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PROGRESS REPORT

Building Resilience to Global Risks

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The NAP Global Network was created in 2014 to support developing countries in advancing their NAP processes, and help accelerate adaptation efforts around the world. To achieve this, the Network facilitates sustained South–South peer learning and exchange, supports national-level action on NAP development and implementation, and enhances bilateral support for adaptation and climate-sensitive sectors through donor coordination. The Network's members include individual participants from more than 150 countries involved in developing and implementing National Adaptation Plans, as well as 11 donor country members. Financial support for the Network has been provided by Austria, Canada, Germany, and the United States. The opinions stated in this report do not necessarily reflect the policies or opinions of the Network's funders or participants.

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"Today, my government is hard at work on a national adaptation plan, reaching out to communities across the nation. I am inspired by my people's determination to adapt in a way that not only ensures survival, but secures a fairer and more just future."

H.E. David Kabua, President of the Republic of Marshall Islands, writing in *The Guardian*, September 2020.

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"The resources we need to adapt to current and imminent climate-driven disaster risks are within reach. As an example, it would take an estimated 50 billion U.S. dollars annually to meet the adaptation requirements set out by 50 developing countries for the coming decade. This amount is dwarfed by the global response to the economic impact of COVID-19 which has already passed 10 trillion U.S. dollars … This money should be used for the essential task of creating jobs, whilst at the same time also facilitating a green, inclusive, and resilient recovery."

World Disasters Report 2020, "Come Heat or High Water: Tackling the humanitarian impacts of the climate crisis together." International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, September 2020

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Risk and resilience were dominant themes in 2020.

While the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the speed and severity of some of the emerging risks we face, the unrelenting impacts of climate change served as a reminder of the ongoing (and growing) risks we still struggle to manage. In many cases, we saw the pandemic and climate crises converge, whether through amplified impacts or win–win recovery solutions. Either way, the case for building resilience to a range of different but oftentimes mutually reinforcing risks was clear.

National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes are an essential part of the global effort to strengthen resilience in a changing climate. The **NAP Global Network** was created to support developing countries in accelerating adaptation planning and action.

Our vision is a world where communities and countries—particularly the poorest and most vulnerable—are able to articulate, work toward and realize their development aspirations in a changing climate. This is possible by having national adaptation planning processes that are aligned with development priorities and effectively channelling resources to the people, places and systems that need them most.

Our mission is to harness the collective knowledge and resources of governments, practitioners, donors and civil society to build capacities and accelerate the formulation and implementation of NAP processes.

Our goal is to enhance national adaptation planning and action in developing countries. To achieve this, we:

- **Facilitate sustained South–South peer learning and exchange** on the NAP process.
- **Support national-level action** on NAP development and implementation.
- **Produce knowledge, communications, and analysis** on effective NAP processes.

Across these activities, we also work to enhance bilateral donor coordination.

This is our third progress report. It covers our activities from December 2019 to November 2020.

IN THIS REPORT:

- *we*, *us*, *our* and *Network* mean the NAP Global Network
- *NAP* stands for national adaptation plan

NETWORK SECRETARIAT

- International Institute for Sustainable Development

NETWORK FUNDERS

In the time period covered by this report, the Network Secretariat received funding from:

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- The Government of Canada
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- Women Deliver
- NDC Partnership Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP)

Foreword

This year, we have seen how an invisible virus has put humanity on the edge. For years—and even months before COVID spread throughout the globe—scientists warned governments of the possibility of a global pandemic and exhorted them to take a stance to prevent this disaster. The request fell on deaf ears. This "new normal" we are living is, in part, due to the fact that many governments around the world ignored that warning.

Likewise, the scientific community has also been warning the world about climate change consequences; for example: a rise in the earth's temperature could have far greater and more serious effects than those caused by the pandemic. However, it seems that we, as a whole planet, haven't yet recognized the gravity of this situation. What are we waiting for? Should we suffer fatal consequences for the mere reason that we didn't take timely action, as we did with the COVID-19 pandemic? Or, can we take action on climate change and work together towards building a stronger society and a healthier environment?

During the last few years, Peru has taken ambitious and clear climate change actions. Peru was the first Latin American country to ratify the Paris Agreement and also among the first countries to enact a Framework Law on Climate Change. We are also leaders in recognizing the importance that Indigenous peoples have in shaping the country's strategy on climate change. Our progress is the result of joint efforts among stakeholders from the national, and subnational governments, as well as civil society and the private sector.

Because of its great biodiversity, Peru is one of the countries in the world that is going to be most affected by climate change. Every economic sector will be affected by this, so will every person.

In order to face this imminent danger, we are developing a National Adaptation Plan that will help us build our resilience to climate change in a way that is effective, multi-sectoral, and socially just. This plan will be an essential part of Peru's response to climate change.

I acknowledge and thank the NAP Global Network for providing financial and technical support to this plan with funding from the United States government.

In order to address a global challenge, every individual and institution must change its mentality. In this effort we must empower the youth and increase the level of awareness around the concept of environmental conservation and sustainability. Only by achieving this goal will we be able to say that we as a society have a future.

Thank you.

Gabriel Quijandría Acosta

Mr. Gabriel Quijandría, Minister of the Environment of Peru

Director's Message

NAP FACTS

125

Number of developing countries that have initiated and launched the NAP process*

100%

Percentage of completed NAPs that include Early Warning Systems as a priority**

100%

Percentage of completed NAPs that include 'agriculture' and 'health' as priority sectors

100%

Percentage of NAP documents that highlight the importance of ecosystems for adaptation

34 of 35

Number of sampled Green Climate Fund NAP Readiness proposals that include an overarching commitment to integrating gender

This past year challenged the world in unprecedented ways. The COVID-19 global pandemic brought to light the structural inequalities and inefficiencies that make our societies fragile. These drivers of vulnerability and risk are also being exacerbated by the effects of climate change. Building resilience to a range of shocks and stresses has never been more important.

The events of 2020 highlighted the value of vehicles for strategic planning and implementation like the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process. The NAP process is about putting adaptation at the heart of decision making. It is a government-led process that drives coordination, identifies policy priorities, mobilizes resources, and tracks progress in countries' efforts to manage climate risk—all while promoting gender equality and social inclusion so that nobody is left behind.

The investments made in this effort should be leveraged for COVID-19 response; indeed, NAPs can provide roadmaps for resilient recovery, offering solutions that simultaneously help countries manage climate risks, deal with the impacts of COVID-19, and prepare for the next shock or stress. More than this, though, COVID-19 further reinforces the need for national adaptation support. In other words, it's not just about adaptation actions being aligned with and useful to pandemic recovery efforts; the pandemic demonstrated that had investments already been made in certain adaptation priorities—e.g., nature-based solutions that boost water and sanitation services, climate-smart agriculture that increases food security, stronger capacities in risk communications—some of the worst impacts of COVID-19 might have been avoided.

2020 also marks the five-year anniversary of the Paris Agreement and the ratcheting up of ambition on climate action. The urgency of the climate crisis has not subsided and, as we've seen through the efforts of countries who submitted new or updated nationally determined contributions (NDCs), commitment to ambition has not been swayed by the challenges of COVID-19. Because NAP processes play an important role in establishing and achieving the adaptation goals that many countries are including in their NDCs, the Network will continue to offer support to ensure NDC and NAP processes are aligned and mutually reinforcing.

