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# eUpdate

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# Recent UNFCCC adaptation workshops and meetings

## ***Meeting on available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, needs of local and indigenous communities, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation***

A joint meeting on tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, needs of local and indigenous communities, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation was held from 1-4 April in Bonn, Germany. The meeting was supported by the Adaptation Committee, with the Nairobi work programme, in collaboration with relevant organizations, experts and practitioners. A [technical paper](#) on the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change informed the meeting.

Over 60 representatives from Parties, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, community-based organizations and several indigenous groups attended and exchanged experiences, towards developing recommendations and guidance for consideration by the COP, with a view to providing technical support and guidance to Parties on the use of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for national/international adaptation planning and actions and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation; as well as recommendations for adaptation practitioners on the use of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation. A task group was established to continue contributing to relevant activities beyond the meeting. Further information is available [online](#).

## ***Fifth meeting of the Adaptation Committee***

The fifth meeting of the [Adaptation Committee](#) (AC) was held from March 5 to 7 in Bonn, Germany. The [agenda](#) was full, with a complete overview of outcomes and supporting documents and presentations available [online](#). The AC elected new Co-Chairs, Mr. Juan Pablo Hoffmaister (Bolivia), and Ms. Christina Chan (US). The AC decided to create several subgroups tasked with preparing and managing its activities in the coming year, according to the [work plan](#) approved by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session.

Strengthening National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and support for developing countries in implementing adaptation action was emphasised at the meeting, along with developing strong working linkages between global, regional and national levels to ensure synergy and coherence of actions. The AC is planning to hold the second [Adaptation Forum](#) in conjunction with this year's [Asia Pacific Adaptation Network](#) conference in Kuala Lumpur, and back to back with the [6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Adaptation Committee](#) (28-30 September). Further information and relevant documents including the AC's [three-year work plan](#) are available [online](#).

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## ***Initial meeting of the Loss and Damage Executive Committee***

The [initial meeting](#) of the [Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts](#) was held from 25 to 28 March.

During this meeting, the Executive Committee initiated its deliberations on a draft initial two-year work plan to guide the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage. Extensive discussion took place, resulting in the identification of possible focus areas of the work plan with some ideas put forward on concrete actions/activities as well as associated deliverables/milestones, timeframes and responsible actors. The Executive Committee will continue its work to further develop the draft work plan, which will be presented for consideration by the Subsidiary Bodies during the Lima Climate Change Conference (December 2014).

Further information about this meeting as well as background information on the Warsaw International Mechanism and its Executive Committee is available [online](#).

## ***Technology Executive Committee meeting on adaptation technologies***

The [Technology Executive Committee](#) hosted a workshop on adaptation technologies on March 4 in Bonn, Germany, with support from the [Adaptation Committee](#). During the meeting, participants shared experiences and lessons learned from the development and implementation of technologies for adaptation. The workshop identified topics and areas for the development of a series of briefs to promote and accelerate the development and transfer of technologies for adaptation. Further details on outcomes can be found [online](#).

## ***25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, technical meeting on national adaptation plans***

The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) held its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting from 24 to 28 February, as well as a technical meeting on [national adaptation plans](#) in Das es Salaam, Tanzania. During the meeting the LEG interacted with experts from a range of adaptation-relevant fields and constituencies, towards providing input into the [LEG's work](#) and supporting LDCs in the NAP process. Experts from LDCs provided valuable experiences on formulating NAPs. Topics covered included climate data and risk analysis; assessments; economic appraisal; ranking and prioritization of adaptation options; the design of implementation strategies; monitoring and review; national capacity; and coordination. Further information on the LEG's 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, as well as the technical meeting on national adaptation plans, including meeting reports can be found [online](#).

# Collaboration under the NWP

## ***Call for collaboration with Studio Navarra: 'Sustainable Urban Resilience: mobilising resources, coordinating support'***

[Studio Navarra](#) is interested in collaborating with other NWP partners on urban resilience, towards mobilising resources and coordinating support to foster inter-disciplinary approaches, develop innovative policies, projects and collaborations to attain the ambitious targets set by the [European 2020 strategy](#) and the international community, including: sustainable development, energy efficiency, sustainable mobility and air quality and a sustainable innovative economy. Studio Navarra recently hosted a [roundtable discussion on this topic](#) as the first step towards “an open international forum to create consensus on solutions and best practices which can directly impact urban sustainability and resilience as well indirectly produce economic recovery dynamics in order to define the operation of the governance structures which could consolidate and bring forward such an alliance globally”. For more information about this collaboration opportunity, see [www.climatexchange.eu](http://www.climatexchange.eu) (still in beta), and [contact Studio Navarra directly](#).

