

Summary Report of the MALAWI NAP Training workshop

Livingstonia Beach Hotel, Salima

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1.0 **Background**

The Government of Malawi developed the National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) that was officially launched in February 2008, with the aim of addressing immediate and urgent adaptation needs that were aimed at assisting vulnerable communities and ecosystems to have enhanced resilience to the adverse effects of climate change. At the Sixteenth Session of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that was in Cancun, Mexico in 2010, the COP decided to establish a process to enable least developed countries like Malawi to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs), building upon their experience in preparing and implementing NAPAs, as a means of identifying medium and long-term adaptation needs and developing and implementing strategies and programs to address those needs.

In its bid to translate these Cancun decisions, and other relevant COP decisions, and also to address provisions in the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy, Government through the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining conducted a training workshop on NAPs with the view of raising awareness of the NAP process as well as drafting of the road map for the development of the NAPs.

The NAP process in Malawi is and will be led by a core team of 12 adaptation experts from various sectors whose mandate is to spearhead the whole process and providing technical backstopping and lead of the process. The core team is supported by a sectoral team whose mandate is to spearhead and own sectoral activities in the process. In addition the Government of Malawi has engaged a National Facilitator to facilitate the National Adaptation Plans preparation process under the supervision of the Director of Environmental Affairs, guidance of Core Team members, and with expert input from sector experts drawn from key sectors from Government, private, academia, youth, and civil society organizations

2.0 **Target Audience**

National Stakeholders were drawn from a broad range of climate sensitive sectors and areas drawn from government, academia, civil society, faith groups as well as media houses ensuring a good balance of representation (list of participants is attached).

The meeting was conducted in an interactive manner, with overview presentations by local facilitators, followed by extensive discussions. The

whole meeting was facilitated by two moderators. Representatives from multilateral and bilateral donor agencies from GIZ, UNDP- UNEP GSP Consortium and Global Water Partnership working in adaptation were also involved in the process. The NAP Core team was in charge of delivering the training.

3.0 Objectives

The goal of the three day work-shop was to assist the Malawi Government to identify the next steps to start its National Adaptation Plan Process through multi-stakeholder engagement. Training modules included an understanding of the main aspects of the NAP process, reflection and lessons learnt from the ongoing climate change initiatives, analysing gaps, and having a broad-based discussions with key climate change sensitive sectors on defining a road-map for the NAP process.

The specific objectives were to:

- i. Enhance understanding of the NAP process according to the UNFCCC/LEG technical guidelines for the NAP process;
- ii. Discuss lessons learnt from ongoing climate mainstreaming and other relevant initiatives, for eg. Through the NAPA
- iii. Discuss the potential entry points for the NAP process in Malawi taking into account political economy, including existing policy/planning/strategic/budgeting processes and related projects and programmes;
- iv. Identify specific technical and institutional needs and priorities to support the integration of medium- and long-term climate change adaptation into existing national and sub-national planning and processes;
- v. Draft a roadmap to advance the NAP process.

4.0 Outcomes

The workshop closed with the following conclusions and proposed a roadmap for the NAP Process as below:

1. The meeting provided a platform to exchange knowledge and activities that are being implemented by various institutions in the country. The workshop established that a lot of adaptation related activities are already taking place that could provide experiences and lesson learnt and inform the NAP process
2. The workshop raised awareness among stakeholders on the elements of the Nap process as contained in the NAP technical guidelines by the

LEG. Many participants indicated that they will develop sector and area specific concept notes and back to office reports to broaden the awareness in their specific areas of work

3. Participants identified various entry points for NAP processes in their areas or work that indicated a need to undertake a compressive adaption stock taking to advance the NAP process
4. The training workshop identified the following as very key elements for a road map for Malawi that can enable the country advance the NAP process.

Milestone	Outputs	Specify type of capacity building required	Time line	Financial Support needed
Initiation and launch of NAP	Mandate for NAP process defined and a road map in place	Enhanced training for Task team that includes Sector teams (at least 3 from each sector), and core team.	3 – 6 months	low
Stocktaking report	Inventory of climate change information reports and data, Gap and needs analysis report. Inventory of current initiatives		6- 12 months	medium
National Comprehensive climate change vulnerability analysis	Vulnerability Situation Report	Tools and methods for vulnerability analysis	12- 18months	high
Climate and socio-economic Scenarios report	Climate socio-economic analysis report, Report on climate risks and projected climate changes, Strategy for climate information services.	Tools and methodologies Expertise/skills in climate, socio-economic modeling	12-24 months	high
Implementation strategies for NAPs,	Medium and long term indicators for Adaptation, Report on prioritization of adaptation in national development	Tools and methods for Appraisal of adaptation options and how to measure successful adaptations options as well as integration of adaption options	24- 36 months	high

5.0 Financial Report

The Malawi NAP training workshop was supported by Global Water Partnership provide support for participants and fees for resource persons and overall facilitators based on the original request that the government submitted to GWP in February 2014. In addition the UNDP Country Office who provided the conference facilities including lunch and refreshments.

The following is a summary of funds utilization from GWP

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CHEQUE AMOUNT	6,886,090.00
OFFICERS	3,198,160.00
SUPPORT STAFF	1,748,400.00
FACILITATORS	1,030,480.00
RESOURCE PERSONS	764,640.00
TOTAL DISBURSED	6,741,680.00
AIRTIME	10,000.00
TONNER CARTILAGE	128,910.00
PRINTING PAPERS	5,500.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE	6,886,090.00
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