Global progress is a collection of local-to-national-to-regional stories of achievement. Looking back on 2020, we are inspired by what country partners accomplished through their NAP processes—especially during such turbulent times. For example, **Peru** completed the final draft of the country's first NAP and is ready to move forward with a well-developed plan that promotes gender equality, as well as intergenerational and intercultural justice. **Colombia** continued its move from adaptation planning to implementation by designing an early warning system that enables water service providers to offer more reliable,

* United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat. (November 2020). Progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans. https://unfccc.int/documents/266467

** World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (October 2020). State of Climate Services 2020 Report. https://public.wmo.int/en/resources/library/2020-state-of-climate-services-report

efficient, and cost-effective services—consequently improving people's well-being. **Fiji** developed a costing methodology to accelerate the implementation of the adaptation actions contained in its 2018 NAP. **Kiribati** and **Tuvalu** developed nationally owned and operated integrated vulnerability assessment systems that will document the impacts of climate change felt by their communities and ensure they inform national policy. **Ethiopia** prepared an implementation roadmap to ensure government resources are appropriately allocated, necessary capacities built, and critical systems established for the implementation of their NAP. **Ghana** developed a strategy for the effective integration of gender considerations into its NAP process. And recognizing the urgent need to engage a broader swathe of actors in the NAP process, **Saint Lucia**, **Viet Nam**, and **Ghana** developed private sector engagement strategies.

These inspiring stories of progress on NAPs reflect what countries accomplished despite the disruptions and pressures they faced from the COVID-19 pandemic. The NAP Global Network Secretariat likewise adjusted our 2020 work plan and continued to support partner countries throughout the year. We provided technical support to 27 developing countries, including a record number of short-term technical support requests being completed through our Country Support Hub. We also successfully completed 10 longer-term in-country programs on schedule and with major adaptation governance wins and launched two new multi-year NAP support programs in Republic of Marshall Islands and Côte d'Ivoire.

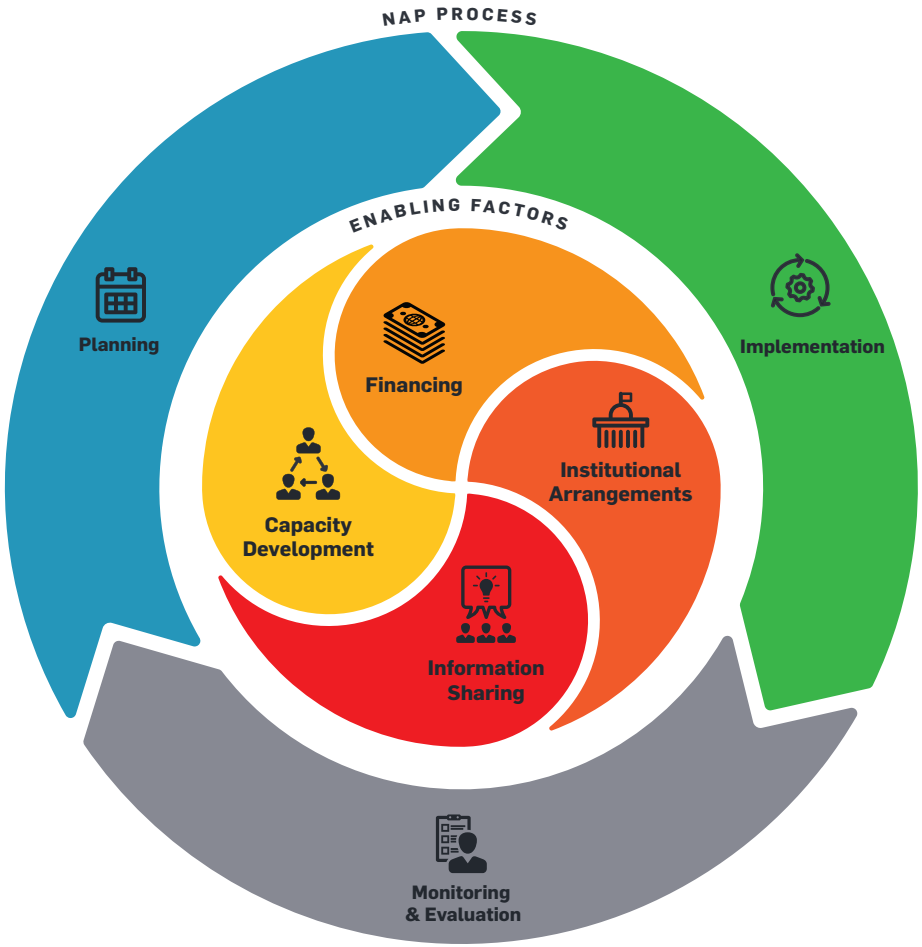
Meanwhile, we also pushed for a bigger and more influential presence in (mostly virtual) conversations around adaptation. We highlighted the important topics of gender equality and social inclusion, as well as private sector engagement in NAP processes, by launching signature guidance documents on each and organizing a range of virtual events to reach different audiences. The year ended with a spotlight on nature-based solutions (NbS), recognizing that ecosystem services help reduce communities' vulnerability to climate change while generating other socio-economic benefits. We conducted a review of NAP documents to understand if and/or how NbS are being addressed, as NAPs are an important vehicle for implementing NbS at scale.

Today, the Network connects with over 1,400 individual members from more than 150 countries. We will keep growing the Network and deepening existing connections as we move forward, together, in the global effort to accelerate adaptation action. COVID-19 may have disrupted plans, but this did not dampen commitment or ambition – both among our country partners and in the NAP Global Network Secretariat.

Who knows what the world will be like in 2021? What we do know is that the speed and scale of climate change impacts are outpacing efforts to adapt. As we look towards COP 26 and navigate COVID-19 recovery efforts, we will continue to advocate for the critically important role that NAP processes play in putting adaptation and resilience at the heart of decision making—especially in countries that are disproportionately affected by shocks and stresses.

Anne Hammill
Director, NAP Global Network Secretariat
International Institute for Sustainable Development

Supporting the NAP Process



WHAT IS THE NAP PROCESS?

In simple terms, the NAP process is a strategic process that **enables countries to identify and address their medium- and long-term priorities for adapting to climate change.**

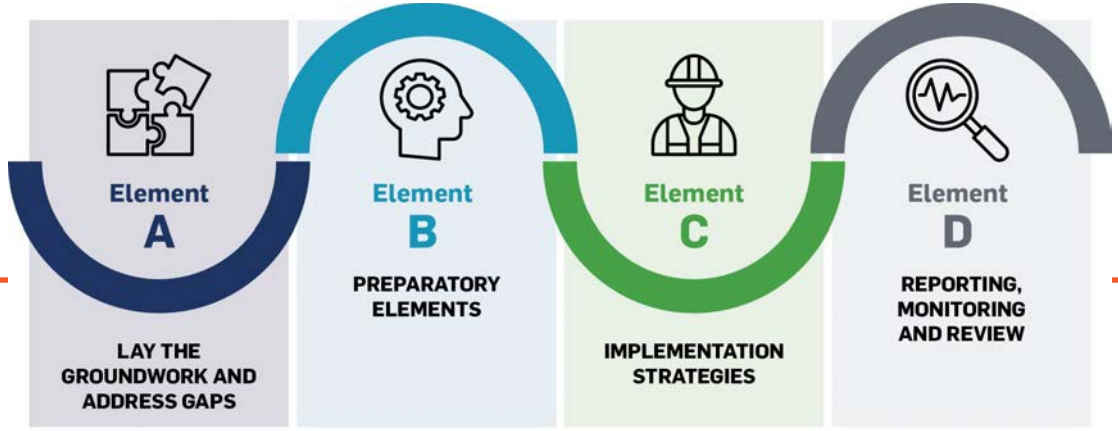
Led by national governments, the NAP process involves analyzing current and future climate change and assessing vulnerability to its impacts. This provides a basis for identifying and prioritizing adaptation options, implementing these options, and tracking progress and results.

