

Contribution to Promoting Knowledge Sharing and Learning

Chapter – NWP work synthesis

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This contribution describes a new knowledge sharing initiative taking place under the C3D+ initiative funded by EU-AIDCO and others.

This contribution refers to the section of ENDA's Action Pledge to the UNFCCC NWP 'Global Community Network'

ENDA Communities is a communications tool and also a help desk for small organisations, civil society and community-based organisations, livelihood groups, researchers, local decision makers and the local private sector. It is designed to be user friendly, users being those individuals, groups and entities that fulfil the membership criteria.

ENDA Communities comprises an interactive platform for sharing knowledge and information on everything to do with climate and development. This platform is dedicated to its core members - local communities, community based and civil society organisations, local decision makers, researchers and all those concerned about climate impacted development who live and face the impacts of climate change and variability in developing countries.

The principal thematic areas of ENDA Communities are the communications network itself, indigenous knowledge bank and community-based adaptation. Other relevant themes are gender and climate change, energy and climate change and network mapping of institutions and resources IN THE SOUTH.

Its 7 principal outputs are as follows:

1. Meeting place for southern CBOs, CSOs, LDMs
 - Network – who's who
2. Talkshop – chats, ideas, brainstorming space
 - Blogs, Twitter, Facebook ?
3. Window on activities – past, present and future – experiences – successes, failures
4. Climate and development news and info portal – bulletins - online, e-mail, snail-mail
5. Pipeline for opportunities – funding, scholarships
 - Info on how to structure proposals/applications
6. Glossary – complex issues explained
7. Resource base – IKB, methods, tools, advice, links

Its raison d'être is premised on:

1. South-South action, southern-based, southern oriented, southern concerns, southern bias, southern coordinated – Africa, Asia, SIDS, Latin Amer
2. Dedicated to serve community orgs and institutions
3. Happening, dynamic, expressive, up to date
4. Understandable, practical, pragmatic – complex issues deconstructed and explained in simple language (English and French)
5. Non-partisan, open agenda focussed on climate and sustainable development
6. Integrated into ENDA family of climate and dev work

Support:

- ENDA international Network
 - Africa: Dakar (21 teams), Bamako, Addis Ababa, Antananarivo (Indian Ocean), Rabat, Tunis (Inter-Arab)
 - Other: La Paz, Bogota, Rio de Janeiro, Santo Domingo, Ho Chi Minh City, Mumbai, Paris
- UNITAR – EU-AIDCO (C3D+ project)
- Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
- Partner southern regional centres, especially CCCCC – Caribbean and SPREP - Pacific

Diagrammatic approach to ENDA knowledge sharing in CC V and A:

