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## Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (NWP) - *Understanding vulnerability, fostering adaptation*

The Nairobi work programme (NWP) is undertaken under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the UNFCCC. Its objective is 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 to climate change; and
- **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.

The NWP is implemented by Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector, communities and other stakeholders. The SBSTA encourages active engagement of adaptation stakeholders in the implementation of the NWP under mandated programme activities and work areas. The NWP disseminates knowledge and information on adaptation, and highlights the work of partners as widely as possible through a variety of knowledge products and publications. Organizations, institutions and private sector companies at all levels and in a wide range of sectors can become engaged with the programme by becoming a partner and making an Action Pledge. **Further information about how to join the NWP can be found here.** Further information about the NWP can be found under the following links:

### Negotiations and Decisions

Updates on NWP negotiations under the SBSTA

### Programme Activities and Work Areas

Activities undertaken and their associated outputs under the nine work areas

### Partners, Action Pledges and Experts database

A searchable database containing information about partner organizations, their adaptation activities and/or actions pledged under the NWP and nominated adaptation experts

### Calls for Action

Information on Calls for Action to meet the objective of the work programme under its respective work areas

### Workshops and Meetings

Detailed information on workshops and meetings mandated under the programme

- [A compendium on methods and tools developed by the UNFCCC secretariat;](#)
- [A database on ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation;](#)
- [An evolving inventory of adaptation knowledge platforms and networks;](#)
- [Publications produced under the programme;](#) and
- [Documents mandated by the SBSTA under the work programme](#)

### Knowledge Resources and Publications

### Comments/suggestions?

If you have comments and/or suggestions relating to any aspect of the NWP including our webpages and programme implementation, please email [nwp@unfccc.int](mailto:nwp@unfccc.int)

### NEW

[Conclusions](#) adopted at SBSTA 35 and [decision](#) adopted by the COP at its seventeenth session.

[Water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies.](#) Technical paper.

[Summary note of the survey of national focal points to identify priority needs for the dissemination of products related to impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change under the Nairobi work programme \(144 kB\)](#)

[Ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation: compilation of information.](#) Note by the secretariat.

[Publication: Assessing the costs and benefits of adaptation options. An overview of approaches \(6066 kB\)](#)

### Become a NWP Partner

Contribute to the implementation and work of the Nairobi work programme

## NWP Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Calendar Local farmers increasing taro crop diversity

MARCH



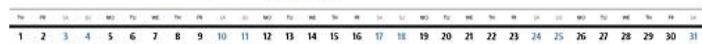
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Local Farmers Increasing taro crop diversity

Taro is a tropical root vegetable, and the staple food of Samoa, as well as an important export crop. As a result of climate change, Samoa will experience more extreme periods of rainfall, drought and increased coastal erosion from sea-level rise, all of which are expected to impact agriculture. Following the devastation of the taro crop by a fungal disease, taro blight, in the 1950s, the need to increase taro crop diversity became clear. A portfolio of complementary projects was initiated to reduce the vulnerability to future threats, including taro blight, along with increased drought and saline conditions that are expected under climate change scenarios.

In a collaboration between the Samoan Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the University of the South Pacific and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, with support from AusAid and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, a participatory breeding programme to engage local farmers was established. Farmers were involved in the decision making process resulting in the completion of 6 diverse selection of taro varieties with climate-resilient traits, ensuring resilience to predicted climate impacts and increasing food security.

[http://doc.unfccc.int/nwp/mar03/03/mar\\_n\\_diversity\\_from\\_samoa\\_a\\_fine\\_bright\\_future.pdf](http://doc.unfccc.int/nwp/mar03/03/mar_n_diversity_from_samoa_a_fine_bright_future.pdf)



2012

March features a project to reduce vulnerability of taro crops through increasing crop diversity. The project was undertaken in collaboration with local farmers, the Samoan Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the University of the South Pacific, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, with support from AusAid and the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research Community.

An electronic version of the 2012 calendar is available, please [click here \(2051 kB\)](#) to download it. Copies of the calendar can be obtained by contacting [nwp@unfccc.int](mailto:nwp@unfccc.int).

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