Importantly, the NAP process **puts in place the systems and capacities** needed to make adaptation an integral part of a country's development planning, decision making, and budgeting while ensuring it is ongoing practice rather than a separate ad hoc exercise.

The official definition, objectives, and guidelines of the NAP process are available via the UNFCCC website.

Find out more, read our answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the NAP process.

ELEMENTS IN THE NAP TECHNICAL GUIDELINES



About the NAP Global Network

We are the world's leading network on adaptation planning.

Since being established in late 2014, we have worked with some of the most vulnerable countries, with over 50 per cent of our support going to least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).

This year, our Steering Committee endorsed the Network adjusting our objectives to focus on one of our core strengths—managing knowledge and information.

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Facilitating sustained peer learning and exchange

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Helping countries learn from each other.

2

Supporting national-level action

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Working directly with countries on technical assistance.

3

Developing and sharing knowledge, communication, and analysis

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Documenting and sharing lessons and good practices.

ENHANCING BILATERAL DONOR COORDINATION

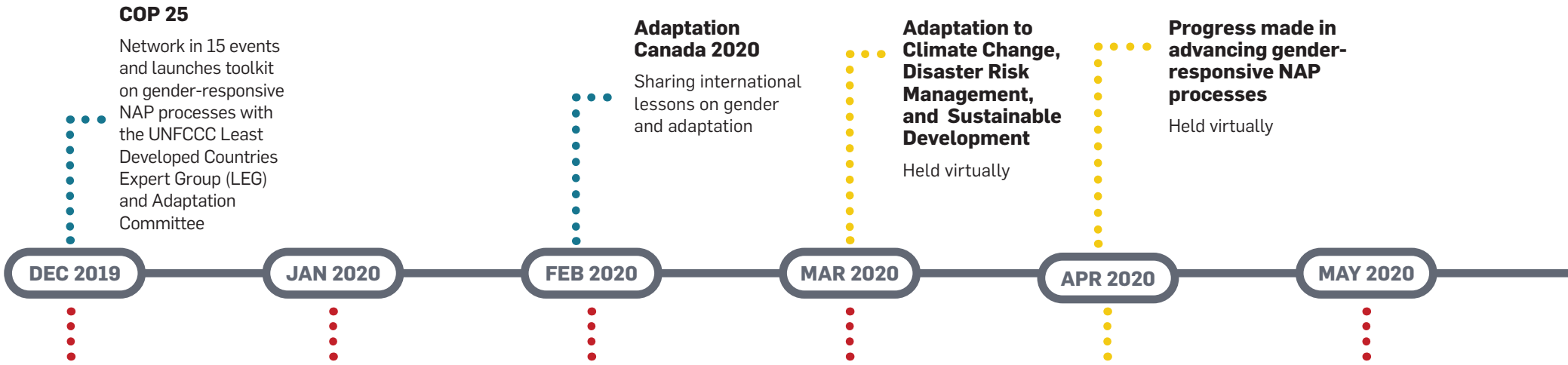
Bilateral coordination remains a cross-cutting theme and guiding principle for the Network.

Year in Review: Milestones reached with NAP Global Network support

Global Events the Network Participated In

Peer Learning and Exchange Events

National-Level Action



COP 25

Network in 15 events and launches toolkit on gender-responsive NAP processes with the UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and Adaptation Committee

Fiji and **Colombia** launch NAP communications strategies

Benin publishes an analysis of gender in their NAP process

Albania completes funding concept note for their NAP's priority adaptation actions for cities

The Gambia develops a training on gender and adaptation with NAP GN, FAO, and UNDP

Peru begins a series of consultations on their NAP—first in person, then virtually due to the pandemic

Adaptation Canada 2020

Sharing international lessons on gender and adaptation

Fiji launches M&E Framework

Colombia pilots early warning system for the water sector

Adaptation to Climate Change, Disaster Risk Management, and Sustainable Development

