**Call for submissions on further improving the relevance and effectiveness of the Nairobi work programme**

The Nairobi Work Programme (NWP), under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), aims to assist countries, particularly developing countries, to improve their understanding and assessment of climate-related impacts as well as vulnerability to those impacts.

The result of this assistance will be improved decision-making ability regarding climate change adaptation actions and initiatives.[[1]](#footnote-1) The NWP has been engaging with external stakeholders to add value to its work since it was first established at COP 11 in Nairobi (in 2005). Its rolling programmes of work have covered thematic areas including ecosystems, water resources, human settlements and health.

To learn more about the work of the NWP, you can access biennial reports highlighting the progress made under the NWP from April to October 2017 [here](http://unfccc.int/documentation/documents/advanced_search/items/6911.php?priref=600009844), and October 2016 to March 2017 [here](http://unfccc.int/documentation/documents/advanced_search/items/6911.php?priref=600009446).

*Relevant NWP Mandates*

* Providing support in the areas of climate change adaptation knowledge and stakeholder engagement to other workstreams and [constituted bodies](http://unfccc.int/files/inc/graphics/image/png/unfccc_bodies_large.png) under the convention, including the Adaptation Committee (AC), the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA), Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (L&D Mechanism), Paris Committee on Capacity Building, Technology Executive Committee (TEC), Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN), Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE). It noted the potential role of the NWP can play in new processes under the Paris Agreement and [decision 1/CP.21](http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2016/sbsta/eng/02.pdf);
* Taking on the role of a knowledge hub that supports enhanced climate change adaptation actions;
* Integrating the consideration of vulnerable communities in addition to that of gender issues, knowledge of indigenous people and local communities, and ecosystem-based adaptation, where appropriate;
* Conducting technical work in key thematic areas such as health, human settlements, ecosystems and water resources, and economic diversification, to inform adaptation planning and action at the regional, national and subnational levels;
* Engaging with the NWP partner organizations to scale up the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative in other subregions with a view to removing knowledge gaps, which are barriers to adaptation action;
* Strengthening partnerships and stakeholder engagement;
* Enhancing the effectiveness of the modalities of the NWP such as the NWP Focal Point Forum;
* Exploring opportunities to strengthen the linkages between the work of the NWP and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Some of the relevant NWP mandates are listed below (see the box below) for your reference.

This call for submissions[[2]](#footnote-2) is an opportunity for the Parties, as well as NWP’s more than 350 partner organizations, and other relevant organizations to share their views on how the work of the NWP could be made more effective and relevant. These submissions will help inform the review of the NWP at the 48th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 48) in April - May 2018.

*We thank you in advance for filling out this template with concise, evidence-based information and for referencing all relevant sources. There are 5 sections in this template:*

* *A description of your organization or government entity’s history of involvement in NWP activities;*
* *Suggestions on how to enhance the engagement of partner organizations in order to improve the linkages of their workplans to the themes addressed under the NWP;*
* *Suggestions on how to ensure the NWP has delivered on its mandate, on the basis of submissions and experience;*
* *Suggestions on how to make the role of the NWP more relevant to the work of the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the Least Developed Countries Experts Group (LEG), as well as to other constituted bodies and relevant workstreams in light of the Paris Agreement;*
* *Other suggested areas for improvement not otherwise covered.*

*Please only fill out sections that are relevant to the work of your government or organization.*

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1. **A description of your organization or government’s history of involvement in NWP activities**

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| **Description of relevant activities/processes or research:** |
| *Please describe any activities or processes that your entity has implemented in conjunction with, inspired by, or parallel to NWP activities. Please include research, policy-related and implementation focused activities as well as dates of those activities.* |
| **Description of relevant tools/methods:**  |
| *Please describe your organization or government’s use of any tools and/or methods that have been sourced through the NWP. Please include a brief assessment of your experience with the NWP in terms of sourcing the tool/method.* |
| **Key outcomes of the activities undertaken:**  |
| *Please provide information regarding the outcomes of the activities/processes described above, and please include qualitative assessment and/or quantitative data to substantiate the information.* |
| **Description of lessons learned and good practices identified:**  |
| *Please describe any lessons learned or good practices your organization or government has identified through engagement with the NWP.* |
| **Description of key challenges identified:** |
| *Please describe key challenges your organization or government has faced in engaging with the NWP.* |
| **Relevant hyperlinks:** |
| *Please provide hyperlinks to sources of information.* |

