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Dialogue on Adaptation to Climate Change for Land and Water Management , and the Nairobi Principles

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Purpose and process of the Dialogue



Dialogue on Climate Change Adaptation
for Land and Water Management



Raising adaptation on the global climate agenda



Importance of land and water:

If *mitigation* is about energy, then *adaptation* is about land and water

The most vulnerable:

Hot spots for climate change include Africa, coastal Asia, small island states...

=> the poorest, the countries with least capacity



Dialogue to focus on *land and water* management in *developing countries*

=> Danida in partnership with GWP, UNEP and WB

Political and operational objectives



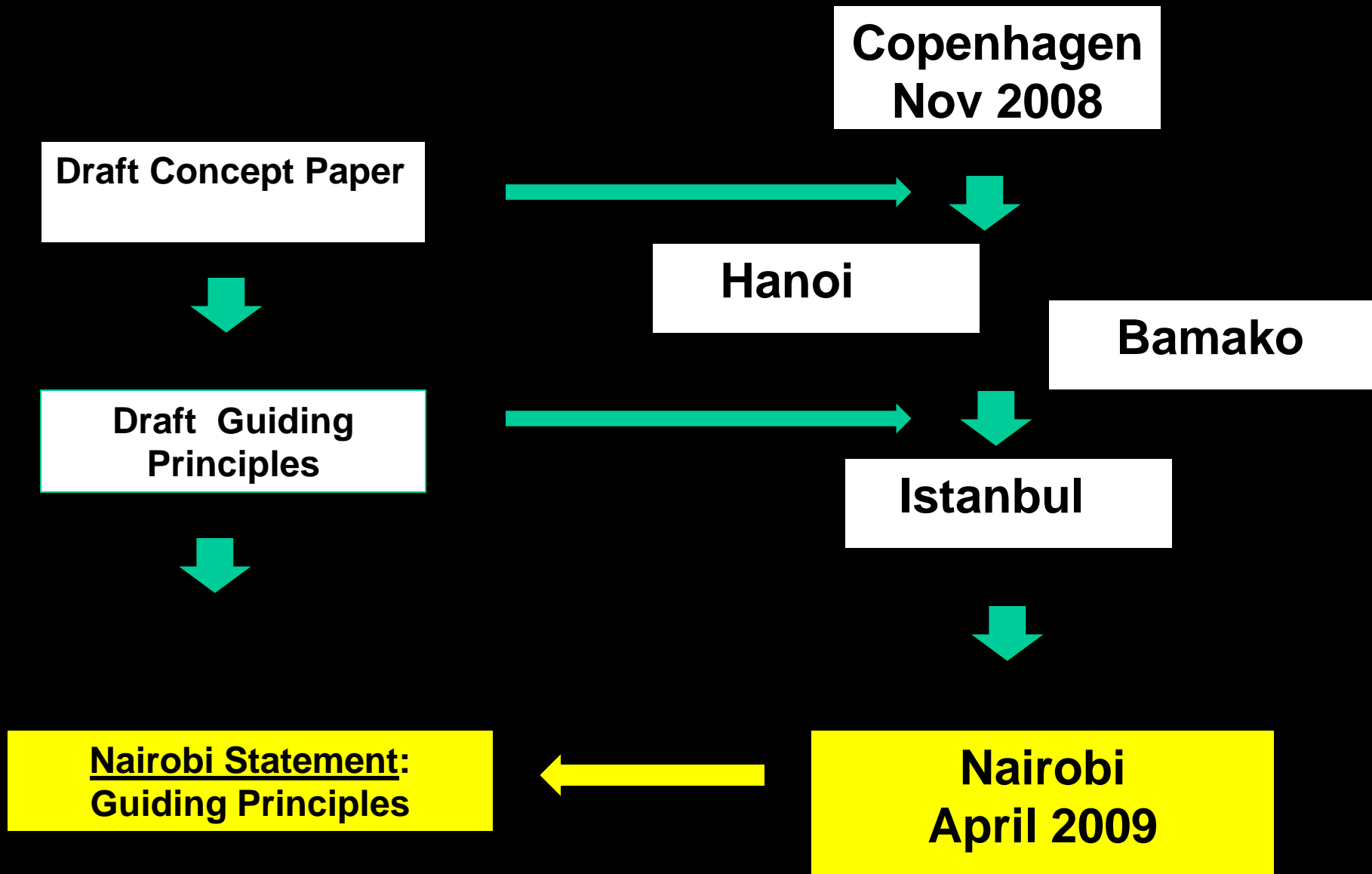
Influencing the UNFCCC/COP 15 proces:

- => Developing messages for policy makers
- => Creating ownership to the process

Supporting adaptation action in the countries:

- => Creating an alliance of partners
- => Developing frameworks for action

The process



The Nairobi Statement



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Guiding Principles



The guiding principles: what and how?

