



Capacity Building for Adaptation: Fostering an Enabling Environment Assessing Infrastructure Vulnerability to Climate Change

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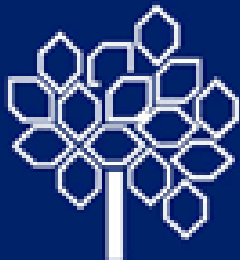
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World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)

- International non-government organization for the world engineering profession
- National engineering organizations from over 90 countries as well as international organizations e.g. Unión Panamericana de Asociaciones de Ingeniería (UPADI)
- More than 15 million engineers working worldwide
- Nine standing committees including Engineering and the Environment, Energy, Disaster Risk Management, Capacity Building
- Active participant in UNFCCC and UN-CSD(Rio + 20) and other UN entities

Fostering an Enabling Environment WFEO's Perspective on Capacity Building

There is a strong correlation between:

- critical mass of educated and skilled engineering and science graduates and economic and social development.

That stronger efforts are required to develop and build:

- engineering and scientific capacity and
- strengthening informed decision-making capacity in developing nations





WFEO's Perspective (con't)

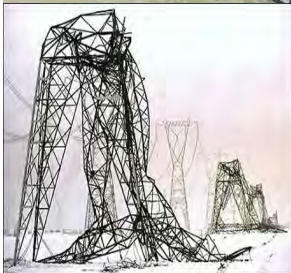
- “That the building of human, institutional, and infrastructure capacity to help societies develop secure, stable, and sustainable economies, governments, and other institutions can be achieved by
- Mentoring, training, educating,, and most importantly, instilling the motivation and inspiration of people to improve their lives.” (on physical projects, with the infusion of financial and other resources)
- This will create the environment for the improving quality of life and the eradication of poverty

Six Principles for Capacity Building

These revolve around:

- Individual needs
- Institutional strengthening
- Technical Standards and enforcement
- Decision makers (understanding their role)
- Funding access and conformance
- Other Resources e.g WFE0 Capacity Building Guidebook





WFEO-CEE Nairobi Work Program Action Pledge

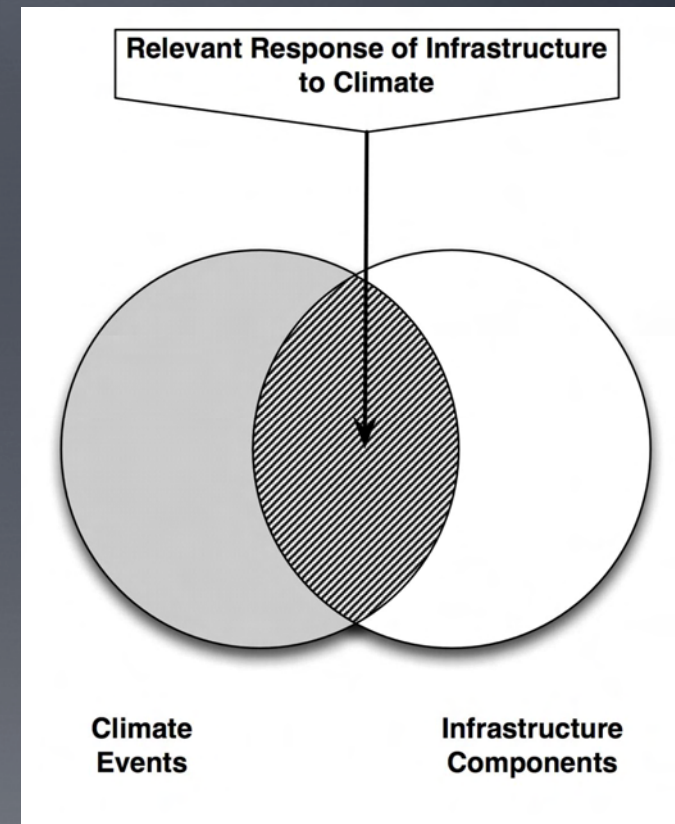
Adaptation of Sustainable Civil Infrastructure to Climate Change Impacts

- To develop and implement engineering tools, policies and practices for risk assessment and adaptation of existing and new civil infrastructure to climate change
- To build knowledge, experience and appropriate techniques to enhance the technical capacity of engineers to adapt civil infrastructure to climate change, particularly within developing and least developed countries



PIEVC Engineering Protocol

- A tool developed by Engineers Canada using risk science and vulnerability assessment
- Used by senior engineering practitioners working with climate scientists and other professionals
- Requires contributions from those with local knowledge and operations experience
- Focused on the principles of vulnerability and resiliency
- Applied to many infrastructure systems in Canada, 2 international examples (Costa Rica and Honduras)



Capacity Building Assessment Levels



- Level 1 – Exposure to the issues, principles, results of projects
- Level 2 – Awareness and demonstrated learning
- Level 3 – Demonstrated application or engagement in a project
- Level 4 – Application beyond the initial project
- Level 5 – Independent application without external advice or intervention
- **Capacity Built at a Project Level**



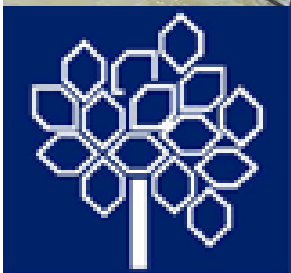
WFEO-CEE Capacity-Building Activities and Projects in Central and South America

