

Methods and tools for impact and vulnerability assessments and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions

C. Dissemination of methods and sharing experiences

SHARING EXPERIENCES IN REGIONS



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OVERVIEW

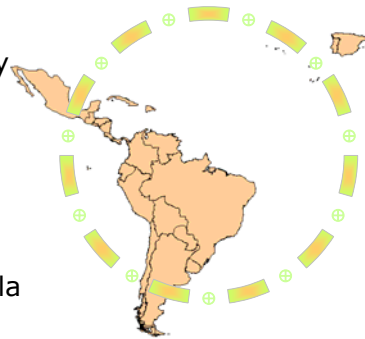
- The Ibero-American Region and the Ibero-American Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC)
- The Ibero-American Programme of Impacts Assessment, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change (PIACC)
- NWP and PIACC
- Implementation of PIACC
- Synergies with other Regional Initiatives
- Initial regional projects and activities
- Conclusions and points to discussion



The Ibero-American Region

The Ibero-American Conference of Nations brings together 21:

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| ▪ Argentina | ▪ Honduras |
| ▪ Bolivia | ▪ Mexico |
| ▪ Brazil | ▪ Nicaragua |
| ▪ Chile | ▪ Panama |
| ▪ Colombia | ▪ Paraguay |
| ▪ Costa Rica | ▪ Peru |
| ▪ Cuba | ▪ Portugal |
| ▪ Dominican Republic | ▪ Spain |
| ▪ Ecuador | ▪ Uruguay |
| ▪ El Salvador | ▪ Venezuela |
| ▪ Guatemala | |



- Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State
- Ibero American Forum of Environment Ministers



Ibero-American Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC)

(created in 2004)

OBJECTIVES:

- To guaranty a **constant and fluent dialogue among the countries** in the region, in order to foster a better understanding of priorities, needs, gaps and experiences
- To promote the integration of climate change within the national strategies of sustainable development
- To approach common positions in international forums of climate change
- **To collaborate on impacts and adaptation to climate change**
- To facilitate the development of CDM projects in the region
- To strength Institutional capacity of the Climate Change Offices
- To enhance capacity and knowledge building: research, training, **information exchange...**
- To promote an effective implementation of the UNFCCC



Ibero-American Network of Climate Change Offices (RIOCC)

The RIOCC is a cooperative structure that facilitates both North – South and South – South collaboration → **Strong element to disseminate information, methods and tools for adaptation to climate change**

How does it work?

- Main coordinator: Head of the Spanish Climate Change Office
 - Coordinators: Heads of the Climate Change Offices
 - Focal points on adaptation
 - Focal points on CDM
- One regular annual RIOCC meeting → Prioritization + Conclusions → Forums + Summits
- Two annual informal RIOCC meetings → Follow up and reviewing



