

14th Focal Point Forum

on Biodiversity and Climate Change Adaptation

**Nairobi Work Programme:
The UNFCCC Knowledge-to-Action Hub for Climate Adaptation and Resilience**





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Background

- (i) The role of biodiversity and ecosystems in adaptation action
- (ii) The Nairobi Work Programme: Closing adaptation knowledge gaps to scale up adaptation action
- (iii) Focal Point Forums

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- (i) Segment I: High-level segment
- (ii) Segment II: Technical segment - Integration of biodiversity and climate change adaptation in national priorities and actions
- (iii) Segment III: Interactive session

Executive Summary

Countries are grappling with these significant gaps for integrating biodiversity into adaptation strategies:

1. Challenges in valuing non-monetary social and environmental benefits;
2. Lack of long-term monitoring, evaluation, and learning;
3. Lack of local-level climate projections; and
4. Securing finance.

At the 14th Focal Point Forum, participants shared knowledge, perspectives and technical insights on collaborative actions that can address these gaps with relevant initiatives:

Coastal and adaptation and nature-based solutions for the implementation of NAPs: Considerations for GCF proposal development

UNFCCC Technical Guidelines for the NAP Process

Ecosystems and Technology: Innovative Approaches to Strengthening Coastal and Ocean Adaptation

Biodiversity and Ecosystems in Adaption Action

*Healthy, intact and
functioning ecosystems
are essential elements
in societal adaptation to
climate change impacts.*

See the scoping paper:

<https://unfccc.int/documents/309256>



Ocean & Coastal Ecosystems
buffer against storm surges, sea
level rise, erosion and acidification.



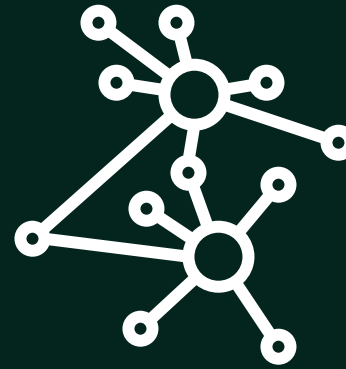
Forest & Grassland Ecosystems
buffer communities from climate
extremes, regulate hydrological
cycles, stabilize soils, and reduce
food insecurity.

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Closing Adaptation Knowledge Gaps to Scale Up Adaptation Action



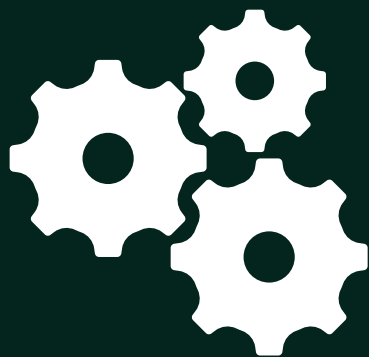
The technical bridge between Parties, constituted bodies and other stakeholders



The UNFCCC knowledge-to-action hub on adaptation and resilience



Supporting the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans



Created in 2005 as the first stakeholder engagement mechanism under the UNFCCC



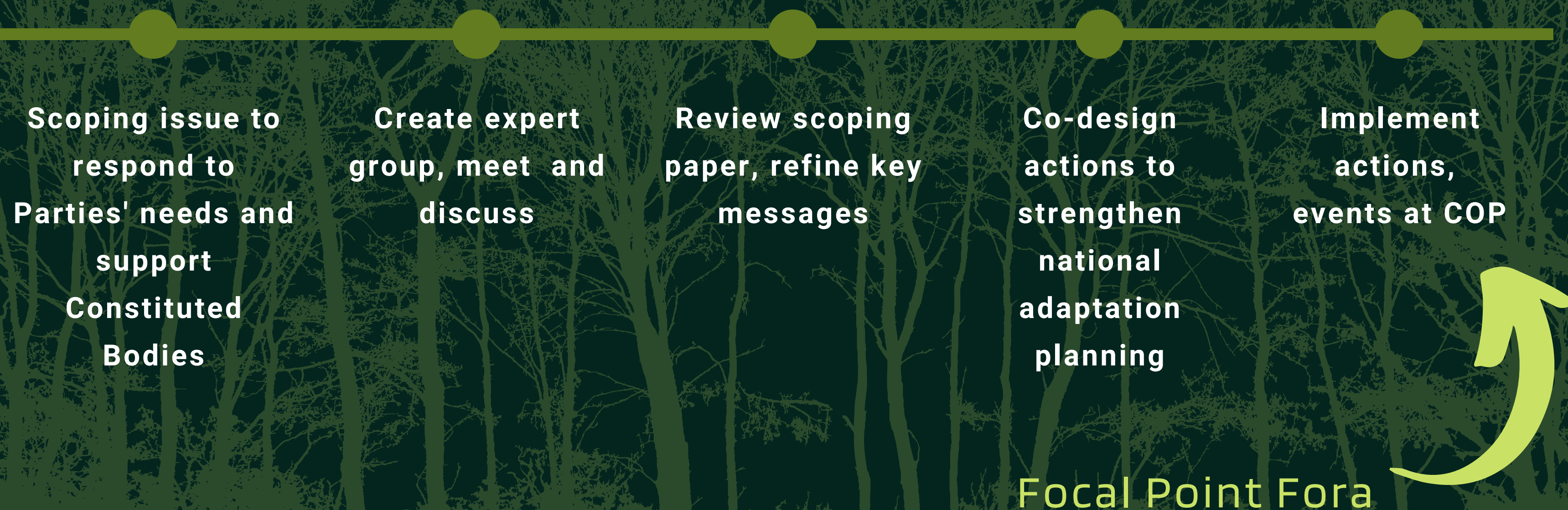
Supporting the biodiversity and climate change work of constituted bodies