## ***Knowledge management and collaboration for adaptation***

The COP, by its decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 8, encourages Parties, partner organizations and adaptation practitioners to support the effective implementation of the Nairobi work programme by increasing collaboration with regional centers and networks, in particular those in developing countries, that develop and disseminate information and knowledge at the regional and national levels. In response to this mandate, the United Nations Environment Programme, through its Global Adaptation Network has engaged with the UNFCCC secretariat on developing a demand-driven knowledge framework, with a particular focus on identifying and responding to region-specific and thematic adaptation knowledge needs.

### ***Call for information on NWP partners' activities***

*Has your organization undertaken an activity under the NWP recently?  
Have you made an NWP Action Pledge on this activity? We would like  
to showcase your activity, including outcomes, in the eUpdate.*



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# NWP partnership updates

## Current partnership statistics as of April 2014:

- Number of [partners](#): 285, including 87 private sector partners
- Number of [Action Pledges](#): 181
- Number of partners that have made Action Pledges: 81, including 11 private sector partners

## New partners:

The NWP team at the secretariat would like to welcome the following partners that have joined the work programme since the [November 2013 NWP eUpdate](#):

[Active Remedy Ltd](#)

[The INTASAVE Partnership and CARIBSAVE](#)

[Watershed Organisation Trust \(WOTR\)](#)

[The Department of Marine Affairs of the University of Rhode Island](#)

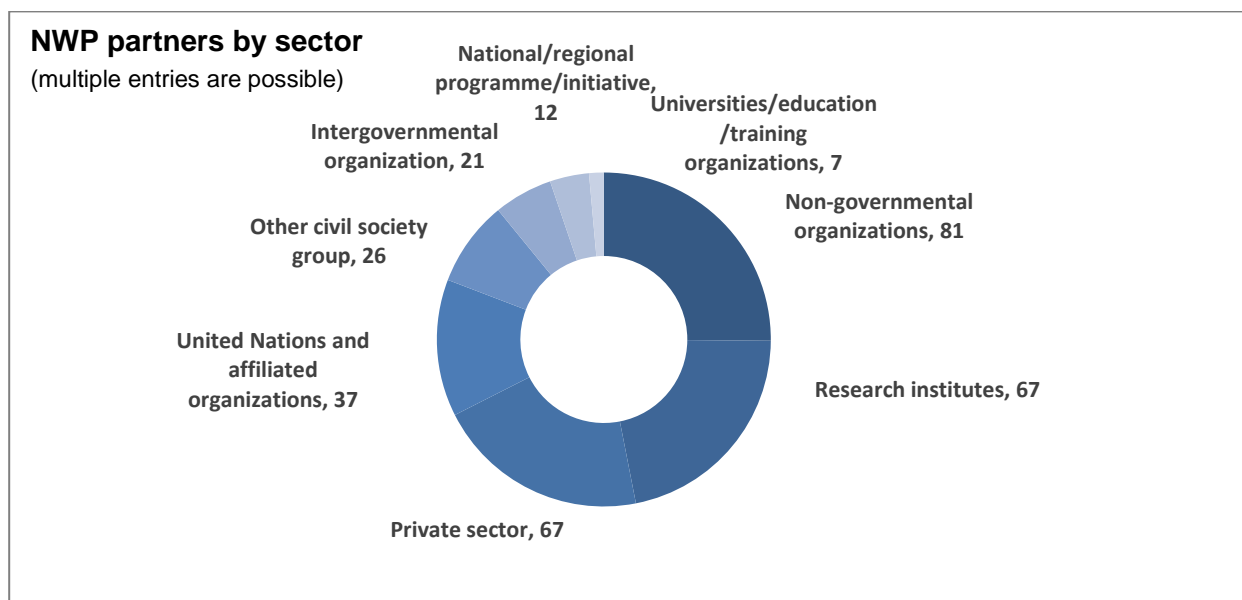
## New Action Pledges and updates on existing pledges

Joint Action Pledge:

[German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut fuer Entwicklungspolitik \(DIE\)](#) and [Climate Impact Research and Response Coordination for a Larger Europe \(CIRCLE-2\)](#): [International Expert Workshop on science-practice interactions for effective climate change adaptation: Identifying new approaches for collaboration between Europe and low-income-countries; Bonn, 29 January 2014](#)

Action Pledge update:

[World Federation of Engineering Organizations \(WFEO\)](#) [Action Pledge update](#)



# Engaging in the implementation of the NWP

The NWP constantly seeks to provide up-to-date knowledge and information on adaptation to Parties and partners. Your organization can help by:

## 1) *Providing information on your organization including adaptation activities*

Please check your partnership page in the [NWP database](#) to ensure that information about your organization and activities on adaptation is up to date. It's easy to make changes; NWP focal points can simply log in and update information.

