National Communications Support Programme (NCSP): Objectives, implementation strategy, current status and work plan

NCSP Training Course on the Use of the LEAP Model for mitigation assessment
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Outline

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1. Background

- A **GEF-funded** six-year (2005~2010) project, jointly managed by the GEF, UNDP and UNEP, implemented by the **UNDP**;

- To provide **technical support** to up to **130 NAI Parties** to the UNFCCC for the preparation of Second (Third, or Initial) National Communications (SNCs, TNCs, INCs);

- Launched in **June 2005**
2. Objectives

- To facilitate the preparation of Second National Communications (SNCs);
- To prepare and disseminate technical and policy-relevant materials;
- To promote knowledge management, best practices, communications and outreach.
3. Activities

- Identification of **priorities** for technical assistance (working with country teams and coordinators);

- Provision of support on **methods and tools** (resource materials, regional and sub-regional training workshops in collaboration with the CGE etc.);

- Preparation and dissemination of technical and policy-relevant **materials** (guidance documents etc.);

- Sustaining **capacity development** (training, knowledge networks, communication and outreach, etc.)

- Promotion of the **integration** of climate change issues into national development plans (guidance documents etc.)

- Identification and promotion of **best practices** from country experiences;

- Feedbacks on **draft NCs** and **sectoral technical reports**
4. Implementation Strategy

- Maintaining close **linkage** with the UNFCCC and its Subsidiary Bodies;
- Developing and delivering an **integrated** and **cost-effective** package of country needs-driven, technical and policy relevant support services;
- Implementing a **rigorous communication and outreach strategy** to promote the exchange of knowledge and experience, and sharing of good practices;
- Drawing **synergies** with relevant activities undertaken within other multilateral and bilateral initiatives (such as the CGE, and the IPCC etc. …).
4. Implementation Strategy (continued)

*Top-down*

**Global and regional level**

- Monitoring NC projects to identify emerging issues
- Planning for technical support services
- Developing training and resource material
- Delivering technical support

*Bottom-up*

**Country level**

- Prioritizing needs for technical support

Consultations

**Communications**

- Roster of international and regional experts and institutions
  - **Relevant processes** (e.g., UNFCCC, NAPA, IPCC); **programmes** (e.g., NCSA, C3D); **projects** (e.g., UNDP-GEF regional projects); **activities** (e.g., CGE training)
  - Knowledge networks
  - Regional/thematic, need-driven training
  - Newsletter, Listserv
  - Learning, experience sharing, and information exchange
5. Current status
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GLOBAL

AFRICA

EUROPE & CIS

ASIA & THE PACIFIC

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Implementing National Communications
Implementing Initial National Communication
Self-Assessment Underway
SNC Proposal Submitted to IAs
Self-assessment Underway
Implementing Third National Communication

3 April, 2006
5. Current status (continued)

- Identification of priority needs for technical support
  - Questionnaire surveys
  - Analysis of information from INC
  - Analysis of information from project proposals for SNC
  - Discussions at CGE training workshops, UNFCCC SBs sessions and meetings
  - One-on-one tele-conference series
5. Current status (continued)

• One-on-one tele-conference series

  • Pilot phase focusing on V&A component;
  
  • Consultations undertaken with Morocco, Uzbekistan, and Mexico;
  
  • Ten more consultations pending confirmation of dates and time;
  
  • Proven to be very effective in Communicating implementation strategies, identifying technical and information gaps, and priority of NCSP support;
  
  • Training priorities identified so far:

    o Methodological frameworks for V&A assessment (with worked examples from NAI countries);

    o Methods for developing climate and socio-economic scenarios;

    o Methods for assessing impacts on economic sectors;

    WEAP modelTo be extended to other components
5. Current status (continued)

- Knowledge Networks (KNs)
  - KN on GHG Inventories ready to be launched (pending technical arrangements to be made between SEI and UNDP);
  - KN on V&A to be ready in April-May;
  - KN on Mitigation Analysis under preparation;
  - Roster of Experts;
  - Centres of Excellence (SEI, Fundacion Bariloche, ENDA-TM, ERC, CCCCCC, etc.)
5. Current status (continued)

• Workshops
  
  o First initiation workshop

  26~28 October 2005, Tbilisi, Georgia (participated by 19 countries in the process of preparing SNC)

  o Thematic workshop

  Training workshop on LEAP (Long-range Energy Alternatives Planning) model, 3~7 April 2006, Cairo, Egypt
5. Current status (continued)

- MAGICC/SCENGEN upgrade
  - Experts from 11 countries have commented on the current versions of the software; and made suggestions for upgrading;
  - Based on the suggestions from countries, the developer is now working on a preliminary work plan;
  - E-mail discussions will be organised among NAI country experts, MAGICC/SCENGEN developer, donor, NCSP to finalise the work plan;
  - Upgraded software package and accompanying handbook ready for a training workshop before COP12
5. Current status (continued)

- Guidance documents

  - A guidance document on developing and applying *climate scenarios* for impacts, adaptation and vulnerability assessments within the framework of National Communications [being developed in-house by the NCSP and to be ready by SB session in May];

  - A guidance document on developing and managing national *GHG Inventories* [under preparation];

  - A guidance document on *key source analysis* [under preparation];

  - A *resource kit* for the preparation of SNCs [under preparation];

  - A guidance document on an indicator-based approach for *mainstreaming* climate change into national development planning [Consultants are being sought to undertake the work]
5. Current status (continued)

• Communication and outreach
  • NCSP website (http://ncsp.undp.org)
  • Quarterly Newsletter (two issues so far)
  • Workshop reports

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* More in-depth, thematic workshops will be organised if deemed necessary after the questionnaire surveys and country-by-country consultations.
Please let us know what we can do to help YOU!

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