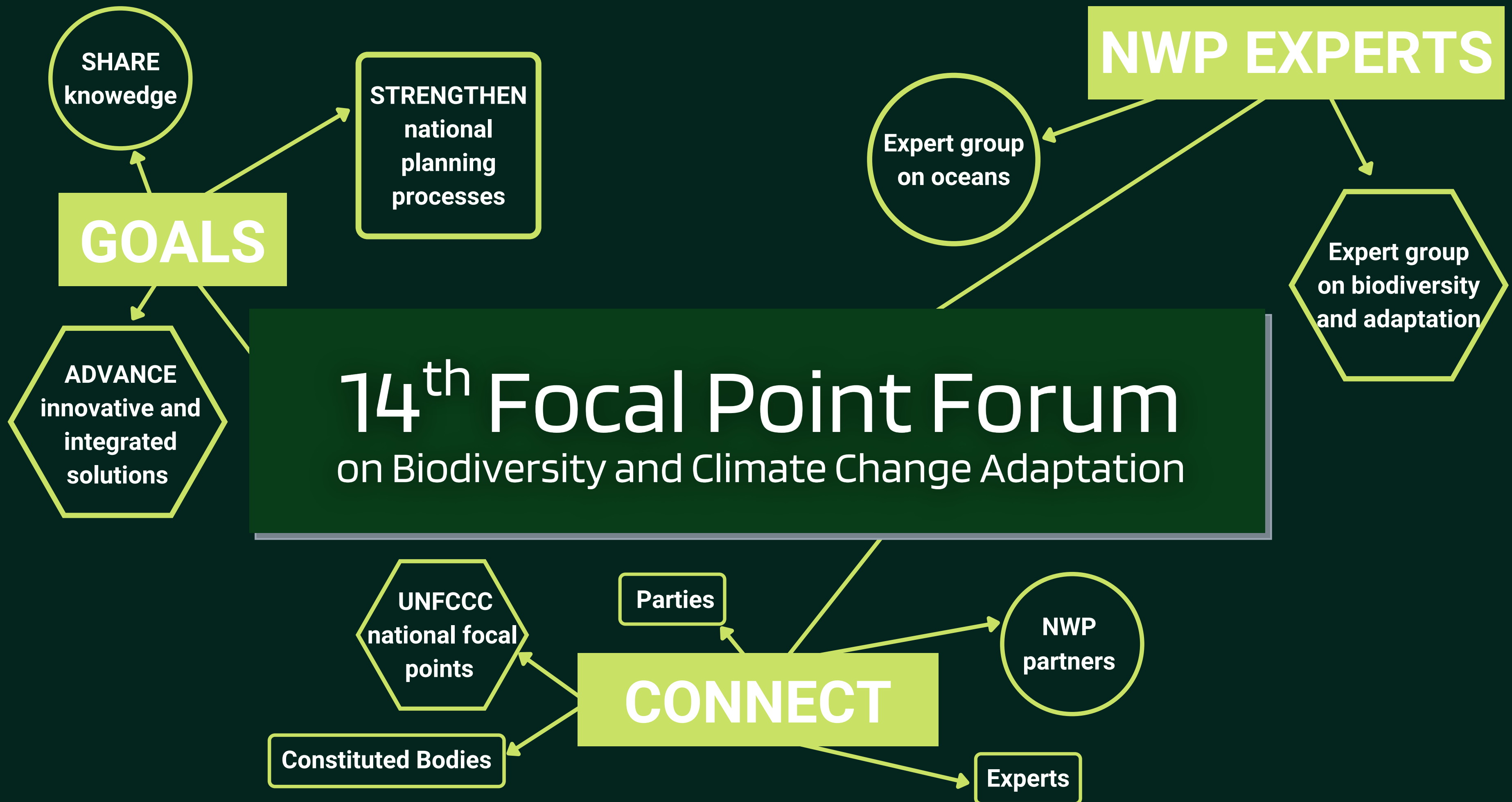


Serving to address Parties' adaptation needs

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Knowledge-to-Action Approach





