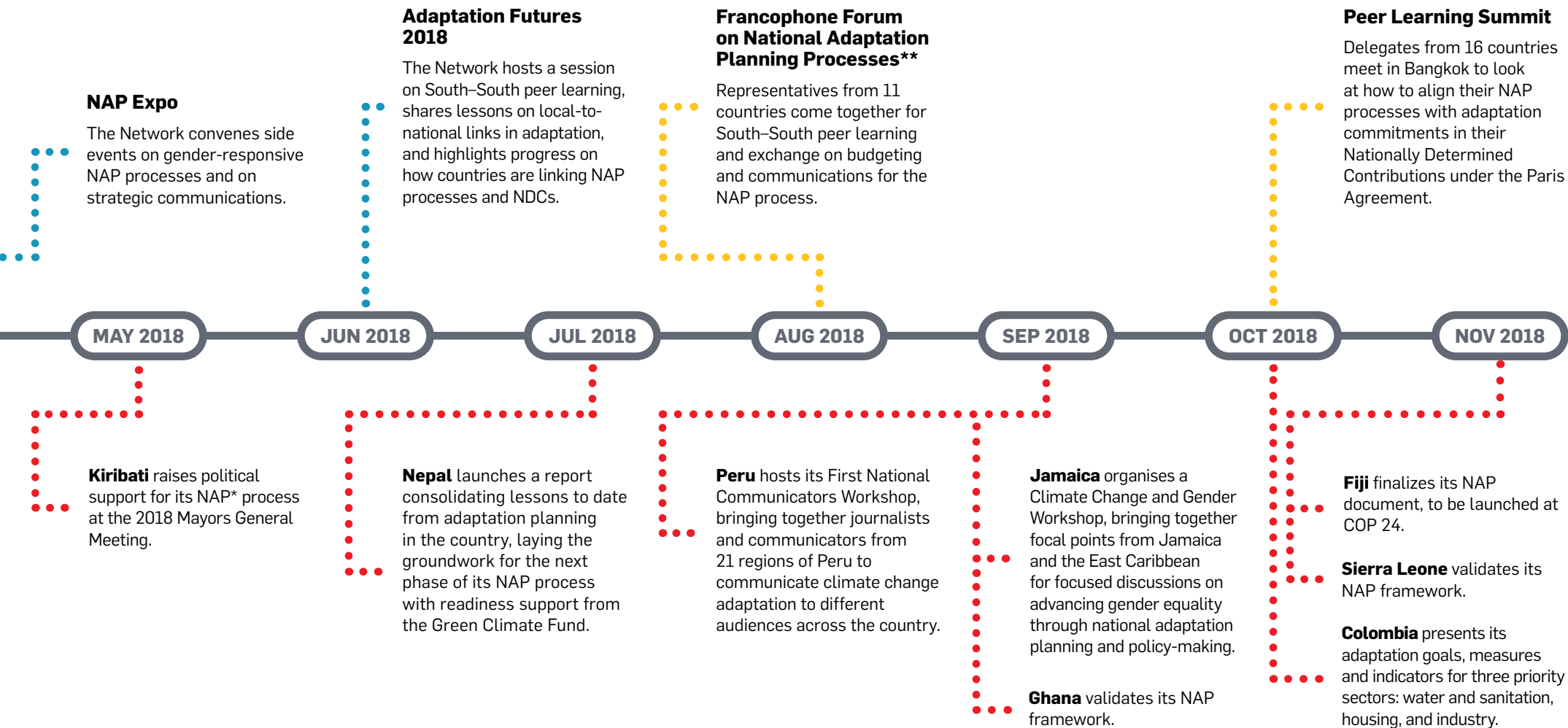
Anne Hammill

Director, NAP Global Network Secretariat
International Institute for Sustainable Development

An Action-Filled Year: Selected milestones reached with NAP Global Network support

- **Global Events the Network Participated In**
- **Peer Learning and Exchange Events**
- **Donor Coordination**
- **National-Level Action**





