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Bridging the gap:

making climate change knowledge more accessible

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The IDS Knowledge Services facilitate the exchange of climate change and development knowledge, particularly research based knowledge, between continents, sectors and disciplines by:

Challenge 1: Climate Change information is fragmented and difficult to access

Examples of good practice at IDS:

1. Eldis Climate Change Resource Guide:

   Focuses on cutting edge research

   Features 1600 fully summarised documents
   and provide links to over 250 organisations

   RSS aggregation as an ICT tool

   Delicious/social bookmarking tools

   Promote content sharing

   Working to leverage southern and alternative voices
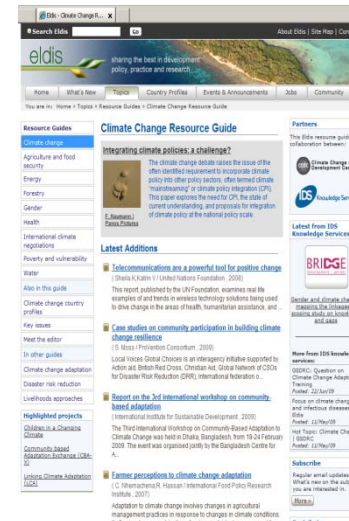
2. Produce Print, CD-ROM products to get beyond web-users

Challenge 2: Climate Change prioritises certain voices over others

Examples of good practice at IDS:

→ Joto Afrika and AfricaAdapt

→ Eldis puts an effort in featuring work from less well known research organisations, particularly those in the south

→ Community Based Adaptation Exchange (CBAX) – bring Community Based Adaptation community together

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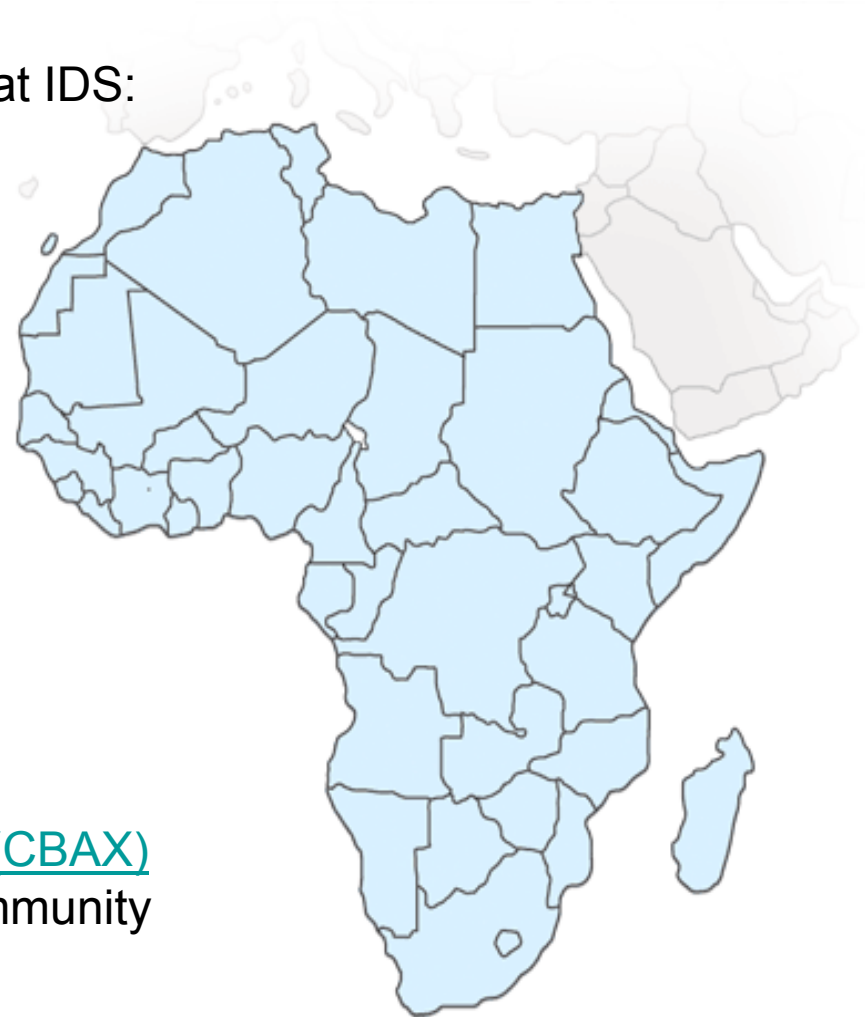
Community based Adaptation Exchange documentaries on YouTube

CBA videos from IIED

http://www.youtube.com/user/iiedclips

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Biomass in India 5:21

Biogas in Vietnam 4:35

Hydro power in... 6:14

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Challenge 3: Climate Change information is difficult to understand and engage with

Relevant work at IDS:

- Run Up to Copenhagen – bring development professionally together who are interested in gaining an understanding on CC issues . Use RSS feeds and Delicious bookmarking

- Livelihoods seminars – provides a space for discussions on related issues

- Eldis Key Issue Guides - Packaging information into easy to use formats with jargon free language

- AfricaAdapt - Increasing use of non-textual materials, interviews with key stakeholders

How are people using the information accessed through IDS knowledge services?

Different people are using our information in different ways, in different processes and contexts:
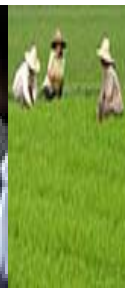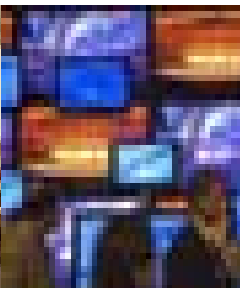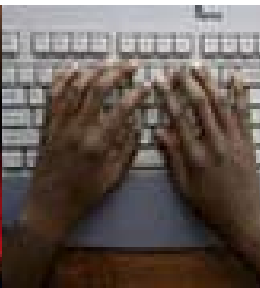
1. People working on the ground like farmers, community based workers, etc

. . . the information is giving us guidance in the way of interacting with the rural farmers and how best to solicit their participation in our programmes

Assistant Director of a Government Department, Ghana

2. People creating programmes

Usually, I am looking for a particular document and if it comes from Eldis, I also check other documents that are available on the site to see what new papers have come…

Programme manager, NGO in Bangladesh

It has supported our work in terms of increasing our understanding. It educates and raises awareness… cumulatively, it adds to our knowledge base.

Executive Director, International NGO, USA

3. People who shape policy processes – both involved in decision making and those seeking to shape it

Legislators need quick information. Upon opening the [Eldis] emails… we immediately get an idea of what is going on…

Congressman, House of Representatives, Philippines

[I have used Insights] in memos on research and policy issues, for example on my UNICEF activities. Being the desk officer, it helps me a lot in writing my proposals for implementation

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria

What's in it for you?

Four ways we can help:

– **Keeping up to date on climate change and development research**

– **Researching climate change and development topics**

– **Publicising yourself, your organisation and your research**

– **Sharing and discussing your ideas with your peers**

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