1. PIEVC Introductory Training Workshops

- Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama
- Principles of risk assessment, climate information – sources and methods, previous assessments, small group exercises

2. “Learn by Doing” Case Studies of Public Infrastructures

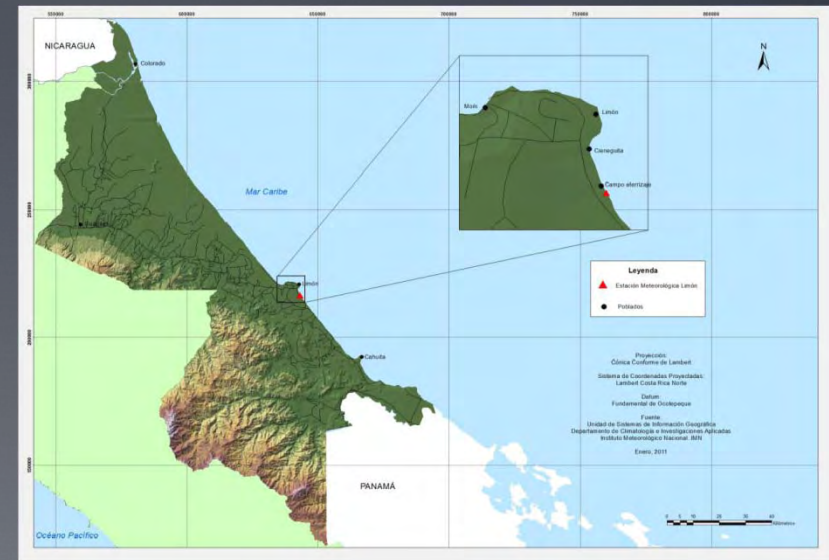
- Costa Rica – Limon Sewage Treatment Plant Assessment
- Honduras – Highway Bridge Assessment



Costa Rica Limon Infrastructure Case Study April 2010 to March 2011



- The City of Limon sewage system was selected by Costa Rica as the representative and priority infrastructure
- Limon is located on the Caribbean Sea side of Costa Rica
 - Capital city and main hub of the Limon province
 - Total Metro population =105,000



Costa Rica Participating Organizations



CFIA (Colegio de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos de Costa Rica)



COLEGIO FEDERADO DE INGENIEROS Y DE ARQUITECTOS DE COSTA RICA

AyA (Instituto Costarricense de Acueductos y Alcantarillados)



IMN (Instituto Meteorológico Nacional)



Capacity Building Support Strategy and Mechanisms

- Costa Rica team did the work and report
- Canada's role - advice, consultation and mentoring
- Protocol Documentation (Spanish and English) and Canadian case studies
- Canadian engineering expertise – bilingual
- Canadian climate expertise and availability of local climate data
- Periodic joint workshops – Canadian and Costa Rican Project Teams
- Review of interim materials and final reports



Costa Rica Project Outcomes

- AyA is implementing the recommendations and has determined to do similar assessments for water infrastructure in Costa Rica
- CFIA Project Manager – Protocol trainer and technical adviser to the Honduras project
- Opening of a climate change office to promote and deliver the Protocol in Costa Rica and Central American countries
- Discussions with other government agencies to use the Protocol and training of personnel



Assessment of Climate Risk and Construction/Procurement Practices Highway Bridge Infrastructure in Honduras From Cancun to Now



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Honduras Project Objectives (1)

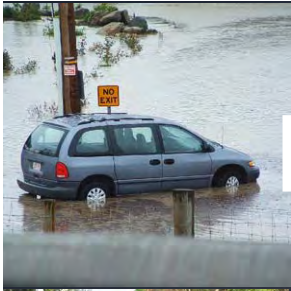
- Capacity building:
 - Analysis of vulnerabilities and risk assessment of infrastructure due to climate change applying the PIEVC protocol (``Learn by Doing``)
 - Development of recommendations for adaptation solutions
 - Transfer of knowledge through team work (Canada, Costa Rica and Honduras)
 - Development and delivery of university level educational materials with local university (UPI)

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Honduras Project Objectives (2)

- Risk assessment and adaptation recommendations for bridges in Honduras:
 - Four risk assessments of bridges on major transportation routes in distinct climate zones
 - Availability of climate data from several sources
- Comparative analysis of procurement and construction processes
- Honduras team to do the work and reports

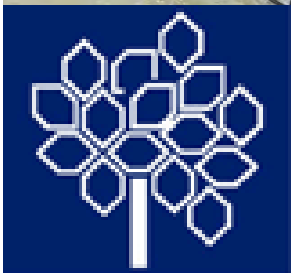


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Noted Challenges

- No previous interactions between groups
- Language and translation
- Communication and culture
- Business practices
- Project management
- Recruitment, team building and teamwork
- Contracting and administration
- Government profile



Honduras Lasting Legacy – University Educational Materials Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment

1. Lessons (English and Spanish)
 - a. Asset Management
 - b. Climate Change
 - c. Risk management
 - d. PIEVC Protocol
 - e. Case Studies (Honduras, Canada, Costa Rica)
2. Website (Spanish) to be hosted by CICH



Questions?

For more information on
WFE O Capacity –Building
Guidebook

www.wfeo.net

Costa Rica and Honduras
Infrastructure Vulnerability
Assessments

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