



Adaptation deliberations under the UNFCCC processes

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Outline

1. Adaptation under the UNFCCC process
 - Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)
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2. Opportunities to link the experiences of the DRR community
3. Towards COP 15, Copenhagen



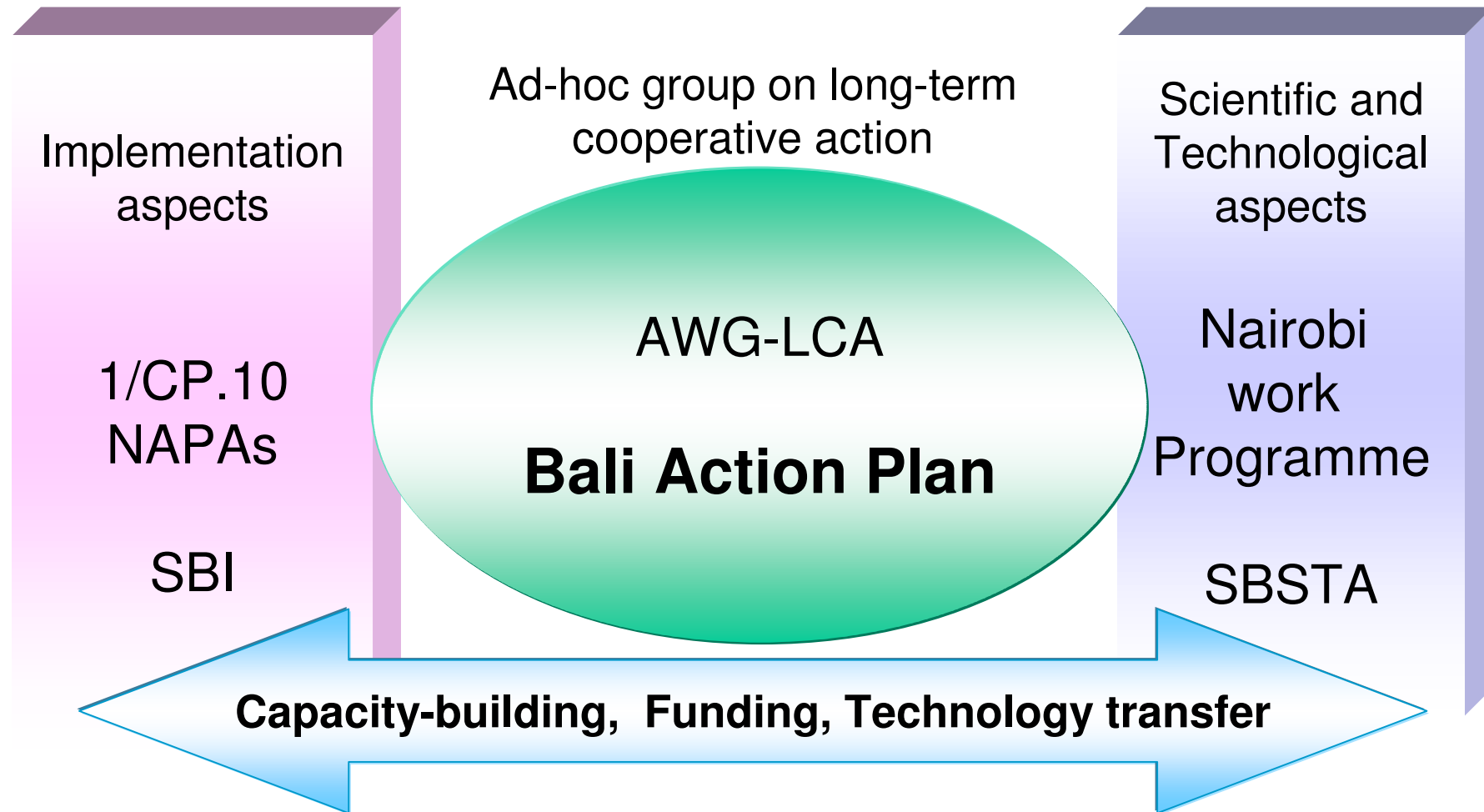
Adaptation under the Convention

The Convention commits that...