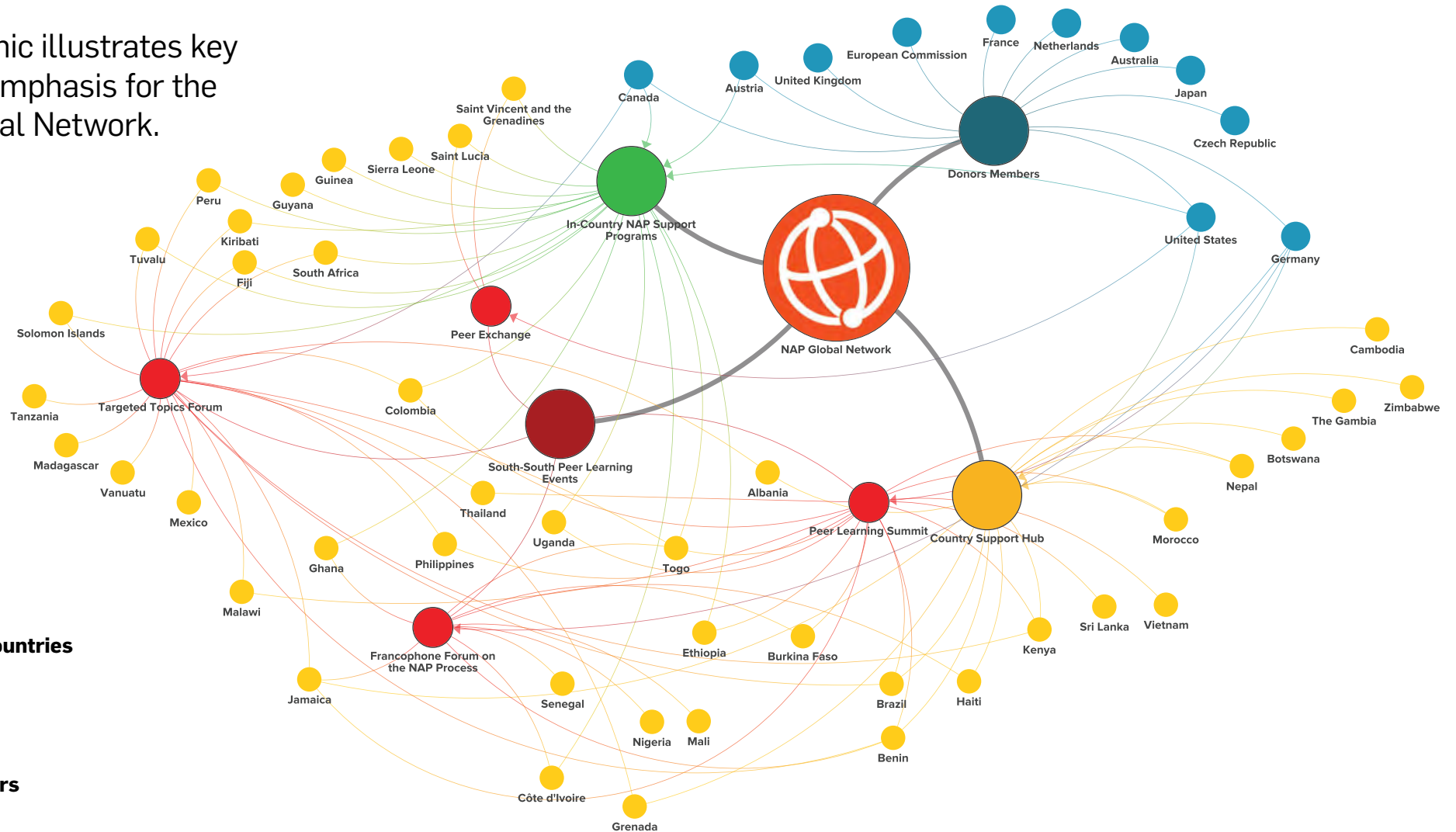
NOTES

*10-year Joint Implementation Plan on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management

**Organized by the International Climate Initiative project "Science-based support for National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes in francophone Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of sub-Saharan Africa" (PAS-PNA) and the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MCVDD) of Benin, with support from the NAP Global Network.

Our reach

This graphic illustrates key areas of emphasis for the NAP Global Network.



These numbers reflect what the NAP Global Network has accomplished since it was launched in December 2014.

2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

Since November 2017, we have seen the following increases.

↑ 32% network participants

↑ 40% Country Support Hub requests

↑ 15% people trained on NAP processes

PARTICIPATION

742

Network participants

11

Donor members

116

Countries represented

100+

Partnerships with other agencies, initiatives and organizations

WORK WE DO

29

South-South Peer Exchanges

7

Targeted Topics Forums

25

Country Support Hub requests received

103

Knowledge products on national adaptation planning and action

REACH

31

Countries where we have delivered **technical assistance**

100+

Government institutions we've trained on the NAP process

34

Countries that have participated in **peer learning and exchange events**

1,200+

People we've trained on climate change adaptation planning

Supporting the NAP process



Climate change is a global challenge, but climate change impacts are experienced locally. The NAP process helps countries prepare for and adjust to these impacts in a more coordinated, strategic and evidence-driven way.

The NAP process is a domestic process that integrates climate adaptation into development planning and budgeting at national, sectoral and sub-national levels.

The NAP process was formally established in 2010 by the UNFCCC.* It is a continuous, progressive and country-driven process that has two objectives:

- reduce countries' vulnerability to climate change
- integrate climate change adaptation into new and existing development planning processes, within all relevant sectors and across all levels of government.

The NAP process is designed for medium- and long-term adaptation planning. It's meant to be transparent, and should consider gender and vulnerable communities and ecosystems.

Since each country's adaptation needs are unique, so too are the plans for how they will be addressed. But since countries face similar challenges, lessons can be shared between them to help develop better adaptation planning processes more quickly.

Our activities build momentum around the world for national adaptation planning and action.

About the NAP Global Network

We support NAP processes in developing countries in three key ways:

1

Facilitating sustained peer learning and exchange

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We design and implement knowledge sharing events that help countries learn from each other on how to advance national adaptation planning and action.

2

Supporting national-level action

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We provide technical support to countries as they develop and implement their NAP processes.

3

Enhancing bilateral support

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We work with donors to make sure their programs align with the priorities countries have set out in their NAP processes.

ANALYSIS, COMMUNICATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

Based on our engagement with countries' adaptation practitioners, we develop knowledge products—like guidance notes, policy briefs, webinars, and blog perspectives—that highlight lessons and concrete experiences about how countries are advancing their NAP processes. All are available on [our website](#), and many are available in French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Seven key themes

To date, our work has focused on seven key themes for advancing effective NAP processes:

1. Financing NAP processes
2. Gender
3. Monitoring and evaluation
4. NDC-NAP alignment
5. Sector integration
6. Strategic communications
7. Vertical integration

We've focused on these themes in our peer learning events, publications, webinars and blogs. We have also addressed these themes through both our short- and long-term technical assistance to countries (see page 25).

We will continue to expand, synthesize and share the latest thinking on these themes going forward, and may add new themes as they emerge through Network activities.

1. Financing NAP processes



WHY IT MATTERS

Significant financing is needed throughout the entire NAP process, but especially within its implementation phase. Countries need to combine a range of potential sources of finance—private and public, international and domestic—to meet this need.

WHAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING ABOUT IT

“Adaptation costs are increasing; from 2010 to 2014, extreme weather events have resulted in a loss exceeding 35 per cent of our GDP. A key step in the right direction is to integrate our NAP into all relevant domestic financing processes, in line with the NAP support program.”



