

Session 4B

Working together: catalysing action by NWP partner orgs

Ways in which focal points can be made more active –effective

Scaling up of Focal Point activity

Develop regional focal points that are also regional centres of expertise in climate and development in each developing world region in order to:

- Communicate the goals and projected outcomes of the NWP, particularly the Second Phase
- Showcase successful examples of the application of the principles of the NWP and successful mainstreaming of climate change adaptation into national policy

Possible activities and methodology might include:

Regional workshops that bring together focal points, policymakers, researchers and practitioners to showcase successful examples of actions using tools, approaches and strategies that correspond to the objectives and principles of the NWP.

Multi-disciplinary training workshops that focus on the 9 work areas of the NWP

- Such workshops can piggyback other relevant events in Africa

Use of region-specific webpages on the UNFCCC website to detail relevant activities

Progress Report

In terms of the Action Pledge that ENDA made at Poznan, I can report activity in the first 3 months of 2009 in both community field and knowledge based knowledge management and research focused on adaptation and low carbon development including:

A mapping exercise across Africa that contributes to a network of skills, training, research and information on all themes relating to climate and development. Coordination of this network will enable ENDA to mediate demand and supply of appropriate information, technical advice tools and direction of research and unleash previously little-known African knowledge, experience and research activities. This work is relevant to the NWP, developing an Africa wide network of expertise in the various disciplines relevant to CCA and DRR, focused around 5 nodal hubs that ENDA will coordinate. The logic employed here is one of mediating regional demand with the supply of information, technical advice tools and direction of research. ENDA is currently working with several organisations in this regard including IDS on the Africa-Adapt project, and the work would be inclusive and cooperative with other activities in the network and climate centre genre.

Work on methodologies for an African indigenous knowledge bank (to be shared with other southern regions) and a global community level communications network, new actions in the ENDA CBA programme.

Extension of the ENDA community based adaptation to climate change programme – ENDA is active in 12 CBA actions in 2009, with several partners, working on awareness raising, vulnerability analysis, risk communication, assessment of adaptive capacity and construction of adaptation strategies. One of the main objectives of this work is to develop the capacity of local organisations that take responsibility and ownership of the work. In one case in Western Zambia, ENDA is experimenting in the creation of sustainable income through farming for a CBO that will, it is hoped, produce surpluses that can be used to address the adaptation agendas of household and focus group initiatives in local villages independent of outside assistance.

These and other activities that will be reported on at the next focal point meeting at SBSTA 30 in Bonn focus on Work areas 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Nairobi Work Programme.