

Participatory Urban Planning for Climate Change Adaptation

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What to do depends on Where to do it



Effective action for climate change adaptation...

- ...is specific to the context of action
- ...responds to the needs of communities and individuals
- ...addresses the structural drivers of vulnerability
- ...leads to knowledge co-production

Key challenges

1. Incorporating climate change knowledge
2. Gaining institutional support for implementation
3. Enabling transformations beyond a specific local context

1. Incorporating climate change knowledge in participatory urban planning

- Local citizens have sophisticated knowledge:
 - about the consequences of climate change in their city
 - about how to act immediately and effectively
- Climate change information needs to be presented in relation to local experiences

2. Institutional support for implementation

- Conflict between long-term strategies and immediate needs
- Local citizens can identify and implement forms of action that foster mitigation and adaptation TODAY rather than tomorrow



3. Enabling transformations

- Multi-scaling (instead of scaling-up)
- How do experiences travel?
 - Horizontal and vertical networks
 - Experiments 'at work' and facilitation



Thank you

- ‘Communities can do a LOT with LITTLE’
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