Held virtually

Malawi launches a NAP Framework

Grenada develops an analysis of M&E

Progress made in advancing gender-responsive NAP processes

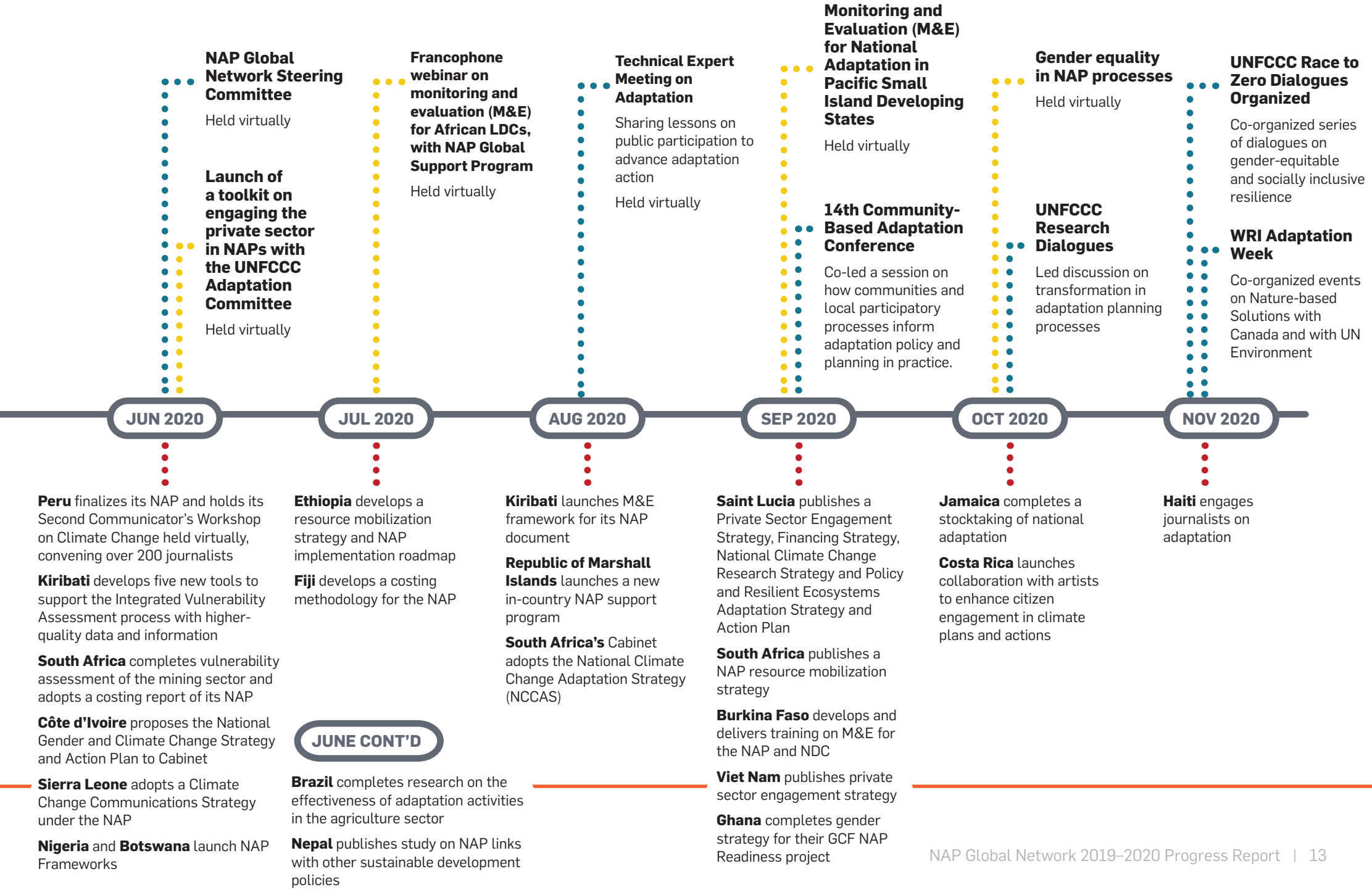
Held virtually

Peru finalizes M&E system for the NAP

Tuvalu pilots an approach to analyze vulnerability data and information across the country

Ghana adopts a Private Sector Engagement Strategy and Sectoral Adaptation Strategy for the Infrastructure Sector

The Philippines reviews and enhances their national M&E systems for the NAP and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)


JUN 2020
NAP Global Network Steering Committee
Held virtually
Launch of a toolkit on engaging the private sector in NAPs with the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee
Held virtually
Peru finalizes its NAP and holds its Second Communicator's Workshop on Climate Change held virtually, convening over 200 journalists
Kiribati develops five new tools to support the Integrated Vulnerability Assessment process with higher-quality data and information
South Africa completes vulnerability assessment of the mining sector and adopts a costing report of its NAP
Côte d'Ivoire proposes the National Gender and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan to Cabinet
Sierra Leone adopts a Climate Change Communications Strategy under the NAP
Nigeria and Botswana launch NAP Frameworks
JUL 2020
Francophone webinar on monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for African LDCs, with NAP Global Support Program
Held virtually
Ethiopia develops a resource mobilization strategy and NAP implementation roadmap
Fiji develops a costing methodology for the NAP
JUNE CONT'D
Brazil completes research on the effectiveness of adaptation activities in the agriculture sector
Nepal publishes study on NAP links with other sustainable development policies
AUG 2020
Technical Expert Meeting on Adaptation
Sharing lessons on public participation to advance adaptation action
Held virtually
Kiribati launches M&E framework for its NAP document
Republic of Marshall Islands launches a new in-country NAP support program
South Africa's Cabinet adopts the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (NCCAS)
SEP 2020
Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for National Adaptation in Pacific Small Island Developing States
Held virtually
14th Community-Based Adaptation Conference
Co-led a session on how communities and local participatory processes inform adaptation policy and planning in practice.
Saint Lucia publishes a Private Sector Engagement Strategy, Financing Strategy, National Climate Change Research Strategy and Policy and Resilient Ecosystems Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan
South Africa publishes a NAP resource mobilization strategy
Burkina Faso develops and delivers training on M&E for the NAP and NDC
Viet Nam publishes private sector engagement strategy
Ghana completes gender strategy for their GCF NAP Readiness project
OCT 2020
Gender equality in NAP processes
Held virtually
UNFCCC Research Dialogues
Led discussion on transformation in adaptation planning processes
Jamaica completes a stocktaking of national adaptation
Costa Rica launches collaboration with artists to enhance citizen engagement in climate plans and actions
NOV 2020
UNFCCC Race to Zero Dialogues Organized
Co-organized series of dialogues on gender-equitable and socially inclusive resilience
WRI Adaptation Week
Co-organized events on Nature-based Solutions with Canada and with UN Environment
Haiti engages journalists on adaptation

Measuring Our Impact

NETWORK ENGAGEMENT

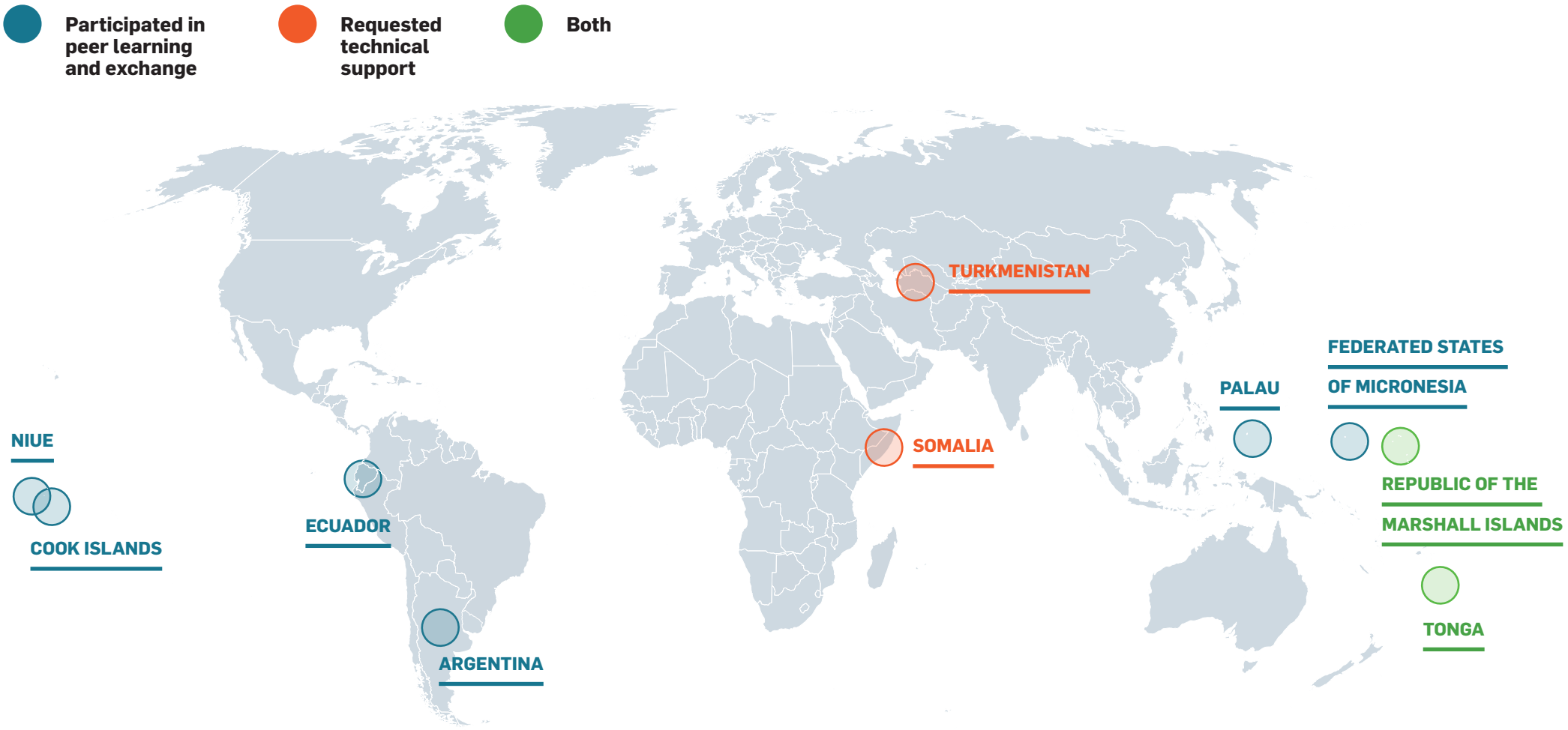
(ALL-TIME)	(THIS YEAR)
1,444 Network participants	358 New Network participants this year
154 Countries represented	14 New countries represented this year
4,500+ People we've trained on climate change adaptation	935 People we've trained on climate change adaptation this year
277 Government institutions we've trained on the NAP process	89 Government institutions we've trained on the NAP process this year

