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water management**

**Water and Climate Change Adaptation –
where are the entry points?**

GPPN and the UNFCCC

Consultation with global stakeholders – Key Messages on Water and Climate Change Adaptation for COP15

Joint statement with Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate, IUCN, International Water Association (IWA) and World Water Council at Climate Change talks in Bonn in April

Proposed Text Amendments to Chair's negotiating text for AWG LCA

Focus of Presentation

Why is water important in the context of the UNFCCC?

What are the key points relating to water that we would like to see reflected in COP15 outcomes?

What are the main challenges to achieving this?

Why is water important in the context of the UNFCCC?

Water will be one of the primary transmitters of climate change impacts on people and the environment (IPCC)

World Water Development: decisions impacting water sector taken 'outside the water box'.

What constitutes adaptation action, and how adaptation can be implemented?

Integrated Land and Water Resources Management for Climate Change Adaptation

22. The implementation of the adaptation {framework}{programme} {shall}{should}:
(a) Be undertaken in the context of the following:

ADD: (k bis) Be guided by an awareness of the importance of effective integrated land and water management, through adherence to the five principles of the Nairobi Statement on Integrated Land and Water Resources Management for Climate Change Adaptation: Sustainable Development, Resilience, Governance, Information, and Economics and Financing.

25. The adaptation {framework}{programme} shall support and enhance the implementation of national adaptation plans. Adaptation action includes:

ADD: (e bis) Activities relating to the integrated management of natural resources, including integrated land and water resources management

Regional Adaptation – Transboundary

25. The adaptation {framework}{programme} shall support and enhance the implementation of national adaptation plans. Adaptation action includes:

ADD: (a bis) Actions at regional and international level to enhance transboundary water management and respond to climate change impacts on shared river-basins and international watercourses.

31. In providing support, priority {shall}{should} be given to:

ADD: (a bis) Supporting regional frameworks which advance adaptation on a national level, including transboundary water management arrangements at the riverbasin level.

Ecosystem-Based Adaptation

19. A comprehensive, robust, cooperative and action-oriented adaptation {framework} {programme} shall be established to enable, support and implement adaptation action, and to reduce vulnerability and build resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change. It {shall}{should} encompass provisions for:

(c bis) Ecosystem-based adaptation measures and sharing of approaches in this area

22. The implementation of the adaptation {framework}{programme} {shall}{should}:

(a) Be undertaken in the context of the following:

(iii) Promoting climate-resilient development in a manner that is ***[delete: practical] [add:ecosystem-based]*** informed by the best science, environmentally sound, and economically efficient, and that promotes on-the-ground results;

Institutional Facilitation on Water and Climate

E. Institutional arrangements

45. Under the adaptation {framework}{programme}, international institutional arrangements for adaptation {must}{should}:

ADD: (e: bis) Encourage enhanced dialogue, communication and knowledge-sharing between the water and climate change sectors, including facilitating involvement of the water sector in the Nairobi Work Programme, and enhance provision of guidance on using climate information in the context of water management.

Challenges

Water is a local/national, not an international issue
BUT – not the case for transboundary water management

Reluctance to focus on sectors
BUT – what constitutes ‘action’, and ‘implementation’?

Water community late-comer to the process
SO – need to work even harder and create an active
‘community’ and movement

Thank you!

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