

Consultation Meeting on a Water Supplement to UNFCCC LEG's technical guidelines for the National Adaption Plan process

*Thursday, 5 September 2013, 9:00-13:00
Room K15, World Water Week venue, Stockholm
Chair: GWP and UN-Water*

Background

Adaptation to climate change is becoming a routine and necessary component of planning at all levels. At its seventeenth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) acknowledged that national adaptation planning can enable all developing and least developed country (LDC) Parties to assess their vulnerabilities, to mainstream climate change risks and to address adaptation. The COP also acknowledged that, because of their development status, climate change risks magnify development challenges for LDCs, and recognized the need to address adaptation planning in the broader context of sustainable development planning. With this in mind, the COP established the national adaptation plan (NAP) process as a way to facilitate effective adaptation planning in LDCs and other developing countries.

The UNFCCC LDC Expert Group recently issued technical guidelines for the NAP process.¹

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is working jointly with the UNFCCC LEG to develop a Water Supplement to complement the technical guidelines for the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process. The Water Supplement will be used to support countries on water issues, and it will align with the overall objectives of the NAP process.

Objective of the Water Supplement

The Water Supplement will serve as technical support to countries, through their water departments, agencies and ministries, working with relevant stakeholders, in developing water NAPs and addressing water issues as part of national NAP processes.

Stakeholder consultation meeting

The purpose of the stakeholder consultation meeting is to seek input on the Water Supplement, from stakeholders working on water and climate change adaptation.



¹ http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/cancun_adaptation_framework/application/pdf/naptechguidelines_eng_high__res.pdf

Expected outcomes of the consultation meeting

1. Share information on the NAPs process under the UNFCCC
2. Enhance understanding of the technical guidelines on the NAPs process, developed by the LEG
3. Identify opportunities for involvement of water stakeholders in the NAPs process, at different levels
4. Provide input on the scope and content of the Water Supplement
5. Provide examples of potential case studies to include in the Water Supplement

MEETING AGENDA

9:00	Welcome by <i>Dr. Ania Grobicki, GWP Executive Secretary</i> and remarks from <i>David Coates, UN-Water</i> Objectives and scope of meeting - <i>Alex Simalabwi, Global Water and Climate Programme Coordinator, GWP</i> Introduction to the Technical Guidelines for the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process - <i>Paul V. Desanker, UNFCCC</i> Progress to date - Water Supplement to NAPs Technical Guidelines - <i>Dr. Nigel Walmsley, HR Wallingford</i>
10:00	Panel discussion moderated by <i>Prof. Torkil Jønych Clausen, GWP Senior Advisor</i> Reflections on the Water Supplement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Joakim Harlin, UNDP (tbc)</i>• <i>Ms. Kathleen Dominique, OECD</i>• <i>Mr. Bai Mass Taal, AMCOW</i>• <i>Dr. Ian Makin, ADB</i>• <i>Dr. Akissa Bahri, AfDB (tbc)</i>• <i>Mr. John Matthews, AGWA</i>
10:45	Coffee Break
11:00	Round table discussions in breakout groups to share views of the key points for the outcomes of the Water Supplement - <i>George Woolhouse, HR Wallingford</i> 4 groups facilitated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ms. Sonja Koepfel, UNECE</i>• <i>Mr. David Purkey, SEI</i>• <i>Mr. Seleshi Bekele, UNECA</i>• <i>Dr. Klas Sandström, NIRAS</i>
12:00	Reporting back from the round table discussions
12:45	Summary and way forward by <i>Prof. Torkil Jønych Clausen, GWP Senior Advisor</i> Closing by <i>David Coates, UN-Water and Paul V. Desanker, UNFCCC</i>