OUR WORK

(ALL-TIME)	(THIS YEAR)
42 Countries where we have delivered technical assistance	27 Countries where we have delivered technical assistance this year
51 Countries that have participated in peer learning and exchange events	20 Countries that have participated in peer learning and exchange events this year
40 Country Support Hub requests we have responded to	14 Country Support Hub requests completed this year
200+ Knowledge products on national adaptation planning and action	50+ Knowledge products created this year

New Countries Joining: Broadening our Network

We've continued expanding the number of countries engaging in technical support and peer exchange. Below are the countries that accessed technical support or participated in a peer learning event for the **first time** in 2019–2020.



Why COVID-19 Recovery Needs to Consider Adaptation

"The climate agenda remains central to Peru's development efforts. This hasn't changed because of the pandemic, even though now we have an emphasis in the health sector."

– Cristina Rodríguez, Director of Climate Change Adaptation and Desertification, Ministry of Environment (MINAM), Peru

"There's an increased focus on the agriculture sector based on what we have learned from COVID. We need to be more self-sufficient in food production and focus on climate-smart agriculture."

– Shivanal Kumar, Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, Fiji Ministry of Economy

"Our government's response to COVID-19 is focused on sanitation, handwashing, and social distancing—but the reality is that South Africa is a semi-arid country with major limitations on the quality and quantity of water for domestic use. We realize that some climate actions, like the use of ecosystem-based adaptation for wetland rehabilitation … could potentially increase access to water."

– Alinah Mthembu, Department of Environment, Forestry, and Fisheries, South Africa

NAPs and COVID-19 Recovery

The COVID-19 pandemic reinforced the need for climate adaptation in vulnerable countries. The pandemic caused challenges for NAP processes (with meetings cancelled, political attention diverted, and greater competition for funding), but there is an important opportunity to use NAPs as roadmaps for resilient recovery—they already identify vulnerable areas and people, have established institutional arrangements, and present priorities to put climate resilience at the heart of development decision making.

Our analysis of NAPs found that **health is included as a priority sector for adaptation in every NAP published so far**. COVID is a public health crisis—as countries look to build the resilience of their health sectors to recover from this crisis and prepare for the next one, we should look to the actions that countries have prioritized in their National Adaptation Plans.

We interviewed partners in 10 countries* on where they saw overlaps between COVID-19 recovery and NAPs.

*Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Nepal, Peru, Saint Lucia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe

Shared Priorities

Health

Climate-Smart Agriculture and Food Security

Water and Sanitation

Gender-Responsive Relief and Recovery Efforts

Nature-Based Solutions (NbS)

Other adaptation priorities, including technology, trade, and migration

Peer Learning and Exchange

With international travel not possible this year, we took some of the best parts of the dynamic in-person events for which we've earned a reputation to the virtual arena to continue bringing countries together to share lessons and knowledge through English-, French-, and Spanish-language events.

1

2020 VIRTUAL LEARNING EVENT

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for National Adaptation in Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Hosts: NAP Global Network and the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP)

This two-session series on tracking progress of adaptation was part of a series of monthly webinars on the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) organized by the Pacific Resilience Partnership starting in August 2020 and focused on creating a sharing and learning online platform through structured sessions. Pacific government representatives, bilateral donors, and technical experts exchanged lessons on key topics related to M&E of national adaptation, including:

- using M&E for learning,
- using M&E for accountability,
- using data for M&E, and
- using Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (IVA).

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Cook Islands
Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)
Fiji
Kiribati
Niue
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

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2020 PEER EXCHANGE SERIES

Experiences and Dialogue on the Preparation and Implementation of National Adaptation Plans in Latin America

Hosts: NAP Global Network, Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA), and Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)

This three-session event series brought Latin American adaptation planners together to share perspectives on:

(1) multi-level governance (vertical) integration of NAP processes

(2) monitoring and evaluation of NAPs

(3) climate risk analysis tools

The importance of gender and how to embed it in NAP processes was explored throughout the series.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Ecuador
Paraguay
Peru

"When simplified for the sake of monitoring its progress, adaptation efforts struggle to accurately represent their ambition to address a key, non-quantifiable variable: people's well-being."

Reflection from peer exchange organizers Daniel Morchain (NAP Global Network), María José Pacha (FFLA-CDKN), and Gabriela Villamarín (FFLA-CDKN)

3

WEBINARS

STRENGTHENING ALIGNMENT BETWEEN "ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE – DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

MARCH 2020

Language: English

Country and partner organization experiences: Nepal, Bhutan, UNDP–-UNEP NAP Global Support Programme, OECD

Participants: 226

LES PROGRÈS RÉALISÉS DANS L'AVANCEMENT DE PROCESSUS DE PNA QUI RÉPONDENT AUX QUESTIONS DE GENRE (PROGRESS ON ADVANCING GENDER-RESPONSIVE NAP PROCESSES)

APRIL 2020

Language: French

Country experiences: Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

Participants: 110

DE QUELLE MANIÈRE LES PAYS MESURENT, FONT LE SUIVI ET ÉVALUENT LES PROGRÈS EN TERMES D'ADAPTATION DANS LE CADRE DE LEUR PNA ? (HOW ARE COUNTRIES MONITORING AND EVALUATING PROGRESS OF ADAPTATION THROUGH THE NAP PROCESS?)

JULY 2020

Language: French

Co-hosts: UNDP–UNEP NAP Global Support Programme

Country experiences: Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire

Participants: 102

GENDER EQUALITY IN NAP PROCESSES: ASSESSING VULNERABILITIES AND IDENTIFYING ADAPTATION OPTIONS

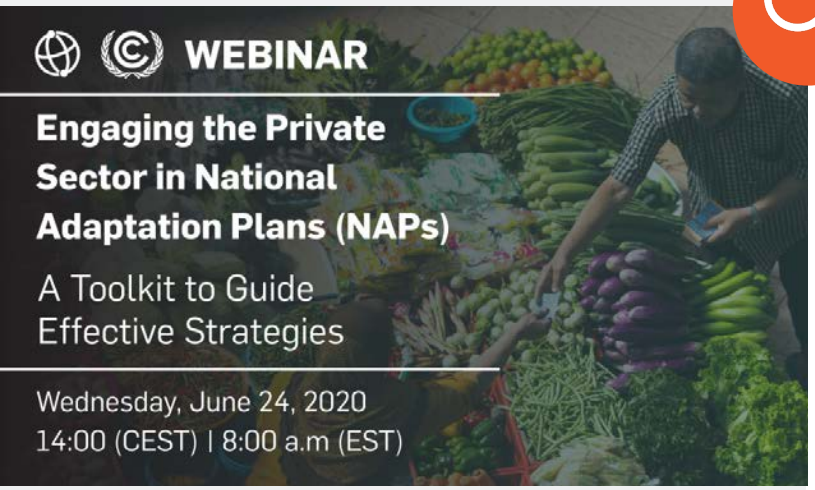
OCTOBER 2020

Language: English

Co-hosts: UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) and Adaptation Committee

Country experiences: Antigua & Barbuda, Bangladesh, Ghana, Jamaica, Malawi, Togo, United States

Participants: 144



WEBINAR SPOTLIGHT

ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANS: A TOOLKIT TO GUIDE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES (LAUNCH EVENT)

JUNE 2020

Language: English

Co-hosts: UNFCCC Adaptation Committee

Interactive approach: As the COVID-19 pandemic forced event organizers to move in-person events to virtual formats, many experienced "Zoom fatigue." facing busy virtual event schedules. The NAP Global Network committed to developing innovative approaches for interactive and dynamic events.

