

# The NAP Global Network: Our Offer, Our Results

The NAP Global Network is harnessing the collective knowledge and resources of governments, practitioners, donors and civil society to accelerate and scale up efforts in national adaptation planning and implementation.

The Network focuses on activities that:

- **Facilitate sustained peer learning and exchange** on challenges and opportunities associated with national adaptation planning and implementation;
- **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.

To inform our activities and share lessons that emerge with wider audiences, the Network also produces research and knowledge products on key emerging issues related to the NAP process.

The following provides an overview of the Network's offerings and examples of recent success stories.

## National Adaptation Plan Global Network Activities



### SUSTAINED PEER LEARNING & EXCHANGE

- » Targeted Topics Forum & follow-ups
- » South-south peer technical exchanges



### ENHANCING BILATERAL SUPPORT

- » Technical resources & targeted analysis
- » Coordination meetings and facilitated dialogues
- » Featuring bilateral support through communications materials



### NATIONAL-LEVEL ACTION

- Country Support Hub
- » Expert advice
- » Targeted technical assistance
- » NAP Assemblies

ANALYSIS, COMMUNICATIONS & KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS



# SUSTAINED PEER LEARNING & EXCHANGE

## What We Offer

One way that the Network is creating opportunities for sustained peer learning is by establishing two global peer groups of developing country adaptation planners, each of which comes together at an annual **Targeted Topics Forum (TTF)**.

TTFs are an opportunity for adaptation planners to learn about and share experiences on specific technical topics related to the NAP process. So far, the Network has focused on:

- integration of adaptation considerations into sectoral planning;
- vertical integration in the NAP process;
- fostering high-level political support for NAPs;
- options for financing NAP implementation; and
- monitoring and evaluation in the NAP process.

Each peer group brings together between 8-10 developing countries, with each country's team consisting of its NAP focal point, a representative from the ministry of planning or finance, and a representative from a climate-sensitive sector (such as agriculture). Donor representatives also attend each TTF to learn about how they can best support partner countries based on the adaptation priorities that countries are identifying through the NAP process.

To ensure that lessons emerging from TTFs inform action, the Network Secretariat follows up with participating countries in between events to check in on whether countries are taking next steps they identified at TTF, and whether the Network can provide any further support to help them do so.

The Network also offers **South-South peer exchanges** that match participants with peers in other countries who are addressing similar questions in their NAP processes. Peer exchanges take place at a NAP-related event in a host country, with international participants sharing experiences on specific topics that their host is interested in.

## Success Stories

Albania has participated in two TTFs so far as a member of our first peer group. Building on this, in June 2016, the Network helped Albania convene a "NAP Assembly" for the launch of its NAP document, which focused on next steps for implementing the NAP and ways that development partners could support this implementation. At the request of Albania's NAP focal point, the Network also supported a peer exchange, bringing representatives from Grenada and the Philippines to attend the Albanian NAP Assembly, and share their experiences and insights on approaches Albania could take to move their NAP process forward.

"Listening to the experience of Grenada, one of the most important lessons from our point of view was the mainstreaming of adaptation into sectoral plans, including the integration of adaptation into the water sector and coastal zone management," said Laureta Dibra, Albania's NAP focal point. Another participant, Ernest Shtepani from Albania's Directory of Territorial Development, noted that the Philippines' People's Survival Fund, which channels funding from the national budget towards adaptation efforts of local governments, provide for a best practice example of how to channel funds for adaptation in ways that will help to ensure sub-national actors have the resources they need to act on priorities identified in the NAP.



*Panel members at the NAP Assembly for the launch of Albania's NAP document in June 2016.*

Martina Duncan, Grenada's climate change focal point who participated in the peer exchange, also saw Albania's NAP Assembly as a learning opportunity for her country: She noted that she would be interested in hosting a similar event when her country was finalizing their NAP document. Acting on this, Grenada did hold its own NAP Assembly in October 2016 with assistance from GIZ as part of the Grenadian-German Integrated Climate Change Adaptation Strategies Programme (funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment as part of its International Climate Initiative – IKI) and in collaboration with the NAP Global Network.

Ms. Duncan commented on how participation in the Network's broader peer learning and exchange activities, including the Targeted Topics Forum, has informed aspects of Grenada's NAP process. At the 2016 TTF on options for financing implementation of NAPs, she says, "I realized that we didn't have strong community-based organization (CBO), civil society, or private sector engagement in our adaptation processes at the decision-making level or at the National Climate Change Committee level. So we actually addressed that and we do now have both private sector and civil society represented on our National Climate Change Committee as well as our project steering committees for the projects."

### Martina Duncan, Climate Change Focal Point, Grenada



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## SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL-LEVEL ACTION

### What We Offer

Through the Network's [Country Support Hub](#), participants working for developing country governments can request free expert advice and/or short-term, targeted in-country support on specific issues that will help them to maintain momentum in their NAP process or its implementation.

The support offered through the Country Support Hub is intended to complement the broader NAP support provided by other development partners or NAP support programs. Examples of support we can offer include providing expert advice from a distance; providing in-country technical support to address a specific, short-term gap that is slowing down a country's NAP process (for example, we could conduct feed-in analysis or develop strategies to support implementation); and providing support for countries to convene meetings with key stakeholders to advance or build support for the NAP process.

### Success Stories

In response to requests received from Network participants, the following examples show how the Network is providing responsive support for NAP processes:

- In **Morocco**, the Network is engaging a local consultant to support the Ministry of Environment to raise awareness of—and build support for—the country's NAP Road Map, in coordination with GIZ Morocco's Environmental Governance and Climate project.
- In **Botswana**, the Network is supporting an international expert to lead a three-day training course on preparing to undertake a NAP process, including vulnerability and adaptation assessments. Participants in this training course include climate scientists, government officials and NGO staff. This course is expected to help raise awareness of the NAP process and how different in-country actors can contribute.



Colleagues at a Caribbean NAP Assembly in October 2016.

# ENHANCING BILATERAL SUPPORT

## What We Offer

The NAP Global Network helps 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.

## Success Stories

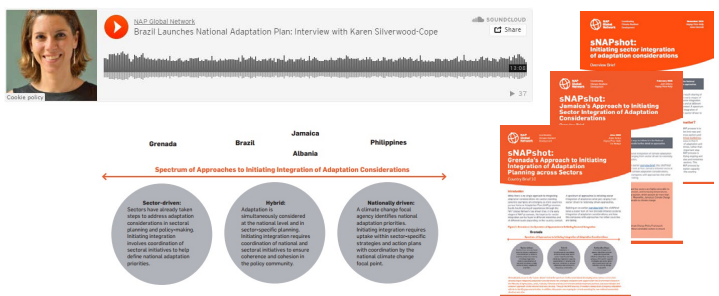
Recent activities in the Caribbean region demonstrate the type of coordinated and effective support that the Network aims to achieve. Building on early sharing that took place regarding US support for Jamaica's NAP process and German support for Grenada's, the Network collaborated with another NAP support program, the UNDP-Japan Caribbean Climate Change Program, to host a regional workshop involving 10 Caribbean countries. This workshop was an opportunity for countries to learn about the NAP process and the lessons that have emerged in Jamaica and

Grenada. It was also a chance for a broader group of development partners and collaborators in the region—including Canada, the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, and UN agencies—to hear how they can best support countries' progress in the NAP process.

"Coordination is one of the key issues in countries where we're working alongside other bilateral development partners," said Yoko Ebisawa, Project Manager of the UNDP-Japan Caribbean Climate Change Partnership. "In St Lucia for example, we are working towards an overarching NAP, but they have a strong policy already. We don't want to be duplicating efforts but compliment their efforts by prioritizing sectors and develop one sector strategy—we want to make sure our support is filling gaps and going where it most needed."

## RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS ON KEY NAP-RELATED ISSUES

To support our activities and to make lessons that emerge through them available to a broader audience, the Network also produces analysis and knowledge products on emerging technical topics related to the NAP process. These include thematic publications on topics such as vertical integration in the NAP process, profiles of specific aspects of countries' NAP processes in our sNAPshots series, as well as webinars, blogs and podcasts.



### 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. If interested in joining the NAP Global Network, you can [sign up online](#).

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