Hon. Camillo Gonsalves

Minister of Finance, Economy Planning, Sustainable Development and Information, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

FEATURED REPORTS

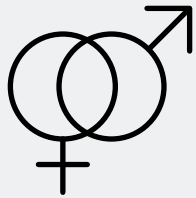
Guidance Note

Financing NAP Processes: Contributing to the achievement of nationally determined contribution (NDC) goals

WHERE TO READ MORE

Read about our Donor Symposium in the Caribbean on page 38.

2. Gender



WHY IT MATTERS

Climate change adaptation efforts will not succeed if they do not consider the differences between women and men. A gender-responsive NAP process can address gender inequalities.

WHAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING ABOUT IT

"It's not just about putting women on the agenda. It's also about recognizing that putting gender considerations into development and adaptation planning is a matter of growth and dialogue. We want to ensure that women are taken as equal partners and as equal contributors to the NAP process."



UnaMay Gordon

Principal Director, Climate Change Division,
Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation,
Jamaica

FEATURED REPORTS

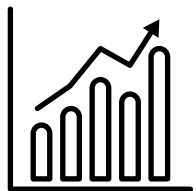
Scoping Study

Strengthening Gender Considerations in Kiribati's NAP Process

WHERE TO READ MORE

Read more about our work on gender on page 18.

3. Monitoring and evaluation



WHY IT MATTERS

National M&E of adaptation looks at progress toward adaptation in a country, including progress in implementing adaptation policies, plans or interventions, as well as impacts that these may have.

WHAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING ABOUT IT

"Kenya is embarking on the implementation of the country's NAP. For its effective implementation, it is crucial that an efficient monitoring and evaluation system is put in place right from the commencement of the process."



Thomas Lerenten Lelekoitien

NAP Focal Point, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Kenya

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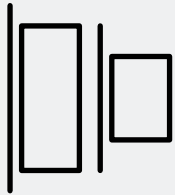
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Monitoring and Evaluation in the NAP Process: Opportunities, challenges and solutions

WHERE TO READ MORE

Read more about monitoring and evaluation in Kenya on page 26 and in Albania on page 27.

4. NDC-NAP alignment



WHY IT MATTERS

Nationally Determined Contributions are the signature vehicle of the Paris Agreement, and although not mandatory, many countries are choosing to include information on adaptation in their NDC. At the same time, the NAP process provides a domestic planning process that can set out 'how' NDC adaptation goals are defined and implemented. NDC-NAP alignment has the potential to accelerate adaptation action.

WHAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING ABOUT IT

"Following the Peer Learning Summit, we are continuing to explore NDC-NAP linkages, as the construction of a more ambitious NDC should be supported by a solid NAP that encourages action on adaptation."



Santiago Aparicio V

Coordinator, Climate Change Adaptation Readiness Program (Green Climate Fund), Colombia

FEATURED REPORT

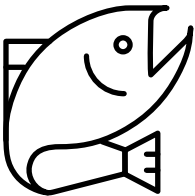
Overview Brief

Alignment to Advance Climate-Resilient Development

WHERE TO READ MORE

Read about our Peer Learning Summit on NDC-NAP alignment on page 23.

5. Sector integration



WHY IT MATTERS

Integrating climate change adaptation into sectoral planning is one of the main objectives of the NAP process. Inclusive NAP processes with the broad participation of sector stakeholders can drive sectors' ownership of adaptation.

WHAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING ABOUT IT

"We believe in building capacity. We want to develop sectoral strategies and action plans for adapting to climate change in all key sectors, further to the ones completed to date. Every sector is impacted and we must work together to prepare for climate change."



Annette Rattigan-Leo

Chief Sustainable Development and Environment Officer, Saint Lucia

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Sector Strategies and Action Plans

The Network supported Saint Lucia's 2018-2028 Sectoral Adaptation Strategy and Action Plans (SASAPs) for the Fisheries sector, the Agriculture sector, and the Water Sector

WHERE TO READ MORE

Read more about our In-Country Program of Support for Colombia on page 31, and our work on sectoral integration in Saint Lucia on page 37.

6. Strategic communications



WHY IT MATTERS

A strategic approach to communications—in which key messages are tailored for priority audiences and delivered through the most appropriate communications channels to reach those audiences—can improve how governments engage citizens throughout their NAP process.

WHAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING ABOUT IT

“The media are allies in the Peruvian response to climate change, because they play a fundamental role in forming public opinion. They awaken social interest and improve public policy for the welfare of all citizens.”



Hon. Fabiola Muñoz
Minister of the Environment, Peru

RECENT ACTIVITIES

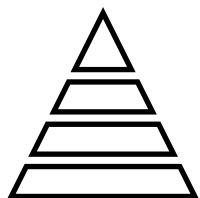
Dialogue

The First National Workshop of Communicators about Climate Change in Lima, Peru, which engaged 21 regional journalists in dialogue on climate change adaptation.

WHERE TO READ MORE

Read about our communications work for Cambodia on page 26 and our work in Saint Lucia on page 37.

7. Vertical integration



WHY IT MATTERS

Vertical integration is the process of creating intentional and strategic linkages between national and sub-national adaptation planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation. It helps to ensure that NAP processes create an enabling environment for local adaptation actions.

WHAT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE SAYING ABOUT IT

“Climate change is a pervasive issue affecting every aspect of Fiji’s development. Consequently, we support all Ministries and Departments to mainstream climate change concerns into their work. Additionally, we are ensuring adaptation is integrated into sub-national development planning processes to ensure it meets and is consistent with the needs of local communities.”



Nilesch Prakash
Head of Climate Change and International Cooperation
Ministry of Economy, Fiji

FEATURED REPORT

Guidance Note

Vertical Integration in NAP Processes: A guidance note for linking national and sub-national adaptation

WHERE TO READ MORE

Read about how we’re supporting vertical integration in Ethiopia on page 33.

