Capacity building activities in developing countries

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Workshop on potential ways to enhance capacity-building activities
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Support for capacity building: an overview
Initiatives of operating entities GEF, SCCF, LDCF and Adaptation Fund
New developments: The GCF

- Supporting National Designated Authorities (often anchored in UNFCCC focal agencies) and national coordination efforts
- Building on existing strategies and plans to inform programming approaches and strategies
- Exploring options to National Adaptation Plans given strong demand and need
Wider initiatives beyond the Convention

Source: GCF inventory of readiness related programming
http://www.gcfund.org/operations/readiness/inventory.html
Ways to enhance capacity building
Lessons from existing initiatives

- A large number of initiatives, but the sums of finance involved are very modest
- Support is rarely sustained and enduring
- Evaluations note that the program was useful to the individuals and their anchor institutions, but wider impact on the system often less clear
- While direct access to finance for enabling activities possible in principle, often complex in practice
- Working through local institutions and stakeholders: many workshops, but not enough home work
Elements of success

Sustained political commitment from international and domestic counterparts

- Strong focus on implementation
- Early engagement of national stakeholders
- Strong teams with national expertise
- Clearly linked to national policy and planning process
- Iterative and flexible

Comprehensive information on the objectives and scope of dedicated public climate finance:

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