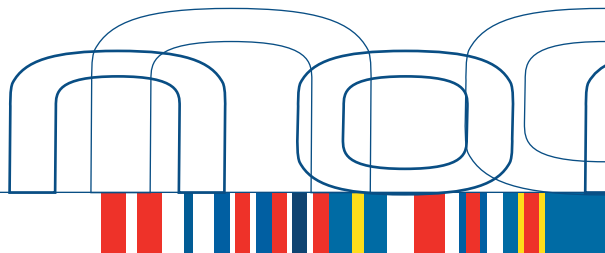




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Nordic Partnership Initiative on Up-Scaled Mitigation Action



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The Nordic Partnership Initiative on Up-Scaled Mitigation Action (NPI) has been established in December 2011 to support climate change mitigation efforts in developing countries. The NPI is funded by Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden and implemented in co-operation with Peru and Vietnam.

The aim of the Initiative is to demonstrate how innovative international climate finance solutions can achieve sector wide greenhouse gas emission reductions in developing countries. Using a bottom-up methodology that draws heavily on the input of local stakeholders, NAMA Readiness Programmes have been established in Peru and Vietnam. During the Programmes concrete financeable proposals of

Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) are developed as proof-of-concept activities that will drive the development and implementation of further NAMAs¹

Key to the success of these NAMA Readiness Programmes is the fact that the NAMAs are embedded in the countries' development plans and strategies by the local regulatory authorities. To ensure sustainability and transformational change, the NAMA proposals will include different types of actions that will take place in the short, medium and long term perspective: pilot projects, targeted policy instruments and policy reform, supported by financial schemes. Financial sustainability of the actions, including plans for phase-out of international support in the

long term, is taken into account in the development process.

The NPI will provide lessons learned from early activities to the international climate negotiations and serve as a model to encourage other Parties to take similar actions. The principles of matching NAMAs with developed country support are in a nascent stage and the Nordic sponsors of the Initiative are confident that the NPI will enhance the tool box of options available to developing countries to address climate change.



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Background

In autumn 2010 the Nordic Working Group for Global Climate Negotiations (NOAK) and the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO) decided to start preparations for the NPI, in order to scale up the emission reduction efforts supported by the Nordic countries. During 2011 the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) joined the Initiative.

A Feasibility Study was conducted in 2010-2011 in consultation with Peru and Vietnam in order to identify potential sectors where

¹NAMAs are large-scale host country driven emission reduction actions that are supported and enabled by international and domestic financing, technology, and capacity building



NAMA Readiness Programmes could be started. During the study, the municipal waste sector in Peru and the cement sector in Vietnam were selected as the most appropriate sectors.

Expected results of the NAMA Readiness Programmes

In the NAMA Readiness Programmes the most potential climate change mitigation and policy options, as well as institutional structures and financing plans, are identified and selected for the NAMA proposals. The Pilot Programmes will enable the monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems of the greenhouse gas emissions for the proposed NAMAs and ensure that the NAMAs are ready to apply for and receive international funding e.g. through the carbon market or other climate finance in able to implement the policy reform constituting the NAMAs.

NAMA Readiness Programme in Peru

The Peru municipal waste sector NAMA Readiness Programme was started in August 2013 and will continue until June 2015. The budget of the NPI Pilot Programme in Peru is €2.3 million, and it is financed by NEFCO and the Nordic governments. The Programme partner is the Ministry of Environment of Peru (MINAM).

The NAMA Readiness Programme in Peru consists of the following regarding the solid waste sector:

- Solid waste inventory of Peru
- Development of a business-as-usual scenario for emissions until 2030
- Assessment of mitigation options
- Identification of barriers to implement the mitigation options, and ways to overcome them

- Development of at least one NAMA proposal, including setting up a measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) system for emissions
- Identification of financing options and setting reference levels for possible emissions trading.

NAMA Readiness Programme in Vietnam

The Programme in the Vietnam cement sector was started in March 2014, and will continue until March 2016. The budget



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of the Vietnam NAMA Readiness Programme is €1.6 million, and it is financed by NDF and the government of Vietnam. The Programme partner is the Ministry of Construction of Vietnam (MOC).

The NAMA Readiness Programme in Vietnam consists of the following regarding the cement production sector:

- Identification and collection of relevant data
- Development of baseline emission trends
- Setting up a sector-level MRV system
- Assessment of mitigation options
- Development of at least one NAMA proposal
- Identifying options for matching the policy toolkit with NAMA support
- Identification of potential national and international financing options.

Partners

The strength of the NPI is the network of partners that it brings together. The partners include: The Nordic Council of Ministers, the Nordic working group for global climate negotiations (NOAK), Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO), the Nordic Development Fund (NDF), the Ministry of Construction of Vietnam (MOC) and the Ministry of Environment of Peru (MINAM).

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