

PROVIA suggested research priorities for the research/donor communities on vulnerability, impacts and adaptation to climate change

Submission from PROVIA

PROVIA has participated in UNFCCC's SBSTA workshops by helping to identify gaps in vulnerability, impacts and adaptation (VIA) research and prioritizing that are critical from both the scientific and policy perspectives. The findings were communicated to UNFCCC and other international bodies to enable effective adaptation.

At the workshop on 11-12 April 2013 in London, PROVIA shared the suggested research priorities on vulnerability, impacts and adaptation to climate change with the research community, and discussed to take the findings to the next step – implementation of these topics into research projects with action plans. The list of VIA research topics incorporates comments from both scientific experts and policy community. The report also presents emerging issues, the issues that have long been recognized as important for which research is still required. The workshop brought a lot of interest, and suggested organizing similar workshops in other parts of the world to ensure dissemination of the VIA research gaps. After incorporating all the valuable information and suggestions from the workshop, the latest result would support decision-making, especially providing information to support decision making for policymaker and specific topics for sectoral and regional analysis.

PROVIA would like communicate the latest report on the identified research priorities in vulnerability, impacts and adaptation through UNFCCC and would like to generate discussion on the following topics including next step taking it forward.

- Unpacking the list of research topics, geographically, also considering cross-cutting issues with research action plans to take forward.
- Mapping existing research activities in vulnerability, impacts and adaptation and cross-checking with the list of research priorities developed by PROVIA.
- Research priorities vs stakeholder priorities – further consultation to list out research topics that interest to stakeholders and follow up actions.
- Understanding what works and what doesn't for policy from the list of research priorities.
- Explore how PROVIA should track and capture the emerging issues on VIA research in five year time.