- All Parties, ..., shall: formulate, implement, publish and regularly update, ... **measures to facilitate adequate adaptation to climate change**” [Article 4.1 (b)]
- All Parties shall “**Cooperate in preparing for adaptation to the impacts of climate change**; ... ” [Article 4.1 (e)]
- The developed country Parties...shall also assist the developing country Parties... **in meeting costs of adaptation** to those adverse effects. [Article 4.4]
- All Parties are required to take the actions necessary related to funding, **insurance** and the transfer of technology, to meet the **specific needs and concerns of developing countries** arising from the adverse effects of climate change. [Article 4.8]



Complementary tracks on adaptation under the UNFCCC processes



Implementation aspects

(Subsidiary Body for Implementation: SBI)

- **Decision 1/CP.10: Buenos Aires programme of work on adaptation and response measures**
 - Regional workshops (2006-2007)
- **National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs)**
 - Urgent and immediate adaptation needs in LDCs;
 - 39 NAPAs submitted to date, 430 projects
 - 8 projects – disaster management
 - 17 projects – early warning & forecasting
 - 1 project – insurance to cope with climatic disasters



Knowledge, methodological and technical aspects (Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice: SBSTA)

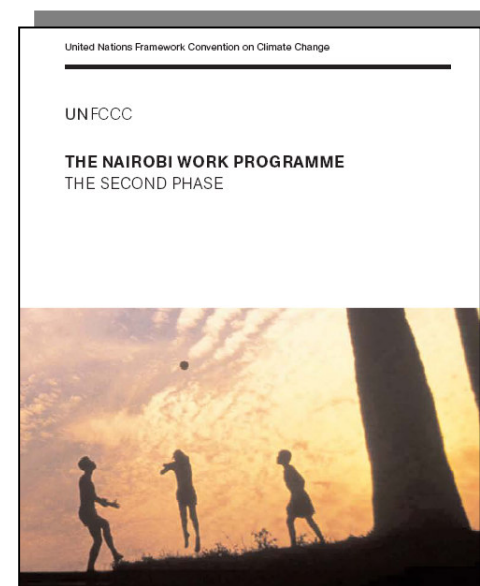
Decision 2/CP.11: Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

1. Assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including LDCs & SIDS:

- to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation
- to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions

2. 9 areas of work

- Climate-related risks & extreme events
- Adaptation planning & practices
- Socio-economic information
- Methods & tools
- Data & observations
- Economic diversification
- Research
- Climate modelling, scenarios and downscaling
- Technology for adaptation



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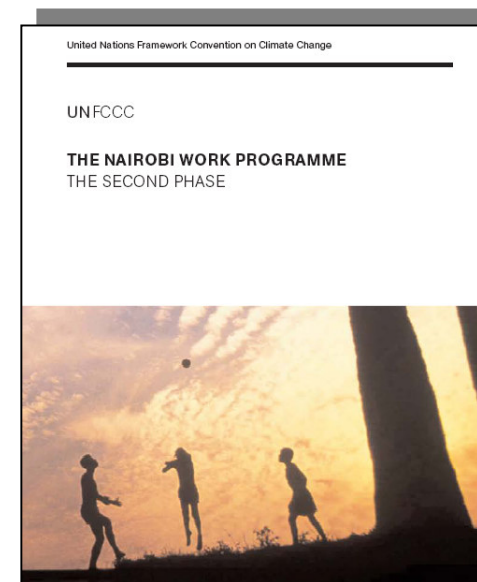
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3. Approach to implementation

- Mandated SBSTA activities
- Furthering the reach of the mandated activities
- Catalysing action on adaptation at all levels through:
 - NWP partner organizations
 - Action Pledges
 - Calls for Actions
 - Focal point forum
 - Official submissions, relevant information
 - Adaptation practices interface

