

Concept Note

CO-ORDINATING EFFORTS FOR EFFECTIVE NAP FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

Partner Dialogue Meeting

April 8th, 2026, | 15:00-16:30 (EAT) via MS Teams

I. Background

The Global Stocktake decision adopted at COP28 (Decision 1/CMA.5) calls for all Parties to complete their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and to significantly advance implementation by 2030. Despite increased attention to adaptation, progress remains uneven—only 74 Parties have submitted NAPs to the UNFCCC to date.

In East and Southern Africa, progress varies considerably across the 19 Parties in the region, which include 11 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and two Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Ten countries have submitted their NAPs, and some have begun implementing priority actions. Others remain in advanced formulation stages, while several are in the early stages or yet to begin.

A diversity of entry points, capacities, and challenges calls for tailored, well-coordinated support. The support landscape has expanded with contributions from UN agencies, MDBs, and intergovernmental institutions. However, partners have also identified risks of duplication and fragmentation. Following the Regional Dialogue on Accelerating Support for NAP Formulation and Implementation (2025), partners expressed the need for a regular coordination platform to improve synergy, coherence, and scale of assistance.

The RCC for East and Southern Africa, in collaboration with the UNFCCC Secretariat, is therefore convening this Roundtable Discussion to align partner support, share ongoing and future initiatives, and collectively strengthen country pipelines support for NAP formulation and implementation.

II. Objectives

The Roundtable aims to create a shared platform for partners supporting NAP processes in East and Southern Africa too:

Discussion Objectives

- Review the current landscape for NAP formulation and implementation across the region.
- Identify country specific and regional gaps that hinder progress towards the NAP submission target and 2030 implementation milestones.
- Share pipelines of partner activities through end 2026, including technical and financial assistance opportunities.
- Explore opportunities to harmonize efforts, promote complementarities, and enhance the effectiveness of country level delivery.

The session is designed as an interactive dialogue to facilitate joint solution building and strengthen regional collaboration.

III. Format

- Duration: 90 minutes
- Format: Fully virtual, interactive exchange
- Structure:
 - Brief opening remarks
 - Two short presentations
 - Main roundtable discussion (guided questions)
 - Closing and next steps

IV. Target Audience

This discussion invites development and implementation partners currently engaged in or planning to support NAP-related activities in East and Southern Africa, including UN agencies, MDBs, bilateral partners, and technical organizations.

V. Agenda

Time	Session	Speaker / Moderator
5'	Opening remarks	Mr. William Otieno, Regional Lead, RCC EASA
20'	Presentation Presentation: The status of NAPs in the region and globally Key milestones for NAPs this year and UNFCCC Support	Ms. Sonam Khandu, Programme Officer, Adaptation UNFCCC Secretariat
60'	Roundtable discussion with all partners This session aims at exchanging views on partner support plans for assisting all East and Southern African in delivering their NAPs and implementing them Partners will be invited to share reflections and interventions guided by the following prompts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What support is already available to assist countries that must finalize NAPs for submission in 2026? - For countries with NAPs in place, what mechanisms exist to request and access implementation support from your organization? - What pipeline activities are planned through 2026 that countries may leverage for NAP acceleration? - How can coordination, synergy, and complementarity among partners be strengthened to enhance effectiveness and avoid duplication? - 	All participating organizations / Parties
5'	Closing and way forward	UNFCCC Secretariat (TBC)