

Gender and indigenous knowledge

NWP, 2013 EbA workshop

Technical workshop on ecosystem based approaches (EbA)

Session 3: Planning and practices of EbA in adaptation policies and programmes

Integrating gender sensitive strategies and tools, traditional and indigenous knowledge into EbA

Best practices

- Early and inclusive of stakeholder engagement (marginalized groups)
- National adaptation planning and implementation stages need to include specific gender/ IK principles (planning and implementation) –lesson from Napa process
- Combination of both traditional/ indigenous knowledge and conventional knowledge to address EbA- documentation is important
- Use of cultural appropriate tools for engaging communities (four dimensional models)

Way forward/ further areas of work

- Compiling existing guidelines on EbA to support integrating gender and traditional/indigenous knowledge(NWP to document and translate best practices for dissemination)
- A decentralized adaptation planning process which address both gender and ik
- EbA perceived to be top down approach need to learn from CBA and not re-invent the wheel
- Current principles of guidelines on adaptation do not provide, particularly frameworks to ensure vulnerable groups inclusion
- Including local level best practices into national policies decision making, to address disconnect between practices and decision making