

Institutional arrangements for national adaptation planning and implementation

2014 Thematic Report



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Thematic Report 2014

Successful adaptation projects build on three pillars

- Availability of Technology **experts**
- Access to Finance **experts**
- Good Governance **YOU**



The AC 2014 Thematic Report:

- focused on governance, since most attention goes to technology and finance;
- shows that good governance is possible everywhere: in developing and developed countries, in delta and dry regions, mountains and plains, and more;
- shows that good -tailored- institutional arrangements are essential for successful design and implementation of adaptation.



Case studies

- ❖ Numerous case studies available from all parts of the world with examples of institutional arrangements building partnerships and strengthen national and regional networks.
 - ***At the national level:***
 - ✓ **Indonesia:** national action plan for climate change adaptation;
 - ✓ **Netherlands:** national coastal strategy;
 - ✓ **USA:** rebuild by design - the hurricane sandy rebuilding task force;
 - ✓ **Viet Nam:** Mekong delta plan.
 - ***At the regional level:***
 - ✓ **African Sahel:** great green wall initiative (la grande muraille verte);
 - ✓ **Andes:** adaptation to the impact of rapid glacier retreat in the tropical Andes;
 - ✓ **Caribbean community:** regional framework for achieving development resilient to climate change and its implementation plan;
 - ✓ **Pacific Islands:** pacific adaptation to climate change programme.



Governance

- ❖ Good governance is about ‘working together to make it work’ and requires:
 - Cooperation at all levels -national, regional, local- and between levels;
 - Dedicated leadership and responsibility, institutionalized in a coordination structure involving all stakeholders;
 - Providing ways and means to:
 - ✓ effectively use local and indigenous knowledge;
 - ✓ harvest capacity building;
 - Incorporation of local and regional communities in decisions on planning, design, implementation and maintenance.



Conclusions

- ❖ Main conclusions of the Thematic Report 2014:
 - Adaptation needs to be a frontline policy for development in the face of climate change. Effective institutional arrangements are a requirement for adaptation planning and implementation, embedded in the national efforts for social and economic development.
 - Appropriate institutional arrangements are the basis for long-lasting implementation of measures to build, operate, and maintain resilient communities.
 - A number of concrete measures to enhance adaptation action through institutions were identified, in the light of the case studies under the areas of integration, involvement, information, and investment.



Recommendations

- ❖ The Adaptation Committee identified the following recommendations to improve institutional arrangements:
 - Integration of adaptation across all relevant institutions and departments is critical;
 - Institutional arrangements should identify clear roles and responsibilities for the involvement of stakeholders at all policy levels;
 - Institutional arrangements need to provide an environment that encourages and supports the exchange and sharing of information at all stages of the adaptation process;
 - More effective and coherent support of adaptation planning and implementation is possible if institutional arrangements ensure a focused investment and an enabling environment for stakeholders.



National Adaptation Plans

- ❖ National Adaptation Plans are a strong instrument for identifying necessary and tailored institutional arrangements.
 - What are the main barriers in your situation for effective (cross-level) cooperation;
 - How can institutional arrangements contribute to overcome these barriers and what would they look like.



Questions

- ❖ **What are your experiences on institutional arrangements for adaptation?**
- ❖ **What can the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee do to lift barriers for good governance?**

Web link to the report

http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/application/pdf/adaption_committee_publication_-_web_high.pdf

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