

Government of Nepal
Ministry of Environment
National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) Project to Climate Change

NAPA progress updates 1: August 2009

1. Background:

The National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) Project to Climate Change in Nepal was signed on 14th November 2008 between Ministry of Environment (MoE) and UNDP Nepal Country Office, who are the implementing partners of NAPA project.

The project goal is to enable Nepal to respond strategically to the challenges and opportunities posed by climate change. The NAPA Project has three project components:

1. Preparation of a National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA)
2. Development and maintenance of a learning and knowledge platform to act as a clearing platform for climate change; and
3. Development of a multi-stakeholder framework of action for climate change.

The NAPA Inception Workshop was held on 25th and 26th May 2009 and attended by over 110 participants representing government institutions, international and national non-governmental organizations, private sector, academia, media, UN and its specialized agencies and donor community. The NAPA project is therefore in arrears to the schedule laid out in the Project Document. The revised project schedule is laid out in the Project Inception Report, which is seen as “live” planning document for the NAPA team.

This is the first of regular briefings that will be released to update interested stakeholders on progress of NAPA Project. It is intended for those familiar with the NAPA Project. More detailed information on NAPA (background, modalities, inception phase progress etc) can be found in the Inception Report and Inception Workshop Reports. This first briefing lays out progress against all three components of NAPA since the Inception Workshop. For further and detail information, interested parties and stakeholders can contact at info@napanepal.gov.np or Phone No. 4211927

2. Progress against Component 1

Since the completion of the project inception workshop the Project has achieved the following against component 1:

1. Production of Inception Workshop Report

Completion of the Inception Workshop Report detailing the proceedings of the Inception Workshop, workshop summary; and annexes of presentations, list of participants, and outcomes. The report includes outcomes of all working groups and plenary discussions, to share information on multistakeholder consultations that took place on the day on the project modalities and implementation mechanisms, and project forward plan.

2.1 Production of Project Inception Report

This Inception Report reviews the progress of the inception phase of the NAPA Project, incorporates the changes and decisions made during the PEB (Project Executive Board) meetings and Inception Workshop, and presents ways forward and next steps to achieve the outcomes of the Project. It provides a planning tool for the NAPA Project to be used in conjunction with the original project document. The report is based on the Inception Workshop outputs, as well as numerous meetings with project partners, PEB members, and NAPA team. It continues to be a 'living' document

2.2 Development of Thematic Areas and Working Groups

The Inception Workshop and following meetings with Project Executive Board (PEB) members and NAPA Team gave rise to the concept of developing the NAPA document through 5 thematic areas and potential leading line ministries:

1. Agriculture and Food Security (Lead, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives);
2. Climate-induced Disaster (Lead, Ministry of Home Affairs);
3. Forests and Biodiversity (Lead, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation);
4. Water Resources and Energy (Lead, Ministry of Energy); and
5. Public Health and Urban Settlements (Lead, Ministry of Health and Population and co-chair, Department of Urban Development and Building).

Five Thematic Working Groups will work in these thematic areas. There will also be cross-cutting theme leaders who will focus on the areas of gender and social inclusion; governance; and tourism. The following outputs have so far been achieved against this deliverable:

- Concept note on TWGs and modalities have been drafted, shared with PEB members, and revised according to inputs.
- A structure for the TWGs has been developed on the basis of inputs from the Inception Workshop, comprising of Government leads; group facilitators (national consultants); and group members, ranging from Government, I/NGOs, , academia, special interest groups, and UN agency representation where relevant. The structure of TWGs can be found in the Inception Report.
- Generic TORs developed for the TWGs and Expert Consortiums. This information is available in the Inception Report.
- Specific TORs developed for TWG leads, facilitators and members

- Invitational request letters sent out to concerned ministries to designate person to lead the respective TWG
- Rostrum of national consultants started to be collated for necessary services, as and when necessary basis
- Consultations started with various government and non-government organisations to discuss potential engagement with working groups.
- Background information has started to be collated under each theme