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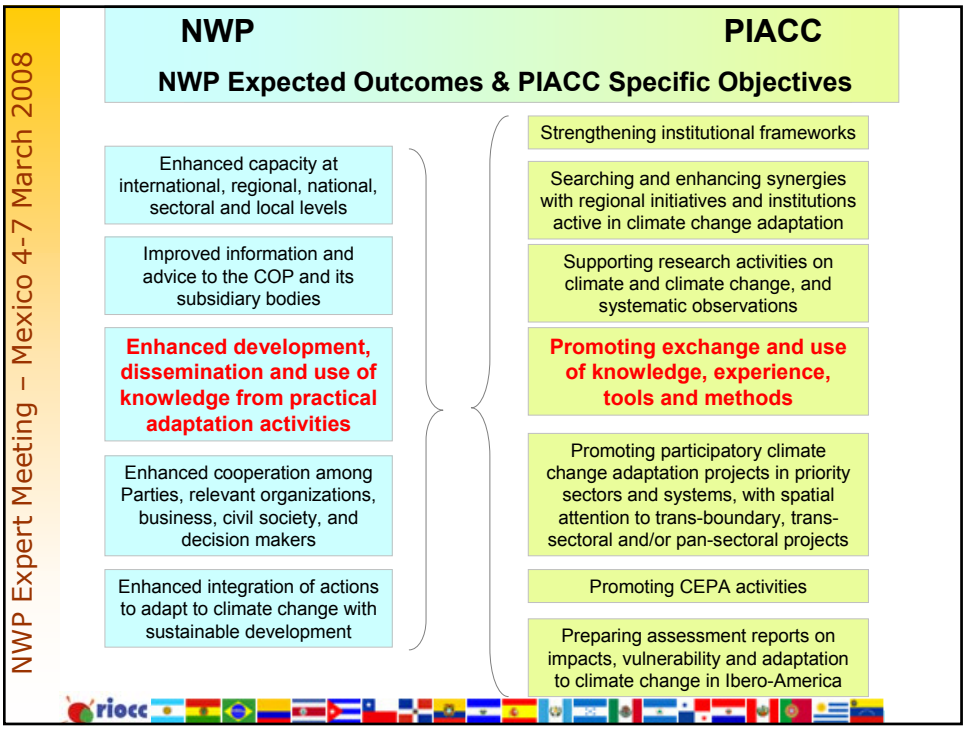
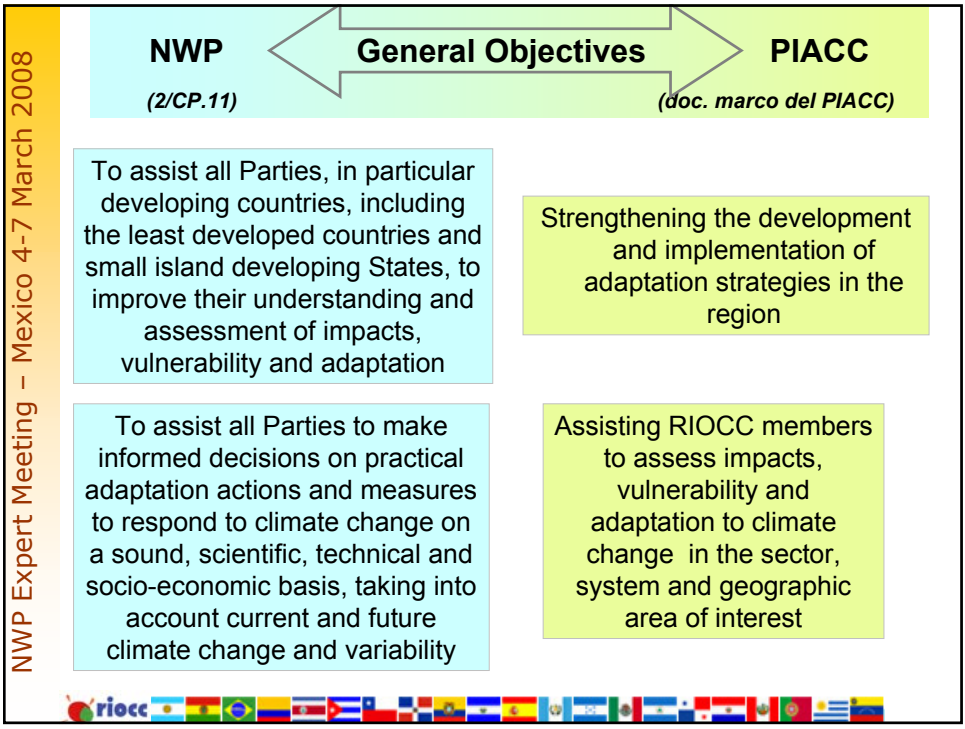
II Annual Meeting of the RIOCC, Antigua, Guatemala Oct. 2005
WORKSHOP ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

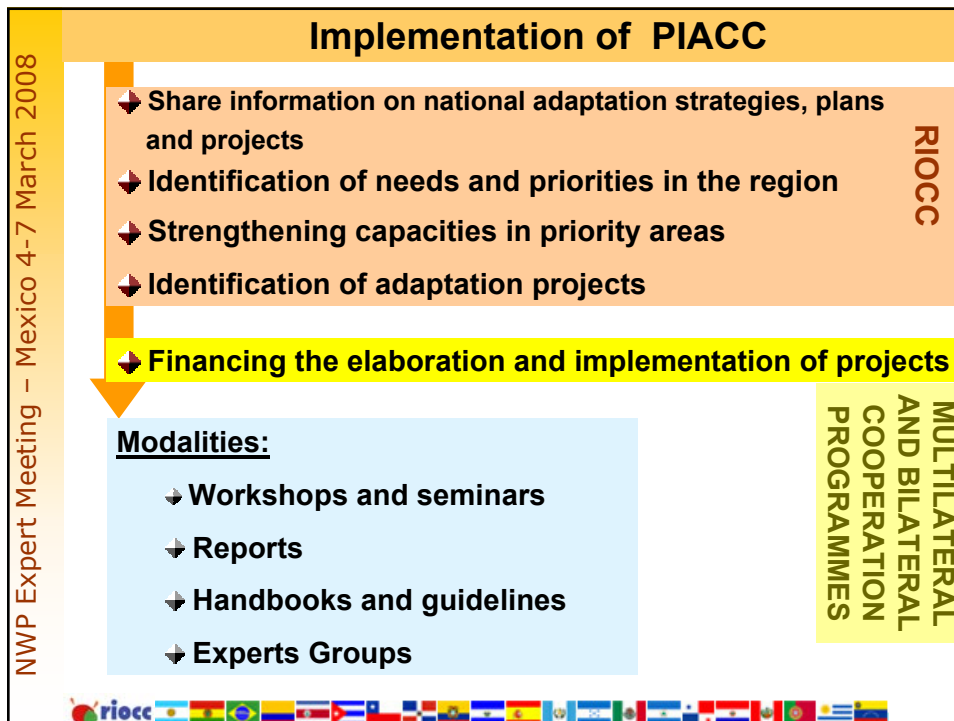
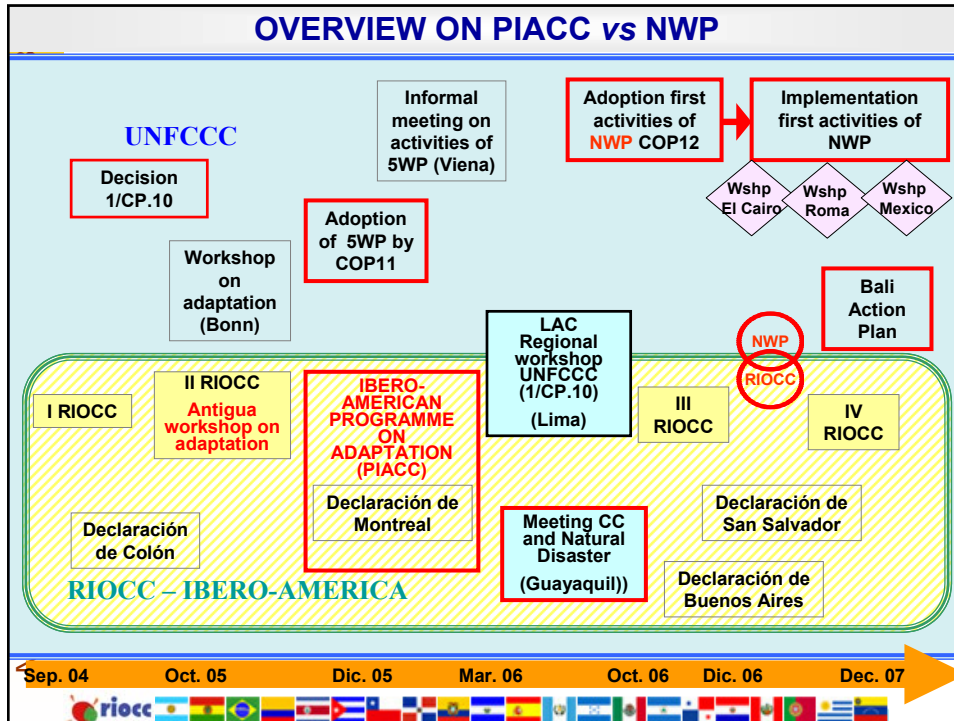
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Proposal of creation of the Ibero-American Programme of Impacts Assessment, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change (PIACC)