We're shaping the international discourse on gender and climate action.

Gender equality is a universal human right. It is increasingly becoming part of the international discourse on climate action, and it's been a priority theme for us since early 2017.

The NAP process is an opportunity to address gender inequalities. Not only is there a policy imperative for integrating gender considerations in the NAP process, but adaptation efforts cannot be effective or sustainable if they do not take gender into account.

We were instrumental in shaping the dialogue on gender and climate change adaptation in four important ways this year:

1. **We provided expert commentary on the integration of gender considerations in the NAP process.** Our contribution to the progress review by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group of the UNFCCC leveraged our in-country experience to provide evidence-based assessment of progress on integrating gender in NAP processes.
2. **We published our first global synthesis report on how gender considerations are being integrated in NAP processes around the world.** *Towards Gender-Responsive NAP Processes: Progress and Recommendations for the Way Forward* provides practical recommendations for NAP teams and development partners to strengthen consideration of gender issues.

3. **We worked with six countries in Africa to initiate targeted gender analyses to inform NAP processes.** These analyses build understanding among in-country actors of the differentiated impacts of climate change on women and men, and provide context-specific information to support integration of gender considerations in adaptation planning, implementation and institutional arrangements.
4. **We partnered with the Government of Jamaica's Climate Change Division and UN Women to deliver a capacity building workshop for Caribbean countries on the connection between gender equality and climate change adaptation.** Participants from Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica and Saint Lucia identified ways to make gender and climate change adaptation a key component of strategic planning in all ministries, and considered how to address gender inequalities exacerbated by the impact of climate change.

We also reported on how to strengthen gender considerations in Kiribati's NAP process, hosted a ground-breaking peer learning event on gender (see page 20), and shared our learning at conferences and through knowledge products.

All of our work on gender, including our reports, workshop summaries and presentations, is available on our website at napglobalnetwork.org/themes/gender.

Gender in the NAP process

In 2017, the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP23) set out its first Gender Action Plan. One of its five priority areas is including and empowering women to develop and implement climate solutions alongside men.

A gender-responsive NAP process is one that integrates gender considerations into planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.

It has three key elements:

1. Recognition of gender differences in adaptation needs, opportunities and capacities
2. Equitable participation and influence by women and men in adaptation decision-making processes
3. Equitable access for women and men to financial resources and other benefits resulting from investments in adaptation



Towards Gender-Responsive NAP Processes Synthesis Report, 2017-18



Our activities

Facilitating peer learning and exchange

1

Targeted Topics Forums

7 TO DATE

Scaling up adaptation efforts rapidly and effectively—particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world—will rely on peer learning between adaptation practitioners from different countries.

Experiences from other contexts inspire action, help avoid pitfalls and overcome barriers, paying forward the hard-won lessons from early-movers in NAP processes and accelerating adaptation action.

We've seen this dynamic play out time and again through our peer learning events. Counterparts sharing stories of success and challenge have given rise to new ideas, problem solving and overall motivation to engage in adaptation planning. Importantly, these interactions also provide reassurance that there is no one 'right' way to do the NAP process—progress will look different in different country contexts.

Targeted Topics Forums (TTFs) were the Network's initial flagship offering, bringing together representatives from developing countries around the world to discuss key challenges and issues in the NAP process. Organized around the Network's key themes; in 2018, participants tackled the issues of gender, strategic communications, M&E and financing.

These forums are designed to be highly participatory to allow for a free and open exchange of knowledge between country representatives. They balance three pillars:

- **Technical**, where inputs from experts enhance understanding and frame discussions around specific issues.
- **Relational**, where participants share experiences and learn from their peers from around the world.
- **Reflexive**, where country representatives take time to unpack what they've learned from the technical inputs and peer interactions and apply it in their home contexts.

Importantly, TTFs are not one-off workshops. We adopted a cohort approach where select countries were invited to send teams of three representatives to participate in the event.

These teams were then reconvened annually over a number of years through a series of workshops that built on each other. This way, the TTFs helped to build a community of peers who supported one another between meetings, throughout their NAP processes.

COHORT 1

Albania
Brazil
Grenada
Jamaica
Kenya
Malawi
Peru
Philippines
Togo

COHORT 2

Benin
Cambodia
Colombia
Fiji
Kiribati
Madagascar
Mexico
Solomon Islands
South Africa
Tanzania
Thailand
Tuvalu
Samoa
Vanuatu

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE: MADAGASCAR

“At last year’s Targeted Topics Forum, we exchanged lessons with Vanuatu on how to integrate all sectors. In Vanuatu, all the stakeholders in the NAP process shared their experiences on a coordinating committee.

We adopted this approach in Madagascar and it went well. We set up a coordination committee and a monitoring and evaluation committee to integrate all the different stakeholders including donors, the private sector and NGOs.

We’re now identifying the associations, projects and national-level institutions that work with gender to be in the committee too. We are going to offer gender training for Malagasy people and the whole committee.”



Jane Razanamiharisoa
Madagascar (Cohort 2)



2018 FEATURE: BRINGING TWO COHORTS TOGETHER IN FIJI

Hosts: The Government of the Republic of Fiji and the NAP Global Network

Funded by: Environment and Climate Change Canada.

In February, we organized our largest-ever Targeted Topics Forum over five days in Nadi, Fiji, with participants from 21 countries.

This was the final time that peers from Cohort 1 met, and they spent the last day reflecting on their learning journey that had begun at their first forum in Brazil in 2015. In Fiji, this cohort focused on strategic communications and took part in master classes that

took a closer look at topics that had been discussed at previous forums, such as sector integration, financing, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

For the peers from Cohort 2, this forum was their third time meeting, and their focus was M&E of national adaptation. Their fourth and final forum together will take place in 2019.

