

# Climate change and migration in the context of the Nairobi work programme on adaptation

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Objective:

to assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States

to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, and

to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change on a sound scientific, technical and socio-economic basis, taking into account current and future climate change and variability



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Nine work areas:

- Methods and tools
- Data and observations
- Modelling, scenarios and downscaling
- Risks and extreme events
- Socio-economic information
- Adaptation planning and practices
- Research
- Technologies for adaptation
- Economic diversification



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Expected outcomes:

- Enhanced capacity to identify and assess impacts, vulnerability and adaptation responses at the international, regional, national, local and sectoral levels
- Improved information and advice to the Conference of the Parties and the subsidiary bodies
- Enhanced development, dissemination and use of knowledge from practical adaptation activities



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Expected outcomes (continued):

- Enhanced cooperation among relevant stakeholders, aimed at strengthening their ability to manage climate change risks
- Enhanced integration of actions to adapt to climate change with those to achieve sustainable development



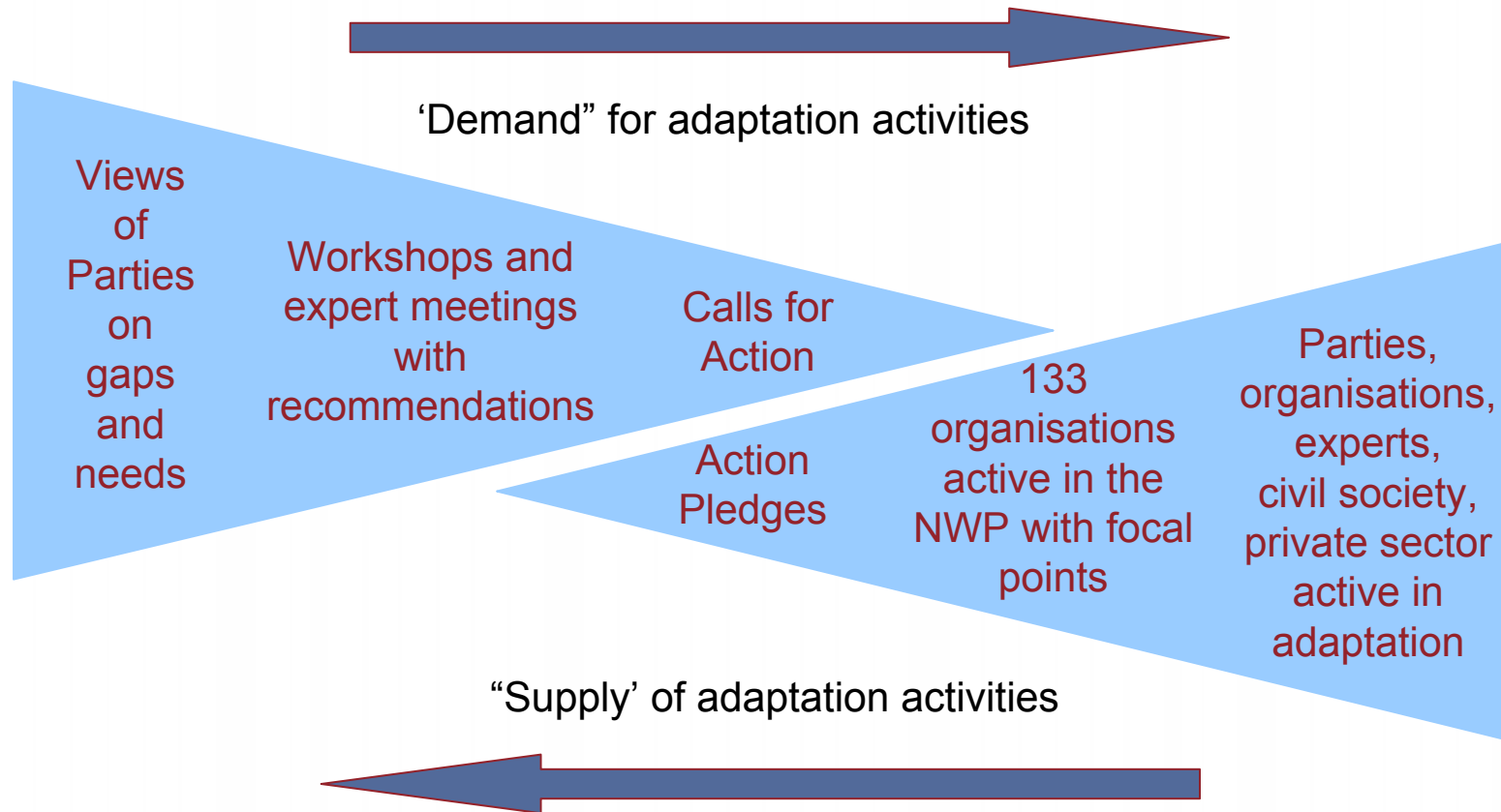
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## Implementation:

- Workshops and expert meetings
- Submissions from Parties and organisations,
- UNFCCC documents, databases, web-based interface etc
- Catalyzing new actions by:
  - Involving a wide range of partners and promoting cooperation among them
  - Developing *Calls for Action* and encouraging *Action Pledges*



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Work areas where migration has received some attention:

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## Migration as an issue within NWP?

- Sits in the background, but emphasis to date is more on adaptation in situ, and what might be needed to support that
  - Expert meeting on socio-economic aspects:
    - Employment issues and planned adaptation strategies; migration part of solution?



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## Migration as an issue within NWP?

- Workshop on economic diversification
  - International support for economic diversification could include special immigration quota for climate change induced displaced persons from LDCs and SIDs
  - High levels of migrant labourers who lack rights and access to services without legal residency
  - Requires enabling approaches: migrant support and entitlements across boundaries
  - Exposure to new vulnerabilities



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## Where to from here?

- Promote the availability of information on the socio-economic aspects of climate change and improve the integration of socio-economic information into impact and vulnerability assessments
- Facilitate the discussion on ways and means to enhance the availability and integration of socio-economic information into impact and vulnerability assessments, and subsequently adaptation planning
- Closer collaboration is needed between the Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change communities



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## Where to from here?

- NWP a partnership between the UNFCCC process and external organisations
- Role of *Calls for Action* and corresponding *Action Pledges*?
- Parties would need to give priority to migration as an issue deserving more attention
- October 2009 a technical workshop on integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies into national policies and programmes
- COP15 - NWP as knowledge hub for adaptation