General aim of the PIACC: to strengthen the development and implementation of adaptation strategies and to facilitate assistance to all the members of the RIOCC in adaptation to climate change issues







Searching and Enhancing Synergies with Regional Initiatives and Institutions

- CATHALAC (Centro del Agua del Trópico Húmedo para América Latina y el Caribe)
- CATIE (Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza)
- CIIFEN (Centro Internacional de Investigación del Fenómeno El Niño)
- ISDR (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction- Américas)
- IAI (Instituto Interamericano de Investigación)
- CEPAL (Comisión Económica regional de NU para América Latina)
- Regional networks such as Conference of HMNS, National Institutes of Agrarian Researches, Conference of Water Directors...

→ Sharing information, projects, methodologies

→ Promoting collaboration, searching complementarities



Initial regional projects identified to promote development and use of common methodologies and tools to assess climate change impacts and vulnerabilities and to integrate adaptation into sectoral planning and management

→ Vulnerability assessment to climate change in marine and coastal areas of Ibero-America

→ Co-operative project on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change in Sustainable Forest Management in Ibero-America (MIA project)

→ Mainstreaming climate change adaptation into the hydrologic governance in trans-boundary Meso-American basins



Initial regional activities to promote capacity building, access and use of climate information and data for adaptation to climate change

- Under the framework of the Conference of Meteorological and Hydrological National Services (HMNS) in Ibero-America, regular capacity building activities are developed in the field of methods of downscaling to generate climate change scenarios
- Brazil, in the framework of PIACC, will host a capacity building activity aiming to promote the use of the Eta/CPTEC regional climate model in Ibero-America
- Training on-line course on International Climate Regime, that includes an area of study on Adaptation to climate change



Initial Regional Communication Activities

- Some outreach material has been produced to disseminate and make the initiatives and their activities widely known



- A dedicated website on the RIOCC and the PIACC is going to be set up in near future (with information and exchange forum, relevant documents, links with members and main regional initiatives...)



Some conclusions (...and food for discussion)

- Regional approach is a way to progress in the implementation of NWP
- There is a need to have a strong support at the highest level in order to strengthen the institutional framework
- It's necessary to set up some guarantees for the operational work of the regional structure, in order to ensure continuity and stability
- Build confidence and share procedures in the identification of common needs and priorities
- Facilitate multilateral processes, set up co-decision actions and promote transparency
- Link existing regional networks from different communities of interest (e.g. meteorological and hydrological services, disaster reductions, forest and agronomic researchers...)
- Participants can belong to the regional structure as members (e.g. countries), collaborators (e.g. experts), associates (e.g. regional organization), observers (e.g. international organizations)...



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Thank you for your attention...



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