This forum also included a special day that—for the first time—brought participants from both cohorts together to share their knowledge on gender-responsive NAP processes.

2

South-South Peer Exchange Program

29 TO DATE



Our South-South Peer Exchange Program supports adaptation planners from developing countries to travel to other contexts to share their experiences and expertise on key topics with counterparts in government departments. These exchanges have proved a rich platform for learning, and show that even though countries' adaptation contexts can be very different—Grenada and Albania, as one example—lessons about how to approach common challenges in the NAP process such as finance can be shared from one country to another.

We have supported 29 peer exchanges through this program that have been hosted by the governments of Albania, Peru, Togo, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Guyana and Benin.

Our South-South Peer Exchange Program can support a one-time exchange held bilaterally between representatives from two countries, or participation in a regional event.

2018 FEATURE: THE FIRST FRANCOPHONE FORUM ON THE NAP PROCESS

Hosts: Benin's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MCVDD) and the International Climate Initiative project "Science-based support for NAP processes in francophone Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of sub-Saharan Africa" (PAS-PNA) supported by the NAP Global Network

Funded by: Germany's Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

The first Francophone Forum on the NAP process held in Grand-Popo, Benin, brought together government representatives from West African countries to exchange their knowledge and experiences on the NAP process, with a focus on budgeting and communication strategies. As the majority of international technical workshops on climate change adaptation are conducted in English, this forum was an important opportunity for francophone adaptation planners to learn from one another.

In addition to our collaboration with the organizers to develop a participatory agenda inspired by Targeted Topics Forums, the Network's South-South Peer Exchange Program supported adaptation practitioners from Haiti, Jamaica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Nigeria to attend and contribute experiences from their NAP processes, as well as to learn from their peers in francophone West Africa.

3

Peer Learning Summits

OUR FIRST SUMMIT HELD IN 2018

As the Network evolves, our peer learning events are also evolving. Building on what we've learned through three years of Targeted Topics Forums, the Network is transitioning its global peer learning offering to a more open, flexible and responsive format that isn't designed around a cohort approach or a pre-defined series of topics.

We have just launched a series of Peer Learning Summits that carry on the dynamic approaches used in Targeted Topics Forums, but that will bring more countries' representatives into the conversation.

2018 FEATURE: THE ROLE OF THE NAP PROCESS IN ADVANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADAPTATION GOALS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Hosts: Thailand's Office of the Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) and the NAP Global Network

Funded by: Germany's Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

This Peer Learning Summit in Bangkok, Thailand, explored the pressing question: what role can the NAP process play in advancing the implementation of the adaptation goals under the Paris Agreement?

Participants from 16 countries had shared their experiences with the potential links and alignment between the NAP process and adaptation in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the signature vehicle of the Paris Agreement.

Discussions at this summit showed that informal alignment between NAP processes and NDCs is already taking place in many countries. It highlighted that both processes can be mutually reinforcing, provide an opportunity to share lessons learned and offer opportunities for improved and enhanced coordination of actions and avoid duplication of efforts.

All of the presentations from this summit, as well as the Targeted Topics Forums and Francophone Forum on the NAP Process, are available on [our website](#).





Supporting national-level action

One of our most important activities is empowering countries to advance their NAP processes so they can achieve their nationally-defined adaptation goals. While most countries recognize the need to adapt to climate change, there are many obstacles that can delay urgently needed adaptation action.

Our short- and long-term technical support programs are designed to help countries transition from planning to implementation. Each program is tailored to meet a country's unique needs, and builds on what we've learned elsewhere.

We support national-level action in two key ways:

- Country Support Hub
- In-country technical support programs

2018 FEATURE: COLLECTING VULNERABILITY DATA TO INFORM RESILIENCE BUILDING IN PACIFIC ISLANDS

The Network provided in-country technical support to the governments of Kiribati, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu to collect the community-level data they need to effectively adapt to climate change.

This data was collected through an innovative approach to vulnerability assessment that was developed in the Pacific region called Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (IVA). IVAs allow governments to assess communities' vulnerability to environmental and developmental changes—like climate change—using multiple sources of knowledge, including traditional, local, technical and scientific methods.

“IVA was developed to provide a common overarching framework for adaptation decision making that allows for the comparative analysis of vulnerability across sectors and levels of governance—community, provincial, and national,” explains Patrina Dumaru, an adaptation researcher at the University of the South Pacific who worked with the Network to implement in-country support programs in the Pacific. “Before IVA, vulnerability assessments varied in terms of their approach, methods, theme, geographic cover, scale and timescale.”

Through these support programs, Kiribati, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu each developed a database of community-level climate and disaster vulnerability data that was collected using the IVA approach. By allowing users to easily compare vulnerability data, these databases support adaptation decision-making that can help advance the NAP process, including by providing data for M&E of national adaptation efforts.

COUNTRY SUPPORT HUB REQUESTS INCREASED THREE-FOLD

Demand is growing for our Country Support Hub, which provides expert advice and short-term technical support. Many requests come from countries that have participated in one of our peer learning events, and are often aimed at filling critical gaps to maintain momentum in the NAP process. Work terms for these projects are usually shorter than six months and are completed by Secretariat staff or consultants.

Some of our projects have included developing a NAP road map, designing training on integrating climate change adaptation into the budgeting process, and developing the foundations for the NAP's M&E strategy. We also apply the lessons we've learned in completing these requests, and encourage countries to share their experiences at our peer learning events.