In this virtual toolkit launch for *Engaging the Private Sector in NAPs* co-hosted with the Adaptation Committee, we experimented with a "Choose Your Own Adventure" format. To test out what using the toolkit would be like in real life, participants played the role of a NAP team member from the fictional island of St Genevieve and were guided through a series of choices, voting online to choose their own path for engaging the private sector.

Supporting National-Level Action

The NAP Global Network offers technical assistance (both short-term and long-term) that is closely linked to our peer learning and knowledge work. Technical support requests are often developed in collaboration with partner countries during peer learning events, and we capture lessons and good practices for effective NAP processes that we learn through this technical support in our knowledge products.

We offer:

- long-term **in-country NAP support programs**, and
- short-term assistance through our **Country Support Hub**.

2020 FEATURE | ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN NAPS

Exciting collaborations with Viet Nam and Kenya this year on engaging the private sector in the NAP process shows how the NAP Global Network's activities—on technical assistance, peer learning, and knowledge—can be a value chain for catalyzing the shift from knowledge to action.

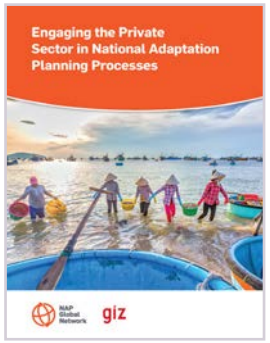
The NAP Global Network organized a global-level Peer Learning Summit (PLS) on engaging the private sector in 2019, informed by a guidance note developed in the same year. Viet Nam's NAP team attended the PLS, exchanging lessons and experiences with peers from other countries (including Ghana and Saint Lucia, who were developing NAP private sector engagement strategies with Network support). Following the event, Viet Nam accessed the Network's Country Support Hub to develop their own private sector engagement strategy, which has been launched in 2020 alongside the approval of their first NAP.

A team from Kenya attended the same PLS, and Faith Ngige from the Kenya Private Sector Alliance says the peer exchange helped inspire her to found the *Climate Information Business Network–Kenya* which is making solid links between the private sector and the national climate policy planning process (see opposite page).

Lessons from the peer learning event and technical support to NAP teams like Viet Nam's has informed a Toolkit for Engaging the Private Sector in NAPs co-authored by the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee, launched through an interactive event in June 2020. This toolkit and lessons from Ghana, Saint Lucia, and Viet Nam's strategies are already informing Malawi's work on developing a NAP private sector strategy with Network support.

Linking Peer Learning, National-Level Technical Support and Knowledge Products

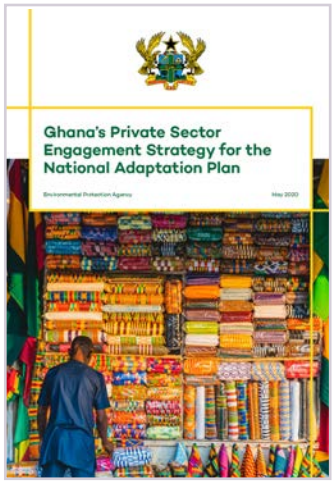
2019 GUIDANCE

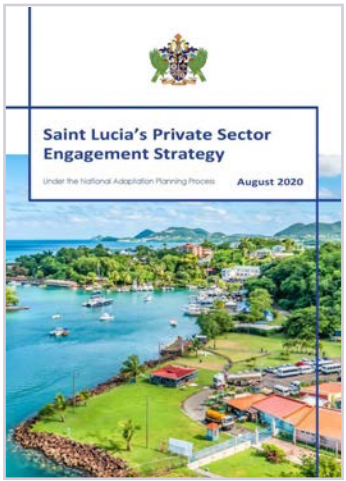


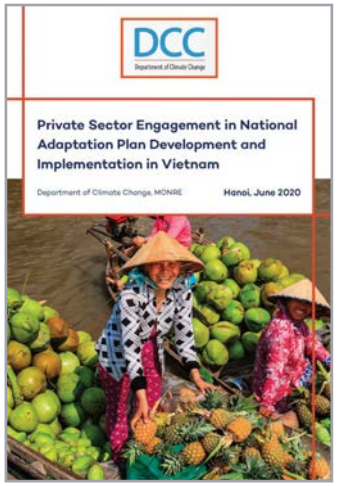
2019 PEER LEARNING SUMMIT

2020 TOOLKIT

2020 NATIONAL-LEVEL PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES BY GHANA, SAINT LUCIA AND VIET NAM







"The resources the NAP Global Network shared and the toolkit launched have been very significant in helping develop the concept for the ***Climate Information Business Network – Kenya***, especially on engagement of private sector as implementers and not just enablers as financiers.

Faith Ngige
Kenya Private Sector Alliance

At a Glance: Highlights from Country Support Hub requests this year

Nigeria

THEME

Planning

WHAT WE DID

We helped develop Nigeria's NAP Framework, a strategic document that outlines a vision and structure for the NAP process, articulating why it is essential and how it complements other elements of the climate and development policy landscape in the country.

OUR IMPACT

As Nigeria advances their NAP process with GCF support, they have clear adaptation objectives and principles with which to maximize the benefits of GCF funding.

Ghana

THEME

Gender

WHAT WE DID

We supported Ghana's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a gender strategy for the USD 2.97 million Green Climate Fund Readiness project launched in July 2020.

OUR IMPACT

The strategy sets out key recommendations for achieving a gender-responsive approach to the NAP process in Ghana.

Philippines

THEME

Monitoring, evaluation, and learning

WHAT WE DID

We supported Climate Change Commission (CCC) to conduct a stocktaking of the national M&E systems for the NAP and NDC.

