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Background

The National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) Project to Climate Change in Nepal was signed on 14th November 2008 between the Ministry of Environment (MoE) and UNDP Nepal Country Office, who are the implementing partners of NAPA project with support from the Danish International Development Agency, Global Environment Fund, and UK Department of International Development.

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

This is a bulletin from the NAPA Project Team to update interested stakeholders on progress of NAPA Project. More detailed information on NAPA (background, modalities, inception phase progress etc) can be found at <http://www.napanepal.gov.np/reports.php>

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NAPA Thematic Working Group summary report now available for comment

A report synthesizing the outputs of the NAPA six Thematic Working Groups (TWG) is now available for comments. The report describes the country context and climate change implications for Nepal; the approach to NAPA development; the progress and achievements during the first phase of work during 2009; and the forward plan towards finalization and follow-up of NAPA in 2010. A national workshop attended by members of the NAPA TWGs was conducted on 7 February 2010 to review and elicit feedback on the report.

The report was prepared by the NAPA project team together with the six government-led NAPA TWGs. A consortium of national and international consultants supported by UK DFID provided feedback and inputs to the report.

The report is intended as a “living” document and an interim report to inform and update interested national and international stakeholders, and prepare the NAPA project for the next phase of work. The full report may be accessed from <http://www.napanepal.gov.np/reports.php>. All stakeholders are invited to comment on the report until 15 March on info@napanepal.gov.np.

NAPA reference group meetings

A reference group was formed around each NAPA thematic working group to help ensure that the NAPA process continues to be inclusive, participatory, and transparent. Reference group members will provide inputs and feedback to various TWG work and activities. To date, 64 individuals registered as reference group members. The schedule of reference group meetings is listed below.

There are six government-led thematic groups under the NAPA in Nepal, namely 1) agriculture and food security, 2) climate-induced disasters, 3) forests and biodiversity, 4) water resources and energy, 5) public health, and 6) urban settlements and infrastructure. Each thematic group consists of representatives from relevant ministries, national non-governmental organizations, special interest groups representing marginalized groups, research, and academe. The TWGs are supporting

the NAPA preparation process by undertaking information gathering and analysis, vulnerability assessments, facilitating engagement with various stakeholders. They will facilitate the prioritization of various adaptation options. Over the long-term, the TWGs are expected to form part of the institutional framework for mainstreaming climate adaptation into development initiatives in Nepal.

Stakeholders who are interested in participating in any of the meeting are advised to contact the NAPA project team at info@napanepal.gov.np.

Schedule of TWG Reference Group Meetings		
Thematic Working Group	Date	Venue
Water Resources and Energy	5 th of March 2010	Hotel Annapurna
Forests and Biodiversity	7 th March 2010	Forestry Training Hall Babarmahal
Climate-Induced Disaster	7 th March 2010	Hotel Annapurna
Public Health	9 th March 2010	Hotel Annapurna
Urban Settlement and Infrastructure	9 th March 2010	Hotel Annapurna
Agriculture and Food Security	10 th March 2010	To be announced

Brainstorming workshop on establishing climate change knowledge management platform held

The Ministry of Environment convened a brainstorming workshop on establishing a national climate change knowledge management platform under the NAPA Project on 18 January 2010 at Himalaya Hotel. The workshop brought together 90 representatives from government, media, civil society, international organizations, and development partners in order to identify the knowledge gaps in adaptation planning and action in Nepal; map out the landscape of climate change knowledge generation and application in Nepal; and discuss the design of the national climate change knowledge management platform in Nepal and the roles of participating institutions.

The Honorable Minister Thakur Prasad Sharma, Ministry of Environment delivered the inaugural address. He highlighted the importance of a good knowledge management platform that will bring all these actors together in order to supply the information and knowledge requirements for adaptation planning, policymaking, and formulating adaptation programs. Eleven presentations were delivered to provide inputs to the workshop, followed by break out group discussions that generated recommendations on various aspects of setting up the knowledge management platform, namely knowledge generation and harvesting, dissemination and application, providing the information requirements for policymaking and government-led adaptation planning, and sustainability. The full workshop report may be accessed from <http://www.napanepal.gov.np/reports.php>.