At a glance: Four completed Country Support Hub requests



THEME

Strategic communications

TYPE OF HELP

Expert advice

LENGTH OF TIME

Three weeks

WHAT WE DID

Supported the development of a communications strategy by sharing strategies from Peru and Saint Lucia

OUR IMPACT

Cambodia has international examples to draw on to develop a communications strategy that will raise awareness of the NAP process

Cambodia



THEME

Knowledge management

TYPE OF HELP

Technical support

LENGTH OF TIME

Four months

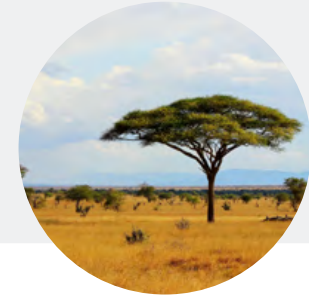
WHAT WE DID

Synthesized lessons learned on adaptation planning in Nepal to date and provided recommendations for the next phase of the NAP process

OUR IMPACT

Nepal's NAP process will move forward in an informed manner, with strong engagement from stakeholders

Nepal



THEME

Monitoring and evaluation

TYPE OF HELP

Technical support

LENGTH OF TIME

Five months

WHAT WE DID

Supported an update of monitoring and evaluation of national adaptation that is part of Kenya's revision of their National Climate Change Action Plan

OUR IMPACT

Kenya has an M&E framework that's easier to implement, uses existing institutional frameworks and minimizes the reporting burden

Kenya



Albania

THEME

Monitoring and evaluation

TYPE OF HELP

Technical support

LENGTH OF TIME

Eight months

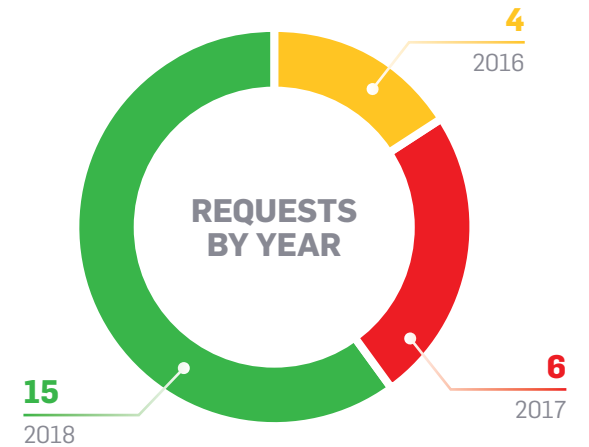
WHAT WE DID

Developed guidelines on how to integrate climate adaptation in future infrastructure investments, including developing adaptation-related indicators

OUR IMPACT

Albania moved closer to implementation and improved its selection process for its Regional Development Fund

We've received 25 Country Support Hub requests to date. We have completed 10 requests so far and are supporting on-going work on 15 requests. Requests focus on challenges related to the Network's key themes and more.



Our in-country technical support programs advance NAP processes

We provide long-term technical support that helps countries advance their NAP processes. These programs complement our other support activities, and are funded by a specific donor in one or more partner countries or regions. Work terms range from one to four years.

Technical inputs to date have included strengthening institutions by embedding technical advisors, providing the foundation for action by developing adaptation plans for individual sectors, and fostering stakeholder collaboration through national assemblies and other forums.

We've summarized our in-country technical support programs in the table on the right. The table summarizes work that is planned and already underway in the countries where we have in-country NAP support programs.

You can read about our impact in Colombia on page 31, Ethiopia on page 33, Fiji on page 35, and Saint Lucia on page 37.

At a glance: In-country support programs

COUNTRY	PROGRAM DONOR
COTE D'IVOIRE	U.S.*
COLOMBIA	U.S.
ETHIOPIA	U.S.
FIJI	Canada** / U.S.
GHANA	U.S.
GUINEA	U.S.
GUYANA	U.S.
KIRIBATI	Canada / U.S.
PERU	U.S.
SAINT LUCIA	U.S.
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	U.S.
SIERRA LEONE	U.S.
SOLOMON ISLANDS	Canada
SOUTH AFRICA	U.S.
TOGO	U.S.
TUVALU	Canada
UGANDA	Austria*** / U.S.

* United States Government

** Environment and Climate Change Canada

*** Austria's Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism

NAP PROCESS			ENABLING FACTORS				MORE KEY THEMES				
Planning	Implementation	Monitoring and evaluation	Institutional Arrangements	Capacity Development	Information Sharing	Financing NAP process	Sector integration	Vertical integration	Gender	Strategic communications	NDC-NAP alignment
x	x	x	x						x		x
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“The NAP Global Network’s support for strategic sectors in Colombia has been crucial for advancing our national adaptation planning process.”

Juan Pablo Vallejo

National Adaptation Plan Coordinator, National Planning Department, Colombia



Impact story: Colombia

DONOR

U.S. Government

KEY PARTNERS

National Planning
Department

Ministry of Environment
and Sustainable
Development

OUR PROGRAM

We're providing technical assistance to selected sectors in Colombia, helping them identify their adaptation needs and priorities, develop indicators for monitoring and evaluating its adaptation measures, and identifying financing options to ensure the implementation of adaptation actions.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017–18

Colombia's sectoral adaptation process has advanced significantly over the last year with the support provided by the in-country program. We're providing technical expertise in the development of adaptation plans for selected priority sectors (water and sanitation, housing, industry and health), and strengthening the capacity of these sectors to monitor, evaluate and learn from the progress and impact of adaptation.

The program is working in close collaboration with sectoral stakeholders to identify adaptation goals, indicators, baselines and priority adaptation measures. Specialized technical support is also being provided to identify financing options, strengthening the link between adaptation planning and implementation.

As Colombia's sectors continue to advance in their adaptation processes, their increased capacity to assess, prioritize, and pursue financing alternatives for adaptation will foster new investment, and reduce the vulnerability of critical resources such as water to climate change impacts.

Program activities in Colombia have also provided opportunities for knowledge exchange and engagement among sectors and other key stakeholders, which is crucial to ensure inclusive adaptation planning.

Based on the success achieved through these activities, we've received additional requests for technical support from the water and the health sectors to further their work on adaptation planning, financing and implementation, at both the national and the territorial level.

