



Institute of
Development Studies

**Supporting the
development of an
Adaptation Web Portal
under the NWP**

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A Brief Introduction to IDS

- Based at Univ. of Sussex, Brighton
- One of the UK's best known centres for **research and teaching** on **development**
- Also a strong focus on **information work**
- We manage a “family” of Knowledge Services

IDS Objectives in NWP Action Pledge

- (m) To **share and use information** on, and analysis of, experiences in climate risk assessment and management; and to **promote the use of tools** and systems for these purposes;
- (n) To **exchange information on experiences, lessons learned, constraints and barriers** of past and current adaptation measures and actions, and the implications for sustainable development;
- (o) To **promote** different ways and means for **information sharing** and **for the enhancement of cooperation** among Parties and relevant sectors, institutions and communities, including in the areas of disaster risk reduction and management.

(source: Detailed Results from SBSTA Conclusion)

IDS knowledge services facilitate access to adaptation information through...

our broad based development knowledge services



www.ids.ac.uk/info

Specialist adaptation services and networks



www.africa-adapt.net

www.linkingclimateadaptation.org/

www.cba-exchange.org/

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Knowledge Services

Start your search with us

Welcome to the IDS Information Department's family of Knowledge Services. Between them they cover the full spectrum of social and economic development topics and make it easier to access information from a wide range of sources.

You can search all of our services at once, browse within a topic area, or click directly to one of our services.

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Focus topics:

- Climate Change
- Gender
- Governance



Our Services

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- BRIDGE
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Gender and Social Development Research Centre
- IDS Health & Development Information Team
- IDS 21
- IDS Knowledge Partnerships

Vacancies

- Ref 250: Research Fellows, Information Department
Closing date: 15 February 2008 (11:00)
- Ref 262: Library Administrative Assistant
Closing date: 25 February 2008 (11:00)

Latest id21 insights

The growing demand for livestock (pdf)

The growing demand for livestock

id21 insights

The growing demand for livestock is a key challenge for the world's poor. This article explores the implications for food security and rural livelihoods.

Learning on intermediaries

Between ourselves: the new generation of information & knowledge intermediaries

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Altogether there is a lot happening...

weADAPT Climate Change Adaptation in Africa (CCAA) ALM Global Climate Change Adaptation Centre GICC CLACC ACCCA ECBI Partnership for Environment & Disaster Risk Reduction DEWGA SENSa UNEP GRID SEI-UNEP AIACC Climate for Development in Africa (ClimDev) Climate Change Special Initiative UNITAR Climate Change Programme EC Global Climate Change Alliance Vulnerability & Adaptation Resource Group Resources For the Future ProVention Consortium ClimateWorks Foundation ADB Climate Change Program Coordination Unit

Source: <http://wikiadapt.org>

For NWP- What's the problem (1) ?

Google is great, but

Who can I trust ?

I'm swamped – how can I make sense of all this ?

Where do I start ?

Sitting anywhere

I need something quickly – I've not got time to spend hours researching this

Am I getting the full picture ?

What about Southern material ?

What's the problem (2) ?

Google is great, when my internet is working

Where do I start ?

Where can I promote my research paper ?

Sitting in Uganda

Can I get this via email ?

Do I have to pay to download this?

Where's the African material ?

What needs attention

- There are many networks, organisations and individuals active in knowledge generation around adaptation and the picture is fragmented and overwhelming
- There are gaps in the availability of policy relevant information - either because it needs to be created or needs to be repackaged into a more relevant and accessible format

NWP: Possible two stage process

● Stage 1: In the lead up to Copenhagen

- build on the work of existing networks, platforms and knowledge producers to create a “one stop shop” portal website to direct users to relevant knowledge on adaptation issues

● Stage 2: Post Copenhagen

- create a visionary more effective mechanism by which adaptation knowledge gaps and needs can be identified and appropriate, targeted, responses developed in partnership between appropriate actors

Stage 1 activities

- **User needs / stakeholder assessment/ suppliers**
Survey, focus group and interviews
- **Technical development of pilot portal:** Using web 2.0 tools to draw content from existing knowledge services and knowledge producers, filter and structure it intelligently by collaboration of a wide range of partners
- **Partner workshop:** Adaptation knowledge services and knowledge producers convened to share learning and ideas for future development

NWP Success factors

- The Secretariat is the appropriate body to convene key partners in the creation and delivery of such a service
- The service will supplement and support (not supplant) the initiatives already being undertaken by others
- Target audiences recognise the ongoing need for such a service
- Step by step learning- not too ambitious.