OUR IMPACT

The recommendations from this report outline how the CCC can develop an integrated MEL system to ensure a resource-efficient and functional monitoring process for climate action

Nepal

THEME

NDC–NAP alignment

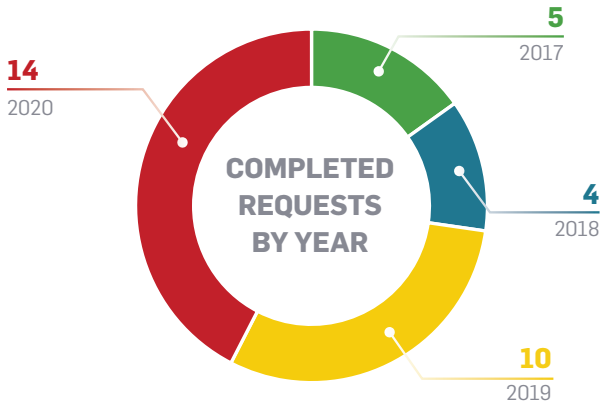
WHAT WE DID

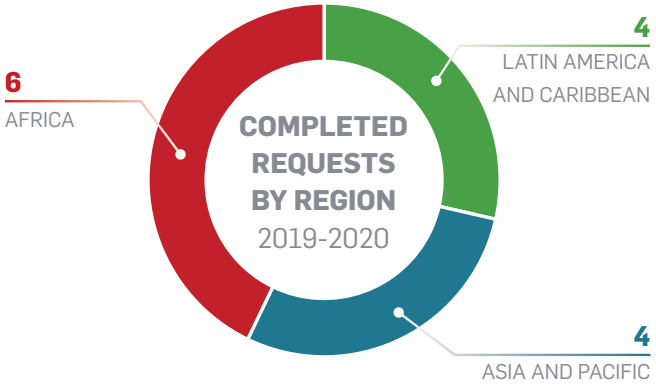
We supported Nepal to conduct a study of how the climate planning processes—including for the NAP and NDC—can be best aligned to advance climate-resilient development.

OUR IMPACT

Nepal submitted their second NDC in December 2020, which makes strong links between its adaptation commitments and the NAP process, implementing one of the study's key recommendations.

This year we completed **14** Country Support Hub requests—**more than any previous year**—and demand for support continues to increase.





At a Glance: In-country NAP Support Programs

Through in-country NAP support programs, we continued to deliver long-term technical support to help countries advance their NAP processes in 2019-2020.

* Asterisks and bolding indicates that the in-country support program was active during the December 2019–November 2020 period covered by this report. All other information reflects completed programming.

	NAP PROCESS		
COUNTRY	Planning	Implementation	Monitoring and evaluation
COLOMBIA*	×	×	×
COTE D'IVOIRE*	×		
ETHIOPIA*	×	×	×
FIJI*	×	×	×
GHANA*	×	×	
GUINEA	×		
GUYANA	×		
KIRIBATI*	×		×
PERU*	×	×	×
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS*	×		
SAINT LUCIA*	×	×	
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	×		
SIERRA LEONE*	×		
SOLOMON ISLANDS	×		
SOUTH AFRICA*	×	×	
TOGO	×		
TUVALU*	×		
UGANDA	×		

ENABLING FACTORS				MORE KEY THEMES						DONOR
Institutional Arrangements	Capacity Development	Information Sharing	Financing NAP process	Sector integration	Vertical integration	Gender	Strategic communications	Private sector engagement	NDC-NAP alignment	Country
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Impacts in Brief: Four in-country support programs

Colombia pilots an early warning system (EWS) for water

CHANGE IN KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE

Developing early warning systems is one of the activities prioritized in the water sector adaptation plan. Through our support program for Colombia, the town of Guatavita piloted an early warning system to help prevent heavy rains and drought from negatively impacting household water supplies and sewage systems in order to prepare the town for climate change.

If this EWS can be scaled up in the future, the pilot showed that it will help ensure access to clean water and improve quality of life in the town of Guatavita and other Colombian communities that build on this pilot.

Fiji implements nature-based solutions prioritized by the NAP

CHANGE IN POLICY

Our in-country program provided the technical and financial support for Fiji to develop and launch their first NAP in 2018. The Network continued to provide support as Fiji began implementing the NAP, including developing a roadmap laying out the specific needs for strengthening Fiji's hydrometeorological infrastructure and services. Fiji recently opened a new nursery for vetiver grass, which can be used as an ecosystem-based approach to protecting riverbanks.

"Fiji's National Adaptation Plan has provided a strong mandate and policy to scale up nature-based solutions, which protect communities from the impacts of climate change," says Vineil Narayan, Acting Head, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economy.

Our new report, *Five Years of NAP Global Network Support to NAP Processes*, takes an in-depth look at impact stories that have emerged from our programming since 2015. Below are summaries of four stories from that report from the past year.

Saint Lucia secures USD 10 million in funding for agriculture sector

INCREASE IN INVESTMENT IN ADAPTATION

Saint Lucia used the Agriculture Sector Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (SASAP) and project concept notes developed through the Network's support program to inform the development of a proposal to the Adaptation Fund. The USD 10 million, four-year project is designed to implement aspects of the SASAP in order to support resilience building in the country's agricultural sector through interventions on water security, soil conservation and management, capacity building, and knowledge transfer.

Ethiopia integrates gender considerations in its NAP implementation roadmap

CHANGE IN POLICY

Our in-country program supported the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC) and sector ministries to agree modalities for implementing the strategic priorities and adaptation actions identified in the NAP. This process was informed by a gender analysis, which provided concrete recommendations that have been integrated into the implementation roadmap for the NAP.

With this roadmap in place, the country is well-positioned to allocate resources, build capacities, and establish the necessary systems for implementing the NAP in a gender-responsive manner.

Knowledge: Nine key themes

We have focused much of our knowledge, communications and analysis on nine key themes in NAP processes:

1. Gender
2. Monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL)
3. Nature-based solutions
4. Private sector engagement
5. NDC–NAP alignment
6. Vertical integration
7. Strategic communications
8. Financing NAP processes
9. Sector integration of adaptation

This report presents highlights of our work on gender, nature-based solutions, and monitoring, evaluation, and learning.

Gender

The NAP process provides an unprecedented opportunity to reduce vulnerability to climate change while also redressing social and gender inequalities. To realize this potential, a gender-responsive approach to the NAP process is needed.

KEY RESOURCE

Advancing Gender-Responsive Climate Action Through National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Processes

WHERE WE SUPPORTED WORK ON THIS THEME IN 2019-2020

Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Republic of Marshall Islands

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SUPPORT

- Began rolling out the *Toolkit for a Gender-Responsive Process to Formulate and Implement NAPs*, including through a virtual learning session on gender-responsive NAP processes.
- Provided ongoing technical assistance to the governments of Côte d'Ivoire and the Republic of the Marshall Islands to integrate gender considerations into their NAP processes and broader climate policies.
- Helped to facilitate a series of regional workshops organized by the UNFCCC Gender Team on integrating gender into national climate actions.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

- NAP-focused gender analysis provides decision makers with knowledge they can act on—countries such as Kiribati and Madagascar have actively integrated the recommendations in their NAP processes.
- Gender considerations need ongoing focus as countries turn their attention to implementing adaptation actions—how these actions are implemented makes all the difference in realizing gender-equitable benefits.

OUR CALL TO ACTION

The enhanced Gender Action Plan under the UNFCCC creates a strong mandate for gender-responsive climate action—NAP processes are a key opportunity to make this a reality by bringing together gender and climate change actors to co-create adaptation solutions that work for everyone.

Nature-based Solutions (NbS)

Ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA)—a type of nature-based solution (NbS)—has emerged as an essential approach to adaptation that demonstrates effectiveness in building ecological, social, and economic resilience.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SUPPORT

- We analyzed all completed NAPs to distill lessons on how EbA is being taken up in NAP processes and are preparing guidance based on this analysis.
- We supported Saint Lucia in developing a Resilient Ecosystems Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (REASAP) 2020–2028 supported by project concept notes to facilitate the move to implementation.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

- NAP processes are a strategic opportunity to scale up the implementation of nature-based solutions for adaptation.
- All NAP documents submitted made efforts to integrate considerations of ecosystems and identified ecosystem services—this demonstrates that ecosystems and the services they provide are critical to meeting the adaptation needs and priorities identified by countries.

