

National adaptation planning should deliver to vulnerable groups and ecosystems

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BirdLife Policy Brief for UNFCCC COP17, Durban [full briefing here](#) Planned climate change adaptation needs to adopt an integrated approach. Adaptation strategies aim to reduce the impact and cost of climate change by decreasing vulnerability and increasing resilience ? this may be of people and society, the economy, the environment and biodiversity, but successful adaptation will be based on considering the inter-linkages of all three. Ecosystems underpin life on earth and many sectors such as water, forestry, agriculture and health. An integrated approach of socially- and environmentally-sound adaptation that is cross-sectoral and recognises the role of natural systems in adaptation and resilience, should be integral to any adaptation strategy or plan. In Durban, Parties need to ensure that such an approach is recognised i). in the decision on National Adaptation Plans (NAPs); and ii). within an agreed next phase of the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP), to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation practices, reaching local levels of government, civil society and communities. **BirdLife Policy Brief for UNFCCC COP17, Durban [full briefing here](#)**