## 2) *Making Action Pledges*

Action Pledges provide NWP partners with an opportunity to develop adaptation activities and events in relation to the work areas of the programme, and share these activities widely within the growing adaptation community, including with Parties, other NWP partners and relevant stakeholders. As a NWP partner, it's easy to make an Action Pledge, simply log in and '[Create an Action Pledge](#)'. This Pledge will be included in the database of [NWP partners and Action Pledges](#), and shared with the NWP community.

## 3) *Updating the NWP community on progress in implementing Action Pledges*

If you would like to update the NWP community on your organization's progress with the implementation and impact of your Action Pledge(s), it's easy to update the information online. Simply log in and 'Update your Action Pledge'. Your Action Pledge update will be included in the [database of NWP partners and Action Pledges](#), and made available to the adaptation community. NWP partners are able to upload pictures with Action Pledges, which will then be shown on the NWP web page. You can also upload a picture of an already submitted Action Pledge to demonstrate adaptation work undertaken by your organization.

**Please email [nwp@unfccc.int](mailto:nwp@unfccc.int) with any questions.**

### Contribute to The Adaptation Exchange on Facebook



Like 'The Adaptation Exchange'

*The Adaptation Exchange is a community on Facebook for sharing, collaborating and networking on adaptation. It provides a collective space for sharing news and exchanging knowledge on adaptation to climate change across all sectors, levels, scales, and stages of adaptation planning and implementation. We encourage all NWP partners, as well as the wider adaptation community, to contribute and post; and to share stories, information, and views on successes and lessons learned; challenges; solutions; as well as needs. Already, over 4700 individuals and organizations 'like' The Adaptation Exchange. Please contribute to the Exchange and share this community widely within your networks!*



## Other relevant activities

### ***IPCC AR5 WG II report: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability***

The Working Group II contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report, [Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability](#), as well as the [summary for policy makers](#), was released on 31 March 2014. Considering impacts in natural and human systems on all continents and across the oceans caused by changes in climate in recent decades, the report evaluates how patterns of risks and potential benefits are shifting due to climate change. It considers, among others, how impacts and risks related to climate change can be reduced and managed through adaptation and mitigation.

Information is considered by sectors (water resources; ecosystems; food & forests; coastal systems; industry; human health) and regions (Africa; Asia; Australia & New Zealand; Europe; Latin America; North America; Polar Regions; Small Islands). Further information about this report as well as past and upcoming IPCC reports can be found [online](#).



## Momentum for Change – Apply for 2014 Lighthouse Activities

[Applications are being accepted](#) for 2014 Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activities from 31 March to 23 May. If you're leading a small, entrepreneurial project or if you're part of a large initiative that is transforming cities, governments and businesses, you're welcome to [apply](#).

[Momentum for Change](#) is an initiative spearheaded by the UN Climate Change secretariat to shine a light on the enormous groundswell of activities underway across the globe that are moving the world towards a more resilient and low-carbon future. Momentum for Change looks for innovative and transformative solutions that address both climate change and wider economic, social and environmental challenges.

Momentum for Change's Lighthouse Activities highlight some of the most practical, scalable and replicable examples of what people, businesses, governments and industries are doing to tackle climate change.



## Celebrating 20 years of effort and achievement under the UNFCCC

In March 2014 the UNFCCC celebrated its 20th anniversary. Check out the [timeline of major milestones over the last 20 years](#), including adaptation achievements, as well as [perspectives from various voices in the process](#), and [infographics on what's been achieved so far](#).

### Building Resilience in a Changing Climate Adaptation under the UNFCCC

Adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change is vital in order to respond to the impacts of climate change that are already happening, while at the same time prepare for future impacts.

#### Activities on the ground

The UNFCCC has enabled planning and implementation of concrete adaptation activities, including under the National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPs) and the Nairobi work programme. There are 179 NAP projects in the pipeline and 72 ready for, or under full implementation.

