

Adaptation Planning - Practical experiences from German domestic policy and from German development and climate cooperation

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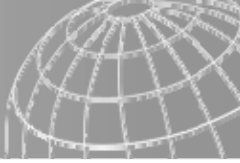
Expert meeting on national adaptation plans,
15-17 September 2011; Vientiane, Lao PDR



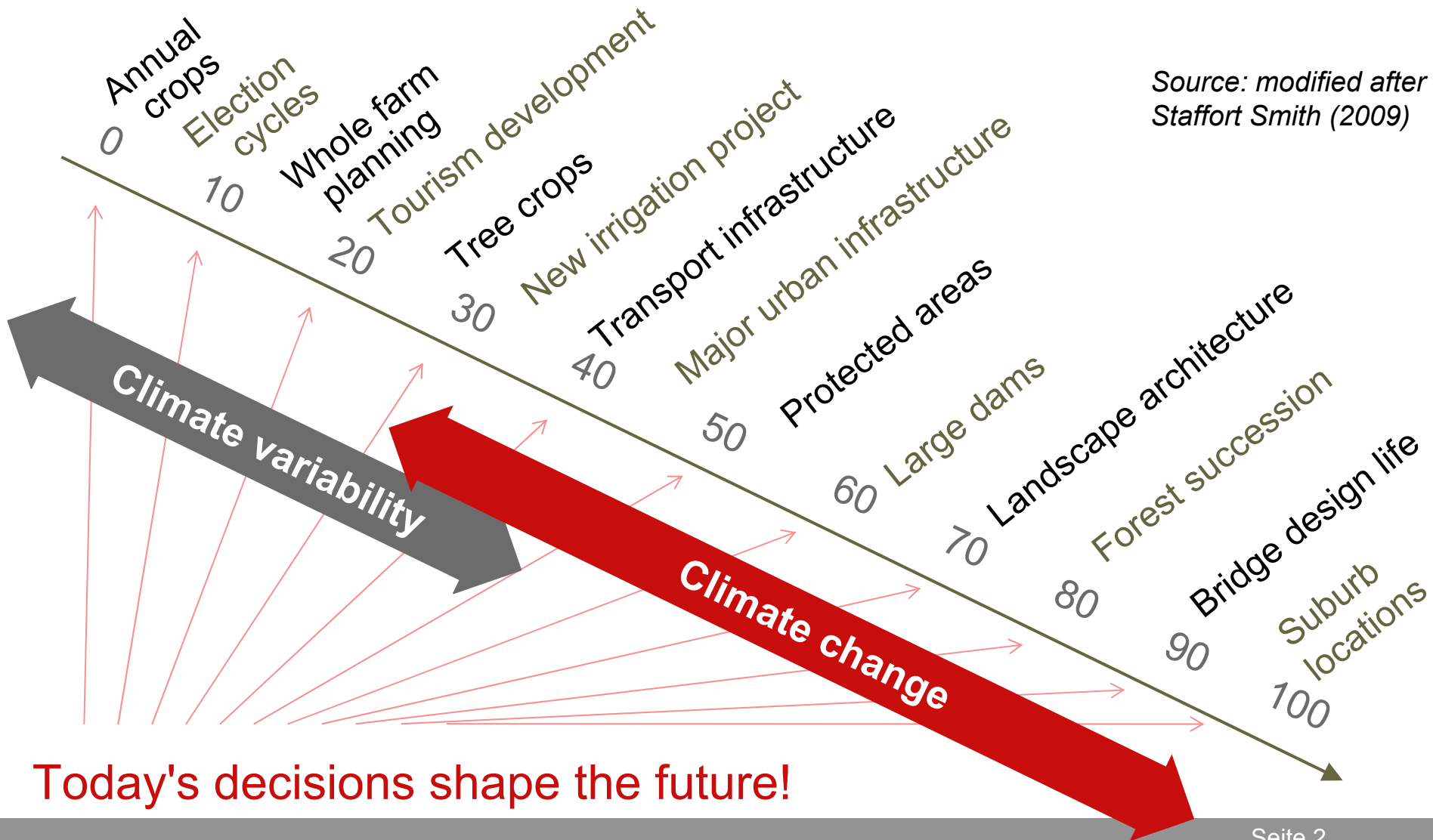
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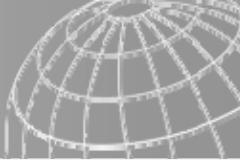


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Why Adaptation Planning?