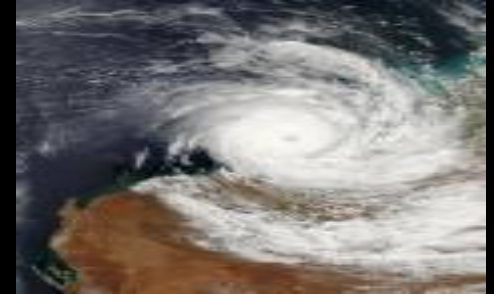
A product of the Dialogue:

Distilled exclusively from the summaries of Copenhagen – Hanoi – Bamako

A few clear principles capturing the essence:

- *The development principle*
- *The resilience principle*
- *The governance principle*
- *The information principle*
- *The economics and financing principle*

Guiding Principles



Preamble

Why this Dialogue?

Land and water resources, essential to development and livelihoods, are particularly vulnerable to impacts of climate change. Actions to adapt to climate change, through an integrated approach to land and water management, are urgently needed.

Guiding Principles



Principle No. 1 : The Development Principle

Adaptation must be addressed in a broad development context, recognizing climate change as an added challenge to reducing poverty, hunger, diseases and environmental degradation.

- *achievement of the MDG s*
- *integration into the national economy*

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Principle No. 2 : The Resilience Principle

Building resilience to ongoing and future climate change calls for adaptation to start now by addressing existing problems in land and water management

- *no regrets investments*
- *both hard and soft adaptation measures*
- *increased water use efficiency, and water storage*
- *intensification and diversification in agriculture.*

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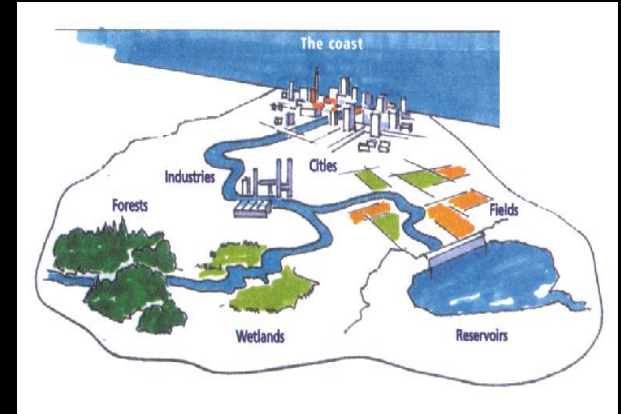


Principle No. 3 : The Governance Principle

Strengthening institutions for land and water management is crucial to effective adaptation and must build on principles of participation of civil society, gender equality, subsidiarity and decentralisation.

- IWRM as the approach to adaptation*
- bottom-up meeting top-down*

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Principle No. 4 : The Information Principle

Information for local adaptation must be improved, and must be considered a public good to be shared at all levels

- *global climate impact models: need to be refined*
- *real-time data for early warning*
- *from local to transboundary*

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Principle No. 5 : The Economics and Financing Principle

The cost of inaction, and the economic and social benefits of adaptation actions, call for increased and innovative financing

- agricultural practices that provide mitigation and/or adaptation

The recommendations for action

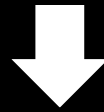


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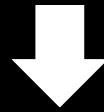
The preliminary recommendations for action

The recommendations for action: what and how?

*From principles to action:
The Dialogue did not really get that far!*



Need for specific action recommendations as guidance



Action Agenda supported by partners

***Need for committed partners
and action proposals***

The way forward



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The road to Copenhagen- and beyond

Nairobi

UNFCCC, Bonn

Stockholm WWW

WCC-3, Geneva

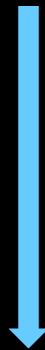
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**PROPOSALS FROM
THIS SESSION?**

Adaptation on the ground





Thank you!

