



National Adaptation Plan to Advance Medium and Long-Term Adaptation Planning in Armenia

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Armenian NAP Program overview

- In June 2016 the Ministry of Nature Protection (Ministry of Environment) launched the preparatory works for the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).
- Preparatory Action Plan for NAP Implementation was formulated and approved by key stakeholders and the Ministry of Nature Protection.
- In January 2017, the UNDP Armenia Office elaborated and agreed the Project concept paper with support of UNDP-GCF Readiness support Programme with the stakeholders, which was then submitted for approval to the Ministry of Nature Protection.
- In February 2017, along with "no objection" letter received from the Minister of Nature Protection (NDA for GCF), it was submitted to GCF for approval.
- In June 2018, the GCF officially approved the Project.
- On November 27, 2018 the project document was signed.

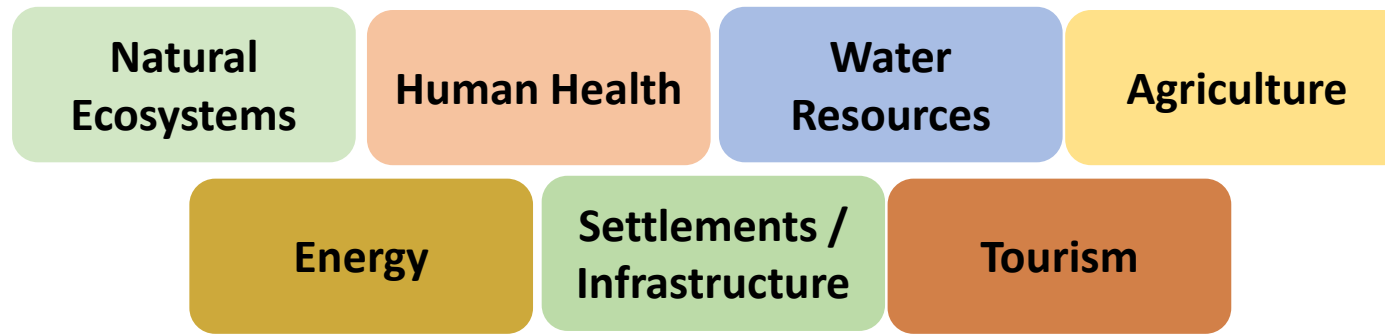
“National Adaptation Plan to Advance Medium and Long-Term Adaptation Planning in Armenia” UNDP-GCF/00104267 Project

- Financing source: **Green Climate Fund (Readiness Programme)**
- Implementer: **UNDP Armenia**
- Senior Beneficiary: **Ministry of Environment of Armenia**
- Duration: **2019 - 2022 (48 months)**
- Project objective:
 - **Build medium- and long-term climate change adaptation planning capacities in Armenia**
 - **Support climate change resilient development in Armenia**



Existing Policy Context and Compliance with the National Priorities

- NAP's goals correspond to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Sendai Action Plan
- In 2015, RoA Government's Protocol Decision No. 41 approved Nationally Determined Contributions under the UNFCCC Paris Agreement, and signified CC ecosystem based adaptation approach, and also outlined the main vulnerable sectors.



- RoA Government's Protocol Decision No. 49, 2016 on the action plan on implementation of measures under UNFCCC commitments stipulated development of NAP and submission to the government approval.

Climate Change adaptation program compliance with national development context and strategies

- Republic of Armenia Government Programme for 2019
- Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between Armenia and the EU and the Roadmap deriving from the Agreement (2017)
- National Disaster Risk Management Strategy and Program (2017)
- Food Security Concept paper and 2017-2021 Action Plan
- National Security Strategy of the Republic of Armenia (2020)

The NAP Process:

- **Integrated approach.** The NAP process should be included in national development planning, policies and programs.
- **Solutions specific to national context.** Should work out NAP relevant respective situation (country-driven process).
- **Continuity.** Medium-term and long-term adaptability is a recurring process, rather than a one-time action.
- NAP development should be based on substantive data and studies, taking into account the best practices and traditional knowledge and with a view of the Convention requirements.

Armenian National Adaptation Plan scheme:

NATIONAL

5 Year Update Cycle

FRAMEWORK NAP (draft)

NAP Strategy
(2021-2030)

NAP ACTION PLAN
(2021-2025)

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FRAMEWORK

Financing
Strategy

Prioritized Investment
Pipelines

SECTOR & SUB-NATIONAL

5 Year Update Cycle
Or integration into
sector/province
development plan

4
SECTOR ADAPTATION
PLANS

2
PROVINCE (MARZ)
ADAPTATION PLANS

Stocktaking
CRVA
Adaptation strategies and
measures (different approach)

NAP Strategy highlighted values

Specificity – Not all sector and marz (province) can be treated the same;

Simplicity – The adaptation planning process must be open, transparent, and flexible enough to meet the needs of different types of stakeholders across different timeframes;

Equity – The benefits of adaptation flow to the country as a whole, as well as individual sectors and marz; and

Scalability – The adaptation planning process must be national in scale and local in implementation to achieve localized consistency and flexibility.

Principles for the National Adaptation Plan

- **Climate vulnerability and social equity are linked** – *prioritized action for climate vulnerable populations and considered social equity at all levels of decision-making*
- **Promotion of gender responsive approaches to adaptation** – *adaptation channeled in gender-responsive ways, more equitable opportunities and benefits, reduced gender-based vulnerabilities and risks*
- **Multi-hazard approach** – *addressed diverse array of climate hazards*
- **Balancing risk reduction with development** – *emerged alternative solutions for addressing climate risk*
- **Ecosystem-based adaptation** – *addressed crucial links between CC, biodiversity, ecosystem services, sustainable resource management and human well-being*
- **Participation and inclusivity** – *ensured fairness and accessibility in design and delivery, and the equitable distribution of benefits*
- **Openness and knowledge transfer** – *information presented in understandable, consistent way*
- **Climate-aligned financial decision-making and management** – *embedded climate resilience considerations into financial decision-making for policy, programs and investments*

Coordination and Oversight of the National Adaptation Planning Process

Inter-Agency Coordinating Council for the Fulfillment of Requirements and Provisions of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

- Implementation of requirements and provisions of UNFCCC, 2012
- Coordination of short-term, medium-term and long-term activities and measures related to the implementation of the obligations assumed by the Republic of Armenia under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- New draft Decision of the PM was developed (UNFCCC and Paris Agreement) – coordination mechanism for NAP and NDC, new composition, new functions, new rules of procedures

Implementation of the Strategy



Cross-sectoral intervention

Will provide a starting point to focus initial national and sub-national, cross-sectoral actions

Adaptation measures specific to 6 priority sectors and pilot regions

Will become the blueprints for sectoral and marz adaptation, delineate a detailed 5-year strategy for adaptation, and will include a portfolio of project concept notes for priority investments in adaptation

It is anticipated that the adaptation measures presented in the draft NAP Action Plan will be implemented / initiated during the 2021–2025 period. However, their implementation will depend on funding, policy update / introduction etc.

Thank you

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