4. Emphasis on the second phase (2008 ~)

- Promote activities by regional centres and new/existing networks
- Activities at the national/regional levels
- Activities on education, training and public awareness



Ad Hoc Working Group – Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA)

Decision 1/CP.13: Bali Action Plan

Enhanced action on adaptation

1. including consideration of:

- International cooperation to support urgent implementation of adaptation actions;
 - Integration of adaptation actions into sectoral and national planning, specific projects and programmes;
 - Means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions.
- **Risk management and risk reduction strategies;**
- **Disaster reduction strategies** and means to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries;
- Economic diversification to build resilience;
- Ways to strengthen the catalytic role of the Convention.



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2. In-session workshops:

- Advancing adaptation through finance and technology, including NAPAs (AWG-LCA2);
- **Risk management and risk reduction strategies**, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms, such as insurance (AWG-LCA4).

3. **Four components in adaptation** deliberations under the BAP

- National Planning for Adaptation
- Streamlining and scaling up financial and technological support
- Enhancing knowledge sharing
- Institutional frameworks for adaptation



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In-session workshop on **Risk management and risk reduction strategies, including risk sharing and transfer mechanisms, such as insurance**

- Regional and national perspectives, lessons learned, further needs were presented, e.g.
 - AOSIS: Multi-Window Mechanisms
 - MCII: The Risk Management Framework
 - EU: Framework for Action on Adaptation

- Discussion centred around...
 - Reiterated **DRR as an integral part of a future adaptation strategy**
 - Capacity and lessons learned from DRR institutions, policies and practices can be used to support adaptation
 - Need to develop enabling environments for implementing risk management and risk reduction strategies
 - **Lessons to be drawn from experience in implementing the HFA** include:
 - sector-specific risk reduction plans;
 - risk assessments; early warning systems and emergency preparedness;
 - risk-based economics and financing; and knowledge and tools development.
 - Financial mechanisms for risk sharing and risk transfer have the potential to stimulate preventive action, as well as to provide support for disaster relief and recovery
 - Need for joint schemes and international and regional coordination



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Opportunities to link the experiences of the DRR community

- **Scale up involvement in the Nairobi work programme (NWP)**
 - Mandated SBSTA activities
 - Submissions (official and informal)
 - Become a NWP partner
 - Focal point forum
 - Make Action Pledges and provide updates on implementation/outcomes of your activities, responding to:
 - Needs and gaps in adaptation identified through NWP workshops
 - Calls for Action for 9 areas of work
 - Summary report on the first phase of the NWP
 - SBSTA 29 conclusions and its annex

These mandates provide the DRR community opportunities to inform the SBSTA (=Parties) of their relevant activities



Opportunities to link the experiences of the DRR community

- **AWG-LCA process: Copenhagen Agreed Outcome (CAO)**
 - Submissions and deliberations reflected the need:
 - To enhance risk management and risk reduction actions under the UNFCCC process, taking into consideration the HFA;
 - To engage the private sector and other stakeholders;
 - To build capacity in risk reduction and management;
 - To develop risk sharing/transfer mechanisms, such as insurance; possibly building on the AOSIS or MCII proposals in this regard.
 - National channel: Liaise with national delegates to inform DRR experiences
 - Collaborate regionally to take a joint position



Towards COP 15, Copenhagen

- **NWP workshops**
 - Integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management, and DRR strategies into national policies and programmes. 10-12 March, Cuba
 - Increasing economic resilience to climate change and reducing reliance on vulnerable economic sectors. April, Egypt
 - Advancing the integration of various approaches to adaptation planning, including scaling up of local and community-based adaptation. September
- **AWG-LCA 5:** 29 March – 8 April, Bonn
pre-sessional events
- **AWG-LCA 6 & SB 30:** 1 – 12 June, Bonn
- **AWG-LCA 7:** 28 Sept – 9 October, Bangkok
- **AWG-LCA 8, COP 15 and CMP 5:**
7 - 18 December, Copenhagen





Thank you!

**For more information on
adaptation under the
Convention, see**

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