1. **Suggestions on how to enhance the engagement of partner organizations in order to improve the linkages of their workplans to the thematic areas addressed under the NWP**

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| **Description of suggested changes** |
| *Please describe changes that would make it easier for your organization or government to engage with and link to thematic areas addressed under the NWP.* |
| **What specific improvements would result from these changes?**  |
| *Please describe the rationale for suggesting these changes, including specific improvements/benefits that your organization or government envisages resulting from them.* |
| **Relevant hyperlinks:**  |
| *Please provide hyperlinks to any information relevant to the suggestions made.* |

1. **Suggestions on how to ensure the NWP has delivered on its mandate, on the basis of submissions and experience**

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| **Description of suggestions for assessing the degree to which the NWP has or is delivering on its mandate:** |
| *The NWP welcomes suggestions from your organization or government that will ensure NWP achievements and limitations are effectively monitored and evaluated.* |
| **How would these suggestions be applied in the case of NWP work relevant to your organization or government?**  |
| *Please give examples of how your suggested methods of assessment could be supplied with reference to NWP work that is relevant to, or in which your organization or government already engages.*  |
| **Relevant hyperlinks:** |
| *Please provide hyperlinks to any relevant webpages.* |

1. **Suggestions on how to make the role of the NWP more relevant to the work of the AC and the LEG, as well as to other constituted bodies and relevant workstreams in the light of the Paris Agreement**

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| **How does your organization or government view the role of the NWP in the light of the Paris Agreement?** |
| *Please provide a brief explanation of your organization or government’s understanding of the role the NWP plays, and how this fits into the broader context of the Paris Agreement.* |
| **In this context, does your organization or government have any suggestions to make the role of the NWP more relevant to the work of the AC?**  |
| *Please explain your suggestions here.**From the perspective of your organization or government, how would these suggestions make the work/role of the NWP more relevant to the Adaptation Committee?* |
| **In this context, does your organization or government have any suggestions to make the role of the NWP more relevant to the work of the LEG?** |
| *Please explain your suggestions here.**From the perspective of your organization or government, how would these suggestions make the work/role of the NWP more relevant to the* *Least Developed Countries Expert Group?* |
| **Relevant hyperlinks:** |
| *Please provide hyperlinks to any relevant sources of information.* |
| **In this context, does your organization or government have any suggestions to make the role of the NWP more relevant to other workstreams and** [**constituted bodies**](http://unfccc.int/files/inc/graphics/image/png/unfccc_bodies_large.png) **under the convention, including the Adaptation Committee (AC), the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA), Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (L&D Mechanism), Paris Committee on Capacity Building, Technology Executive Committee (TEC), Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre & Network (CTCN), Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE)?** |
| *Please explain your suggestions here**From the perspective of your organization or government, how would these suggestions make the work/role of the NWP more relevant to other workstreams and constituted bodies under the convention?* |
| **Relevant hyperlinks:** |
| *Please provide hyperlinks to any relevant sources of information.* |
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1. **Other suggested areas for improvement not otherwise covered.**

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| **Does your organization or government have any additional suggestions for improving the relevance and effectiveness of the NWP that have not been covered elsewhere?** |
| *Please briefly describe any other areas for improvement that your organization or government sees, which could improve the effectiveness and relevance of the work undertaken by the NWP.* |
| **How do these suggestions relate to your organization or government?**  |
| *Please describe how these suggested improvements could provide benefits for the work or your organization or government.* |
| **How would the improvements be quantified?**  |
| *Please suggest ways in which the improvements to the NWP, or the benefits derived by your organization or government could be measured and quantified.* |
| **Relevant hyperlinks:**  |
| *Please provide hyperlinks to any relevant sources of information.* |

**Further information:**

You are welcomed to provide any other information that your organization or government thinks would highlight suggestions made in response to this call for submissions.

1. See: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/publications/09_nwp_wp_9areas_en.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See: http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2017/sbsta/eng/04.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-2)