About Colombia's NAP process

APPROACH

- develop climate change plans for all territories and incorporate climatic risk management in sectoral and regional planning
- reduce vulnerability of socio-economic and ecological systems to climate change
- implement innovative adaptation measures in priority sectors
- build knowledge on climate change risks and opportunities

PRIORITY SECTORS

- agriculture and rural development
- finance
- health and social protection
- housing, water and basic sanitation
- industry and commerce
- mines and energy
- transportation

STATUS

- Congress has approved climate change law and guidelines for managing climate change across sectors and levels of government
- NAP document submitted to NAP Central in February 2018
- GCF Readiness Program approved and underway



Impact story: Ethiopia

DONOR

U.S. Government

KEY PARTNERS

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC)

OUR PROGRAM

We're helping Ethiopia transition from adaptation planning to implementation. Having launched their NAP document in 2017, we are working with EFCCC to translate its goals into action—particularly at the sub-national level. This involves engaging national and regional stakeholders on key issues related to the NAP process through dialogue and capacity building processes. This includes development of strategic documents that will guide implementation and resource mobilization for the NAP process.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017–18

We've supported a full-time advisor based in the EFCCC who is providing ongoing technical inputs to the NAP process, and facilitating discussions about climate change with government and external stakeholders to raise the NAP's profile.

Eight regional workshops were organized through the program. These workshops brought government, civil society and private sector actors together to learn about adaptation and the NAP process. They also included a participatory process that identified regional priorities among the NAP's adaptation options. These priorities were presented and discussed at a national synthesis workshop, and will inform a roadmap for implementing the NAP that will be completed in 2019.

Guidelines for integrating climate change in sector, regional and local development planning were updated in line with the NAP. These are core tools that are applied in government planning processes. The guideline for sectors and regions was tested in the annual planning process, leading to adjustments in the plans to better integrate adaptation. As the plans are the basis for budgeting, this will lead to increased allocation of resources for adapting to climate change in key sectors.

Finally, a targeted gender analysis is underway to inform NAP implementation.

About Ethiopia's NAP process

APPROACH

- guided by the Climate Resilient Green Economy strategy that sets out Ethiopia's ambition to achieve middle-income status by 2025 while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building climate resilience
- NAP is an overarching framework for reducing vulnerability to climate change by mainstreaming adaptation into development activities across sectors and levels

PRIORITY SECTORS

- agriculture
- forestry
- health
- industry
- power
- transport
- urban
- water

STATUS

- NAP document launched in 2017
- Sub-national and sectoral engagement ongoing
- Approved for Green Climate Fund adaptation project on gender-responsive drought management for more resilient communities



Impact story: Fiji

DONOR

Environment and
Climate Change Canada

U.S. Government

KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Economy's
Climate Change
and International
Cooperation Division



OUR PROGRAM

We have been supporting the Fijian Government with its NAP process since it formally started in September 2017. Our program promoted an inter-ministerial approach to developing the NAP process to ensure institutional legitimacy.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017-18

We helped Fiji move from a NAP framework to a nationally validated NAP document that has been approved by the National Cabinet.

We supported an embedded advisor to work in the Ministry of Economy whose work contributed to the final document in three key ways.

- First, to align the NAP with existing development planning processes, we collated adaptation actions identified in existing national policies, frameworks and plans for a report that was circulated to the Fijian Government. The associated database links nearly 900 adaptation actions with key national planning documents. Once removing duplicates from the database, a shorter list of adaptation actions was developed.
- Second, we then helped develop and implement a process for prioritizing these adaptation actions for key sectors and priority themes identified by the NAP process through stakeholder consultations. A total of 14 technical working groups, led by relevant ministries, were created and tasked to prioritize actions using multi-criteria analysis.
- Third, we led a National Consultation Workshop for over 130 stakeholders from diverse sectors and scales of government that led to the national validation of the NAP document.

Our process enhanced the collaboration between the Ministry of Economy and sectoral ministries and supported policy coherence on climate adaptation.

It has been so successful that we're forming a new work plan to support Fiji as it takes the next major step in the NAP process: moving from planning to implementation.

About Fiji's NAP process

FIJI'S NAP DOCUMENT

- 160 priority adaptation measures identified with a 5-year timeframe
- Adaptation measures organized according to 10 components (5 themes and 5 sectors):
 - Priority themes (to address climate adaptation barriers)
 - Climate information services and management
 - Integration (horizontal and vertical)
 - Climate change awareness and knowledge
 - Resource mobilisation
 - Priority sectors
 - Food and nutrition security
 - Health
 - Human settlements
 - Infrastructure
 - Biodiversity and the natural environment

KEY MILESTONES

The NAP document was developed through a one-year process that included the following key milestones:

- November 2017 – NAP framework endorsed by Cabinet and launched at COP23.
- February 2018 – NAP Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee established.
- July 2018 – Prioritisation Process conducted.
- September 2018 – NAP document validated at a National Consultation Workshop.
- November 2018 – NAP document endorsed by Cabinet.
- December 2018 – NAP document launched at COP24.



Impact story: Saint Lucia



DONOR

U.S. Government

KEY PARTNERS

Department
of Sustainable
Development

Ministry of Education,
Innovation, Gender
& Sustainable
Development

OUR PROGRAM

We're helping to develop sectoral adaptation strategies and action plans (SASAPs) and corresponding investment plans for sectors that are particularly vulnerable to climate change. We're helping to build a pipeline of adaptation projects for these sectors, and are exploring ways of better engaging the private sector in adaptation action. We're also increasing the awareness of the NAP process among Saint Lucians, and coordinating donors who are active in the region.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017–18

Our support led to the development of SASAPs for Saint Lucia's agricultural and fisheries sectors. Since their completion, these SASAPs have been adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers, and work on a third SASAP, focusing on coastal and territorial ecosystems, is now underway. Each SASAP included an investment plan and a portfolio of costed

concept notes for associated adaptation projects. With these critical elements of adaptation project pipelines in hand, it is hoped that the country will be able to move quickly from planning to implementation of adaptation actions.

