

ADAPTATION PLANNING and PRACTICES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

Summary Report.

IDENTIFICATION OF SIX CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES.

- 1. There is often a lack of national strategies for adaptation. (12)
- 2. There is often insufficient integration and/or coordination/cooperation on adaptation between government ministries and departments. (13)
- 3. There is insufficient science, knowledge, understanding in many places. (10)

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- 4. There is often insufficient political will or leadership (for adaptation) especially at higher levels of policy making. (8)
- 5. Funding for adaptation is unrealistically low. (7)
- 6. There is a need for capacity building and maintenance, stakeholder involvement, and more.....(7)

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ACTIONS.

- Many of the following actions are likely to be beyond the scope and capacity of the UNFCCC Secretariat.
- Pledges, offers of help and participation are therefore welcome from other organizations. Some of these actions are ORPHANS – they need to be adopted and some will need more than two parents!

SEVEN ACTIONS- 1.

- 1. Prepare a handbook or set of guidelines to facilitate and inform the development of national adaptation strategies, with case examples.
- 2. Develop a country-driven indicator-based monitoring and evaluation system for adaptation (by sectors?) including early warning of maladaptation.
- 3. Invite all countries to identify National Focal Points for Adaptation, and hold regular meetings of the Focal Points to exchange ideas and experiences.
- 4. Hold workshops and other events to share and communicate Adaptation Planning and Practices

SEVEN ACTIONS - 2

- 5. Strengthen regional hubs and networks for knowledge and practice. (detailed notes available on the roles and programme of the hubs/networks).
- 6. Create a Global Forum for Adaptation and/or
- 7. Take every opportunity to ensure that ADAPTATION appears on the agenda and is adequately addressed at high level meetings such as the UN General Assembly debates; the Finance Minister's meeting at Bali, and others.

A VISION.

- Despite our great concern about the inadequacy of ADAPTATION there is a growing sense that adaptation has turned the corner and is now being recognized as an essential and important building block together with mitigation, technology, and finance in the design of the post-2012 global climate regime. Putting these and other ACTIONS into practice will help to ensure that the current opportunities are not missed.