2.3 Consultations

As NAPA is a country-driven consultative process, NAPA Project has completed separate consultations with youths, officials working on agriculture sector, foresters, indigenous communities, and disaster preparedness network members and persons. Such consultation will be continued in future to seek inputs of different stakeholders. The following is the brief detail of consultation events:

Date	Thematic area	Organising partner	No. of participants	Centre of discussion	Key learning
26 June 2009	General consultation with Youth and media	Direct	45	Introduction to NAPA, CC regime and Nepal, COP 15, role of media in CC	Youth are sincere and enthusiastic to CC, youth are interested for volunteer contribution, media is searching its role
23 rd July 2009	Agriculture and food security	Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives	40	TWGs operations, TWG member selection, facilitation and remuneration	Agriculture sector is more vulnerable to climate change, livestock should not be overseen, key areas of adaptation need to be identified
2 nd August 2009	Forest and biodiversity	Nepal Foresters' Association	52	Mitigation vs adaptation, conceptual framework and ownership of TWGs, CC impact analysis and relevancy to forestry and biodiversity	International and local concept of adaptation and mitigation need to be understood, TWG framework and ultimate responsibility and authority boundary should be clarified.
11 th August 2009	General, indigenous community	National Indigenous Womens' Federation	36	Role, right and responsibility of indigenous community, Traditional and indigenous knowledge to cope with climate change	Indigenous communities are more sensitive to CC, they need support and indigenous knowledge should be identified and recognised
17 th August 2009	Climate and disaster	DPNet-Nepal	41	Mainstreaming disaster into climate change regime and link with poverty issues, identification of climate induced disaster	Many works have been done but information is scattered, coordination is vital, research and science back up highlighted
Total participants			214		

2.4 Next Steps for Component 1

- Finalisation of TWG mechanisms and modalities
- Development of mandate for each TWG
- Development of rostrum of national consultants and international consultants
- Establishment of TWGs
- Work plan for TWGs
- Agreements on different TWG related ToRs
- Recruitment of TWG facilitators and posting to related TWGs
- Design/develop/prepare vulnerability mapping and synthesis report for component 1

3. Components 2 and 3

Given the need to ensure progress against component 1, progress against components 2 and 3 has been delayed; however equal priority has been given to both 2nd and 3rd components together with component 1 but due to the haste to component 1, parallel activities are almost impossible for this moment. The continuous activities under these components are:

3.1 Climate Change Coordination Mechanism (CCCM)

- A TOR has yet to be drafted for the Climate Change Coordination Mechanism. However, activities that fall under this have been initiated. These include:
- The drafting of a “Critical Path” document, which lays out the major initiatives on climate change currently being undertaken in Nepal, and lays out a “critical path” for coordination and complementation between them which includes the synergies in inputs and outputs, and timelines of activities. This document is still in draft form.
- A “Donor Compact” on climate change in Nepal has been drafted and is under revision process. This will be presented by the Government to donors at the Nepal Day Conference on September 2nd.
- Coordination between NAPA and the Pilot Programme on Climate Resilience (PPCR) has been promoted through dialogue with the PPCR consultants on the institutional design of climate change management frameworks in Nepal, also taking into consideration the recently constituted Climate Change Council under the chairmanship of the Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister. .
- Discussions are ongoing with the UNDP Investment and Financial Flows team based in UNDP NY to explore synergies between the I&FF project and NAPA, particularly around the thematic working groups.
- A database is has started to be collated for all climate change activities ongoing in Nepal, including a contacts database.
- Frequent meetings with NGOs and other agencies have been continued to discuss NAPA progress and to explore synergies between NAPA and other processes.

3.2 Climate Change Knowledge Management Platform (CCKMP)

- A TOR has yet to be designed for the CCKMP. However, preparations are underway for fieldwork to carry out consultations on the regional climate change centre/platform options.

- Discussions have been had with UN and its specialized agencies who are developing a regional climate change platform to explore synergies.
- Informal networking among climate change stakeholders is ongoing.

4. Next steps for Components 2 and 3

- Design and undertake consultations relating to Components 2 and 3
- Draft TOR and concept note for CCCM and CCKMP
- Develop roadmap for public consultations and briefings on NAPA
- Continue to work with other climate change initiatives on synergising activities with NAPA