We also supported the preparation of general guidelines for SASAP development so that the country is better equipped to carry on the work in other sectors moving forward. These were presented to key government representatives at a training workshop in April 2018, increasing the government's internal capacities to develop further sectoral adaptation strategies as the NAP process advances.

Communicating climate change adaptation and the NAP process to key constituencies was identified as a key need early in our engagement with the government. In response, we supported the development of a NAP Communications Strategy – since adopted by Parliament – and reached out to key creative artists on the island to engage them in the NAP process. Members of the local media were also trained on how to cover climate change adaptation in their work. We also worked with the government to develop and launch a national climate change website, a one-stop portal for all climate-related information on the island.

These actions built so much political will for the NAP document that it was adopted by Saint Lucia's parliament.

About Saint Lucia's NAP process

APPROACH

- Build resilience to climate change risks and impacts through continuous, coordinated and effective adaptation efforts
- NAP is a 10-year process that includes
 - priority adaptation measures for eight key sectors
 - sectoral adaptation strategies and action plans
- Spearheaded by Department of Sustainable Development
- Developed through participatory process involving multiple stakeholders

PRIORITY SECTORS

- agriculture
- education
- fisheries
- health
- infrastructure and spatial planning
- tourism
- water

STATUS

- Parliament has adopted:
 - NAP
 - sectoral adaptation strategies
 - action plans for water, agriculture, fisheries
 - communications strategy

Enhancing bilateral support

We were founded to address a crucial gap in the NAP landscape: a lack of funding and insufficient donor coordination. NAP processes do not always attract the necessary level of financial support, with potential donors not being effectively engaged. Support for NAP processes can be sporadic and spread across several donors and initiatives, so donor coordination can also be a challenge.

We address this by explicitly supporting coordination on a number of levels—global, regional and national—and among different actors. We strive to be a platform that donors can use to coordinate their support with each other so that funding is complementary and that donor programs align with the adaptation priorities identified by developing countries.

Donor Symposium

BARBADOS, APRIL 2018

Our first-ever donor symposium in April brought together these aims in a practical way. We partnered with the Japan-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership implemented by United Nations Development Programme to bring together donors active in the Caribbean region and representatives of the governments of Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to find ways to coordinate future support for adaptation in both countries.

During this unique event at UN House in Barbados, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines presented their NAP processes, adaptation priorities and sector-specific adaptation plans, while 19 bilateral and multilateral donor countries, development agencies and non-governmental organizations reviewed their adaptation programming and priorities.

The symposium helped identify donor support for implementing the NAP process, promoted donor coordination in both countries, and maintained momentum for the NAP process following the launch of each country's NAP documents.

We engage with our donors in several other ways. We meet with donors during international events to provide updates on NAP progress in areas of interest, publish resources that provide insight into the value of the NAP processes, and provide tailored updates on what other donors are doing in the NAP space through a donor newsletter.

WE WORK WITH 11 DONOR MEMBERS

Australia



Austria



Canada



Czech Republic



European Commission



France



Germany



Japan



The Netherlands



United States of America



United Kingdom





How we work

The NAP Global Network brings together individuals and institutions including developing country adaptation policy-makers and bilateral development agencies.

Our **Steering Committee** provides vision and strategic direction to the Network, and helps promote our activities. It is made up of 10 representatives from developing countries and bilateral donor agencies:

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- Kimberley Chretien
Senior Policy Analyst, Environment and Climate Change Canada

Our management team coordinates activities with our **Secretariat**, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). IISD manages our day-to-day operations and provides us with research, logistical, administrative and strategic support. The Secretariat's staff are based in IISD's Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Geneva offices:

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HOW TO JOIN THE NETWORK

You can join the NAP Global Network by registering on our website through the [Join Us section](#) under the **About** tab. You can also request technical support and expert advice through our [Country Support Hub](#), also available on our website.

An ambitious agenda of adaptation support in 2019

ON THE AGENDA FOR 2019

- Our final Targeted Topics Forum
- Our next Peer Learning Summit
- Implementing 15 on-going in-country NAP support programs
- Delivering 11 on-going Country Support Hub requests, and responding to new requests
- Engaging with Network participants at global events like NAP Expo and COP 25
- Publishing knowledge products on our key themes, including a guidance note on private sector engagement and our next gender synthesis report

The NAP Global Network has an ambitious agenda for 2019. We'll continue to empower countries so they can advance their NAP processes. We'll also continue to shape the international discourse on adaptation and resilience by providing thought leadership that's based on our wealth of practical experience with the NAP process.

Planning has begun on the final Targeted Topics Forum, and we've begun planning an exciting series of Peer Learning Summits that will continue to bring countries' adaptation specialists together to learn from one another.

We plan to increase our national-level support by responding to as many, if not more, Country Support Hub requests, analyzing these requests to better understand needs and build on successes. We'll also continue providing long-term support through our in-country NAP support programs.

We're consolidating our partnerships and will continue to provide ongoing support through our in-country programs. We're finalizing new work programs in Small Island Developing States that will focus on resource mobilization in Fiji and Saint Lucia, among others. And we're advancing our gender work in francophone Africa, where we'll be finalizing gender analyses for the governments of Guinea, Benin, Togo, Madagascar and Côte d'Ivoire.

We're looking forward to identifying more opportunities for coordinating regional donors, and to building relationships with more bilateral and multilateral agencies so we can develop new work plans with many of our in-country program partners.

And we'll be continuing to document lessons and share success stories about how countries are making progress to develop and implement NAP processes in working toward their long-term ambitions to build their resilience to climate change.

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