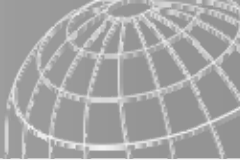




Why Adaptation Planning?

- Adaptation requires:
 - **Strategic orientation** across sectors and beyond regular planning cycles
 - **Operationalization** in the context of regular planning procedures





German Adaptation Strategy (2008)

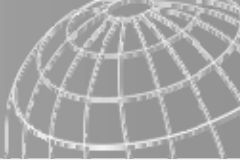
Structure:

- Description of impacts of climate change and possible actions for **13 thematic areas** (e.g. agriculture, biodiversity, soil etc.)
- **Cross-sectoral issues:** Improvement of data and knowledge base, information and decision support
- **Regional concepts** (e.g. **North sea** integrated coastal zone management, Action plan for the **Alps**)
- **International Cooperation:** Integration of climate change issues into development planning

Process:

- **Cabinet Report** → Dialogue and participation process
- **Interministerial** working group
- **Supporting services** by Environment Agency





German Action Plan for Adaptation (2009-2011)

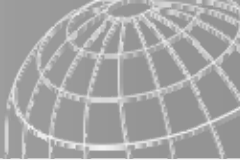
4 pillars of implementation:

- Expanding the **knowledge base**
- Improving the national **regulatory framework**
- **Actions in responsibility of the States (Laender)** (state owned buildings, infrastructure)
- **Enhancing international action** on adaptation under the „Cancun Adaptation Framework“

Examples of actions:

- National information and exchange platform
- (Regional) Climate Atlas Germany
- Research Projects





Some activities from German development and climate cooperation (BMZ and BMU support)

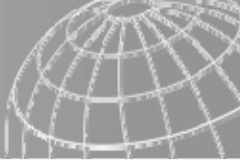
Support to adaptation strategies:

- **India:** State Action Plans
- **Philippines:** National Climate Change Strategy
- **SADC:** Adaptation strategies in transboundary river basins
- **NAPAs, SPCR:** Contributions to the LDCF and PPCR

Support to climate proofing processes:

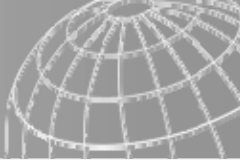
- **Vietnam:** Climate proofing local development planning
- **Morocco:** Mainstreaming adaptation into development planning
- **Mali:** Climate proofing and strategic environmental assessment

→ Different levels and broad variety of approaches



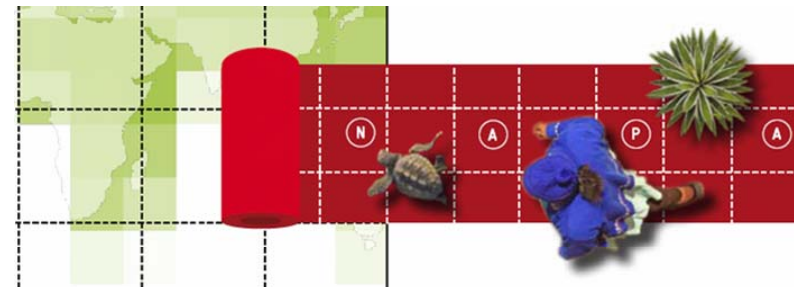
Climate Proofing for Development, Vietnam

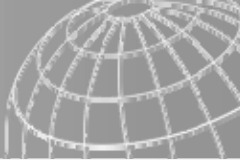




Some experiences with adaptation planning

- **Form follows function:**
 - Process is key – very different approaches
 - Clear benchmarks and M&E important planning tools
- **Linking up:**
 - Building on similar existing planning and implementation processes reduces transaction costs
 - Mainstreaming is effective in influencing key decisions and tapping existing expertise
 - Participatory processes needed
- **Less is more:**
 - Strict prioritization is key





Thank you for your attention!

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