



LESOTHO PERSPECTIVE ON THE NAP PROCESS

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Existing enabling environment

Institutional arrangements

- Institution responsible for climate change defined and established
- National climate change committee established
- Parliament portfolio committee on climate change established

Status of implementation of NAPA

2 NAPA projects funded through the LDCF

Total priorities addressed in 2 projects: 3/11

Project #1

Title: Improvement of EWS to reduce impacts of CC and capacity-building to integrate CC into development plans

Funding from LDCF/co-financing (USD million): 1.735/4.456

Status of implementation: Implementation on the ground under way

Project #2

Title: Adaptation of small scale agriculture production

Funding from LDCF/co-financing (USD million): 4.763/13.000

Status of implementation: Project proposal at an early stage of LDCF

Project cycle

Summary/NAPA Projects

- Almost 2 decades after Rio and UNFCCC process
- Signalled a start of activities to address UNFCCC objective to adapt to climate change
- Restored confidence/centrality of UNFCCC in the global climate change process

Other adaptation projects/programmes

1: Africa Adaptation Programme (AAP)

In Lesotho,

- focus on long-term planning capacities, institutional and human resource capacities, policies and measures and sustainable financing strategy.
- Promotes integrated approach to mainstreaming climate change
- Groundwork and learning process for future adaptation activities

2: Bilateral with Japan

- Building capacity to adapt in the water sector
- Addresses disaster preparedness

3: EU/Ireland programme

- Strengthening of capacities of key institutions
- Policy and legal frameworks and pilot adaptation projects

Other climate change related efforts

National Policies

National vision 2020

- Established in 2005
- Under the environment section, the document notes climate change as a critical factor in achieving the goal of a “well managed environment

National Strategic Development Plan

- 2012 - 2016
- Chapter: Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change

Others

- 1st NC
- 2nd NC to be completed in May 2012
- 3rd NC commences in July 2012
- Activity on renewable energy-based rural electrification (GEF Trust Fund)

NAP process – our vision

- Overarching goal: similar to NAPA = reducing vulnerability to CC impacts/enhancing adaptive capacity
- Opportunities offered by the NAP process:
 - Addressing medium- and long-term adaptation concerns and needs
 - Alignment of development and poverty reduction efforts with efforts to tackle the adverse impacts of climate change
- Comprehensive and inclusive: all sectors, scales (national, transboundary, sub-regional, local, community levels), governance and legislation.
- Synergies with other initiatives AAP, EU, bilaterals and national
- Nationally driven for ownership and sustainability

NAP process – our vision (contd)

- Lesotho is fully aware that:
 - NAP process is more complex than NAPA process
- Lesotho also understands that embarking on the NAP process requires, among other things:
 - Substantial scaling-up of existing efforts at national and global levels
 - Efforts to be put in establishing regular national policy dialogues on adaptation to climate change
 - Be prepared to shift the focus from delivery of outputs (=what we do?) to delivery of outcomes (=what difference does it make?)

NAP process – support and needs

- **Finance**
 - Scaled-up, additional and predictable
- **Research**
 - Institutional mechanism to support CC research and analysis
- **Knowledge sharing**
 - e.g CC related to data collection, analysis, storage and archiving
- **Capacity-building**
 - Including: for Government and community levels and for capturing indigenous knowledge
- Enhance **engagement with regional programmes** and initiatives support



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