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Mobilising knowledge and strengthening capacity under the Nairobi Work Programme

Experiences and observations from a NWP partner

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Overview

- More than training? A complex view of capacity
- 2. IDS and the NWP collaboration and achievements
- 3. Prospects and opportunities for the future

A complex view of capacity

 Capacity is that emergent combination of attributes that enables a human system to create developmental value. (Morgan 2006)

Five core capabilities

The capability to act

The capability to generate development results

The capability to relate

The capability to adapt and self-renew

The capability to achieve coherence

 Requires mobilising knowledge, brokering relationships, and providing platforms for collective reflection and action.

Collaboration to support capacity

Context:

- NWP aims to assist all Parties, esp. developing countries, LDCs and SIDS to:
 - improve understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to CC
 - make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures
- Implemented through workshops, meetings, technical papers, knowledge products, etc. for exchange on implementation of capacitybuilding
- 251 partner orgs a key to implementation
- IDS a partner since 2007 Pledged new approaches to learning and knowledge sharing for building capacity to respond to CC

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Prospects and opportunities for the future

- SBSTA 38 to reconsider work areas of NWP for recommendations at COP 19.
 - Possible support to work under the Cancun Adaptation Framework and extended role of NWP.

Partner view of priorities moving forward:

- Build on convening power of NWP to:
 - Strengthen collaboration (online & offline) between diverse stakeholders using creative approaches
 - Help partner actions in developing countries target key capacity needs and avoid duplication
 - Help in ensuring good practice is visible and accessible to those who need it most.