

Support for the National Adaptation Plan process

Supporting Tanzania to adapt to the impacts of climate change

Background

With climate change impacts continuing to derail development goals, it is now imperative to include adaptation in planning at all levels. To address this, the negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) introduced the **National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process**, which aims to reduce vulnerability to climate change and facilitate the integration of adaptation into policies, programmes and development planning. The NAP process can also support countries in the implementation of their national climate targets under the Paris Agreement, so called Nationally Determined Contributions – NDCs.

NAP in the Context of Tanzania

Like many other Sub-Saharan countries, Tanzania is **highly vulnerable** to the impacts of climate change. Important sectors of the economy including agriculture and energy are already affected by, amongst others, increasing droughts, changing precipitation patterns and flooding. In addition, coastal areas and islands like Zanzibar are already experiencing the adverse effects of sea-level rise and salt water intrusion.

The country has initiated a number of **policy initiatives** addressing climate impacts including a National Climate Change Strategy (2012), the Zanzibar Climate Change Strategy (2014), Climate Change Adaptation Plans for Water (2012) and Agriculture (2014), and it submitted to the UNFCCC its climate targets called Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) in 2015. However, sustainable, long-term financing and implementation of priority adaptation measures remains a challenge for Tanzania

The **NAP process** is a systematic and participatory process to:

- Assess data on climate impacts and vulnerabilities and support its use in decision making
- Build capacity and integrate adaptation into relevant policies and planning instruments
- Decide on national priorities and develop project and programme proposals
- Facilitate access to climate finance from domestic and international sources
- Monitor progress over time

Thus, the NAP process can play an important role in better preparing Tanzania for the impacts of climate change and **achieving Tanzania's NDC adaptation targets** under the Paris Agreement.

Approach

In Tanzania, the Vice President's Office – Division of Environment (VPO-DoE) is the institution responsible for coordinating climate change and environment issues. Therefore Germany's *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (**BMZ**) and **USAID**, is supporting the VPO-DoE to conduct a consultative NAP process which aims at improving cross-sector coordination, integration of adaptation into development planning and strategic access to climate finance. GIZ is providing financial and technical support through two advisors who together with the VPO-DoE form the **NAP Secretariat** to guide and implement the NAP process.

Current Targets

In line with the UNFCCC Technical Guidelines for the NAP process, a **comprehensive stocktaking** of climate information, vulnerabilities, capacities and gaps has been performed in 2017. In addition, capacities for mainstreaming of adaptation and strategic access to international climate finance will be strengthened.



Partners

Vice President's Office – Division of Environment is the main partner alongside mainland Ministries for Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries; Energy and Minerals; Finance and Planning; Health, Gender and Elderly; Natural Resources and Tourism; Water and Irrigation; the corresponding Ministries from Zanzibar, as well as agencies such as the Tanzania Meteorological Agency and the National Environment Management Council. All are closely involved in the process to ensure mainstreaming into and ownership from the climate sensitive sectors.

Achievements

Since its inception in May 2016 the support to the NAP process has achieved the following milestones:

- **Expert NAP Advisory to the VPO-DoE:** GIZ and VPO are jointly hosting the **NAP Secretariat**. Expert advice on NAP has been provided by GIZ and learning facilitated from NAP experiences of other countries.
- **Formation of a NAP Team:** a multi-sector and multi-agency National Adaptation Plan Team of **30 experts** was formed. The capacity of this team has been developed through trainings and workshops to ensure sectors are taken on board during the process. Up to October 2017 **four workshops and one training** have been held to capacitate the team.
- **Stakeholder Involvement:** to ensure government ownership for the NAP process **two awareness raising events** (1 in Tanzania mainland and 1 in Zanzibar) were held and more than **55 senior government officials** participated.
- **National Stocktaking** to identify available information on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation initiatives and assessing gaps and needs of the enabling environment for the NAP process for both Tanzania mainland

and Zanzibar. A comprehensive stocktaking at national and sub-national level involving **185 environment officers** of all Tanzanian councils, representatives from line ministries and development partners working in the area of climate change was conducted. The gathered data provides the foundation for a detailed stocktaking report. The stocktaking has also helped creating awareness of the NAP process throughout the country.

Summary table

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Further information

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