



# Status of Liberia's MEL for NAP Process: Lessons learned/Progress, Challenges, and key next steps)

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# Brief Background of Liberia MEL Framework for NAP



Liberia developed its **Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL)** Framework in December 2022 which involved multidisciplinary and cross sectoral consultations.

Liberia's MEL Framework runs over a period of three (3) years with an objective of building on and complementing efforts to monitor and evaluate progress and results in the implementation of actions to achieve the **Sustainable Development Goals**, the **2017 National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**, and the **2008 Food and Agriculture Policy and Strategy**. Work is needed to align the adaptation MEL system with the processes of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) that is responsible for monitoring and evaluation of government programs and donor projects. Already there is a Climate Tracking Financing system that has been developed and will soon be operationalized by the MFDP.



## Cont'd: Brief Background of Liberia MEL Framework for NAP



In addition, significant capacity development will be required at the county level, where governments and partners lack uniform MEL systems and have limited skills to collect data and monitor adaptation actions.



## Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Framework for Liberia's National Adaptation Plan

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### Introduction

This briefing note provides a summary of the main points of a technical report that proposes the framework of a monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) system for Liberia's National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2020–2030. The purposes of the technical report are to

- Provide an overview of an appropriate MEL framework for Liberia's NAP process, including clarifying aims and objectives; institutional arrangements, including roles and responsibilities; a process to review and revise indicators; and a system to assess and collect data.
- Elaborate on how national government ministries and agencies, county governments, and other stakeholders can support the development of the national MEL system for Liberia's NAP.
- Set out a phased work plan to establish the MEL system.

The MEL system will be aligned with Liberia's NAP process and will help to track the progress of implementation on prioritised actions set in the NAP. The proposed framework was informed by best practices and input gained through consultations with stakeholders from national and county governments, civil society organisations, and the private sector.

The full technical report is available on request from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Liberia.



# Four Step approach to Liberia's MEL Framework for NAP



## □ 4 Step Approach

- **Monitoring** the **NAP**,
- **Reviewing** the NAP process to assess progress, effectiveness, and gaps –  
**Evaluation,**
- **iteratively** updating the NAP – **Learning,**
- **Reporting** on progress and effectiveness, and carrying out outreach on the NAP



# What did Liberia's MEL Framework for NAP recommend?



- Establish a single, coordinated system for MEL and reporting on climate change adaptation;
- Establish systems for tracking progress, identifying achievements, and evaluating the results of the adaptation process and make any changes that might be necessary. Establish mechanisms to facilitate review and analysis of adaptation data;
- Provide adequate human resources and build MEL capacity in the coordinating and implementing agencies to enable the adaptation MEL system to operate effectively;



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## What did Liberia's MEL Framework for NAP recommend?



- Encourage dialogue and debate among stakeholders to create a common understanding of the significance of a MEL system for climate change adaptation and the need for effective coordination of the system at sectoral, national, and sub-national levels;
- Scale-up efforts to integrate learning from the adaptation MEL system into government policies, strategies, and plans in order to facilitate implementation of the NAP process and add value to ongoing development initiatives.





# Lessons

# learned/Progress

# made



- Sector coordination for MEL enhanced;
- M&E Officers in Adaptation sectors identified;
- Institutional arrangement and policy frameworks are in place to support MEL for NAPs;
- Roles and Responsibilities of M&E Officers are clear;
- Review of NDC and NAP targets and priority actions and their corresponding alignment;
- A MEL Coordination mechanism developed;
- Liberia has developed a Climate Finance Tracking tool that the Ministry of Finance and Development planning will operationalize shortly



# Challenges



- Government is yet to make the operationalization of the MEL Framework for NAP a priority;
- Limited Technical Capacity to identify, collect and analyze data;
- Limited or no funding support to agency M&E Units to function effective;
- Policy makers aren't fully aware of the MEL Framework for NAP;
- A more synergistic coordination between NAP and NDC Focal Points



## Cont'd Challenges



- ❑ Retention of focal Points within sectors;
- ❑ Limited Private sector involvement;
- ❑ Lack of a centralized National Platform and dedicated staff to support Monitoring and Evaluation of NAP;
- ❑ The MEL Framework for NAP implementation is dependent on external support



# Next Steps



- ❑ Review of NAP Indicators;
- ❑ Development of NAP Indicator tracking tools for 6 NAP Priority sectors- **Energy, Waste, Forestry, Agriculture, Fisheries, and Coastal Zones;**
- ❑ Train sector focal points on the application of the NAP indicator tracking tools to track progress over-time;
- ❑ South-South Learning exchange



**The End**

**Thanks for your listening  
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