WHERE WE SUPPORTED WORK ON THIS THEME IN 2019-2020

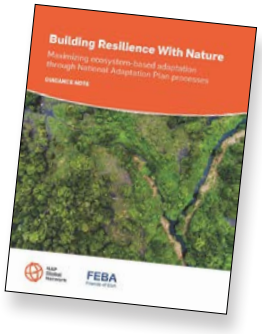
Saint Lucia

OUR CALL TO ACTION

Countries should use the NAP process as a strategic opportunity to mainstream EbA across sectors and levels of government, truly maximizing the potential of nature.

KEY RESOURCE

Building Resilience With Nature Maximizing Ecosystem-based Adaptation Through National Adaptation Plan Processes. Guidance Note



Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning

Countries are implementing monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) systems as part of NAP processes to strengthen their accountability and reporting of adaptation actions, as well as gain insights into which are working, which aren't, for whom, where, and why, so they can adjust accordingly.

WHERE WE SUPPORTED WORK ON THIS THEME IN 2019-2020

Brazil, Burkina Faso, Fiji, Grenada, Kiribati, Peru, Philippines, Tuvalu

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SUPPORT

- Provided technical support on M&E of national adaptation to eight countries, including the development of three M&E frameworks.
- Organized a virtual learning event on M&E of national adaptation for government representatives from 12 Pacific Small Island States in collaboration with the Pacific Resilience Partnership.
- Held a francophone virtual learning event on M&E for African LDCs in partnership with the UNDP–UNEP NAP Global Support Programme.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

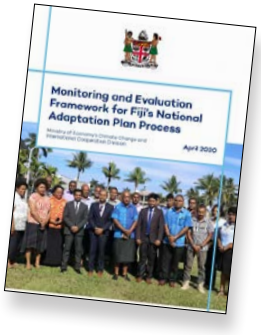
- Key institutional challenges (such as the need for high-level support, better coordination, and stronger capacity) and data-related challenges (such as a lack of vulnerability baseline data, and a lack of sex-disaggregated data) remain common among many governments seeking to set up M&E systems for national adaptation.
- Good practices to overcome these challenges are emerging, including starting simply to pilot, learn and expand M&E progressively, building on existing methods and tools for MEL, and establishing clear objectives for the M&E system before "jumping in" to developing M&E indicators.

OUR CALL TO ACTION

Countries should establish MEL systems for national adaptation that address: gender equality and social inclusion; alignment of MEL systems between the NAP process and other development processes (e.g., NDCs, SDGs); and strategic linkages between national and local levels.

KEY RESOURCE

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for Fiji's National Adaptation Plan Process



"As a founding member and donor of the NAP Global Network, I have seen the Network deliver value for money in helping developing countries to protect the livelihoods of the most vulnerable and assist them in managing their risks in the face of climate change impacts."

Meredith V. Ryder-Rude
Adaptation Lead
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

“Value for Money”: An evaluation of five years of U.S. support for the NAP Global Network

An independent evaluation of five years of U.S.-funded activities by the NAP Global Network was conducted by Le Groupe-conseil baastel ltée. Baastel undertook 22 in-depth interviews with country representatives from four countries (Colombia, Ethiopia, Fiji, and Saint Lucia) as well as partner organizations and Network Secretariat staff. These were complemented by an online survey that received 146 responses from Network members.

The evaluation’s findings included that “IISD succeeded in becoming the Secretariat of the Network,” that the Network “has influenced and is influenced by the global discussion on NAPs,” and that we exceeded the targets in the grant agreement.

The evaluation also identified a number of recommendations for how we can continue improving the Network’s offer, including by stepping up how we track our impact, strengthening our partnerships with other NAP support programs, and leveraging the expertise of Network members.

Exceeding Targets

INDICATOR	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT AS OF JUNE 2020
Number of people trained in climate change adaptation supported by U.S. grant assistance	2,069 people trained	3,303* people trained
Number of institutions with improved capacity to assess or address climate change risks supported by U.S. grant assistance	129 institutions	222 institutions
Number of laws, policies, regulations, or standards addressing climate change adaptation formally proposed, adopted, or implemented as supported by U.S. grant assistance	42 in at least 8 countries	79 in 19 countries

* Note: This number reflects only the number of people trained through the U.S. grant for the NAP Global Network. As noted earlier, the total number of people trained through NAP Global Network activities is 4,845.

How We Work

The NAP Global Network works to promote good governance, and we also seek good governance of the Network itself. Our Steering Committee is our highest decision-making body, our Management Team leads our operations, and the Secretariat manages the Network's day-to-day work.

Our **Steering Committee** provides vision and strategic direction to the Network, and its members act as champions for the NAP process.

- Dr. Antwi-Boasiako Amoah, Deputy Director, Climate Vulnerabilities & Adaptation, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana
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- Laureta Dibra, Head of Energy and Industry Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
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- Christoph von Stechow, Senior Policy Officer, Climate Policy Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Trevor Thompson, Chief Land Use Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Grenada

Our **management team** leads the operations of our Network. In 2019–2020, it included representatives from donors that provided support to the Network.

- Ebru Gurbuzer, Policy Analyst, Global Affairs Canada
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- Dr. Maik Winges, Advisor, Climate Policy Support Programme, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

The Network's Secretariat is hosted by the Resilience program at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). IISD is a global think tank working to create a sustainable future in our changing climate.

The Secretariat manages our day-to-day operations and provides research, logistical, administrative, and strategic support. The Secretariat Core Team spend the majority of their time working on the NAP Global Network, and the Network's Technical Advisory and Support Teams work on specific programming alongside a portfolio of IISD Resilience program projects.

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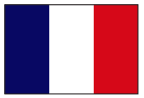
France 

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Looking Ahead: A new era of Network support

ON THE AGENDA FOR 2021

- Two peer learning summits
- Targeted peer learning events
- Delivering two in-country programs in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Côte d'Ivoire
- Completing at least 10 new and ongoing Country Support Hub requests
- Publishing knowledge products on key themes, including gender; monitoring, evaluation, and learning; nature-based solutions; and vertical integration (building national–subnational links)
- Championing the NAP process at COP 26

As we look forward to a year that will begin with the Climate Adaptation Summit and end with COP 26, the NAP Global Network has an ambitious agenda for 2021 to advance national adaptation planning and action.

Building on Our Successes

We will work to meet growing demand for technical assistance by directly supporting more countries, prioritizing the most vulnerable, including LDCs and SIDS. This will include dedicated support for countries to develop their Adaptation Communication under the UNFCCC, a key reporting requirement.

We will continue to build communities of peer support on adaptation action—including fragile, conflict-affected states—through virtual platforms and in person when it is again safe to do so. And we will expand our role as a thought leader and advocate for adaptation planning, championing the NAP process's key role in achieving global progress on adaptation.

Innovating for the Future

We are fundraising to deliver a set of ambitious, innovative activities to continue building on our offer. We hope to engage civil society more directly—working with grassroots movements, Indigenous communities, and others to amplify their voices in decision-making processes. We are working to scale up knowledge resources to reach more people through self-directed online courses. And we are leveraging creative communications to accelerate countries' shift from adaptation planning to implementation.

Throughout all of our activities, we will seek to create strong collaboration with countries' NAP teams to help them achieve their goals for building resilience to global crises through climate adaptation.

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