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Success at COP26 by enhancing Ambition, Finance and Implementation

1

SHARING KNOWLEDGE, PERSPECTIVES AND TECHNICAL INSIGHTS

... about innovative and integrated solutions, including ecosystem-based approaches, integrating biodiversity into national adaptation planning and building the climate resilience of countries in support of the Paris Agreement.

2

CREATING SYNERGIES

... by aligning the work of the collaborative actions under the NWP with national priorities (e.g. National Adaptation Plans, Nationally Determined Contributions), UNFCCC constituted bodies and other global agreements (e.g. UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration).

3

CATALYZING NEW PARTNERSHIPS

... among national experts, UNFCCC national focal points, in particular those representing developing countries, and NWP partners to address urgent national priorities and close adaptation knowledge gaps in biodiversity and climate change adaptation.

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"There is no one solution that fits all – the question is how we can engage across sectors to implement integrated adaptation approaches"

- Dorothee Herr
Manager, Oceans and Climate Change
IUCN

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I. HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

- (i) Opening remarks
- (ii) Keynote speeches

II. TECHNICAL SEGMENT

- (i) Objectives and overview of the NWP
- (ii) Integration of biodiversity and adaptation into national priorities
- (iii) Collaborative actions

III. INTERACTIVE SEGMENT

- (i) Priority knowledge gaps, learning and action

I: High-Level Segment



Key Messages

Solutions should be cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary, supported by partnership and investment

There is an urgent need to address the biodiversity and climate crisis jointly

Coordinated support for developing countries in meeting their adaptation needs is required

Adaptation actions need to focus on promoting synergies



"Biodiversity and the climate crisis are entwined, they can also contribute to sustainable development ... The job we need to do with adaptation can lead to strong livelihoods, and also contribute to the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity"

- Dr. David Cooper
Deputy Executive Secretary
Convention on Biological Diversity

II: Technical Segment

Key Takeaways and Summary

NWP expert group publication on enhancing resilience of oceans, coastal areas and ecosystems highlights collaborative partnerships to enhance ocean and coastal ecosystem resilience and adaptation

Peru demonstrates the need for local knowledge to fill gaps, secure funding, and implement adaptation

Gaps in available scientific data in Nepal is making it difficult to analyze the impact of climate change on forest systems

NWP scoping paper on forest and grassland biodiversity outlines important knowledge gaps on adaptation strategy integration

Partnerships are essential to addressing knowledge gaps

"Nepal's participatory conservation programme is a key tool for conservation in the country; 40% of biodiversity is managed by the community"

- Radha Wagle

Chief of the Climate Change Management Division

Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal

"The synergies between biodiversity and climate change are one of the main aspects considered when developing Peru's NDCs. It is also a key component of Peru's National Adaptation Plan... Peru's National Forest Conservation Program for Climate Change Mitigation incentivizes Indigenous Peoples to continue their normal way of life and thus preserve the forests"

- Rosa Morales Saravia

General Director of Climate Change and Desertification

Ministry of the Environment, Peru

III: Interactive Segment

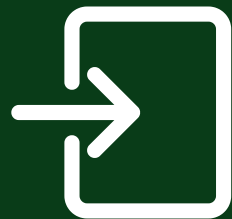
Summary and Key Messages



Enhancing access to finance is necessary to support developing countries to strengthen and implement their climate commitments and resilience needs.



Efforts need to be made to adopt a whole-of-government approach to ensure mitigation and adaptation efforts do not negatively affect biodiversity conservation.



Future Focal Point Fora would benefit from gathering input across varied expert groups and thematic areas. Broad mandates for Focal Point Fora can facilitate synergies across NWP thematic areas.



Strong cooperation with NWP partners enabled a variety of countries and entities to be represented. This enhanced participation, especially with organizations with the capacity to do so.



"The Glasgow Imperative on adaptation talks about how to close the adaptation gap: including finance and the role nature plays, including forests and oceans"

- Vel Gnanendran
Climate and Environment Director, U.K. Presidency



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Adaptation Webpage

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UFCCC News Article

<https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWPStaging/News/Pages/14th-Nairobi-work-programme-Focal-Point-Forum-on-biodiversity-and-climate-change-adaptation.aspx>

ENB Coverage

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