

## **Session 4**

**National Approaches:  
This is how we do it**

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# Context

- Session 4 consisted of two presentations that provide a neat compliment and picture of regional action.
- Mr Charles Rodgers from the Asian Development Bank who focused on different regional, national and city-level approaches to address loss and damage, and
- Mr Sammy Jegillos from the UN Development Programme who canvassed the different capacity steps required to carry out the approaches.
- There was also a short but useful plenary discussion stimulated by the two presentations.

# Knowledge to Action

- It was clear that there are a growing number of regional and national studies on economic impacts of unabated climate change including down to the sectoral and project level impacts.
- As mentioned earlier, there is enough information to get started but we can't overlook the role of communicating the information in way that is useful to decision makers, in other words – turning data/information into knowledge.
  - A useful point from our Tokyo Meeting but one that continues to stimulate discussions in Bangkok.
  - The role of 'boundary organisations' merits further attention – they bridge this gap between data and useful, salient information.

# Proof of Proofing

- A number of tools for risk reduction, retention and transfer exist and do provide an integrated disaster risk management portfolio. While there are always questions about the penetration of these tools, especially around insurance, there were useful examples from the area on how this could be done to ensure protection.
  - Including the comprehensive disaster risk management programs were mentioned by both speakers highlighting efforts in the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam.
- Climate proofing infrastructure was seen as one of the most appropriate areas of work for the national government's to engage in – using the three mega cities study – the benefits of managing risk at a systems level approach was clearly demonstrated. Other areas

# Building on good

- Examples exist from India and China, and in the break out groups with further examples from the Cook islands and Bangladesh among many others Including the dozen or so Asia-Pacific countries involved in the PPCR, regarding their national and sub-national climate change risk management processes but there is also a gap
  - where those systems require additional capacity or
  - where those systems can't cope with residual risk after implementing the tools available.
  - Is this loss and damage or gap in adaptation technology and capacity?

# Learning to dance

- Both main speakers explored the novel elements of loss and damage, UNDP provided the cycle model of Policy-Implementation-Citizens or Stakeholder Engagement to clarify the learning process required to adapt.
- Loss and damage as a the term is ambiguous, like many other UNFCCC constructed phrases. However it is clearly part of our portfolio of adaptation work, even its its relationship to adaptation is foggy. It might help to work backwards in determining the role of the UNFCCC in this space.
- One delegate (who admitted to being jetlagged) compared loss and damage to a dance, shifting a few steps in all directions but generally getting a feel for it as we move along.