



3rd Capacity-building Hub Adaptation and Resilience Day

Abt Associates and Global Ecovillage Network Using Participatory Approaches to Design Robust, Community- led Climate Action Concept Note

Background:

The Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) is a growing network of regenerative communities and initiatives, founded in 1995. GEN consists of five regional networks (GEN Africa, GEN Europe, GENOA - Oceania and Asia, CASA - Latin America, and GENNA - North America), a youth network (NextGEN), and a global coordinating body – GEN International. Our network includes over 6000 projects and ecovillages in 114 countries, connecting rural, urban, indigenous, traditional and intentional communities engaged in consciously redesigning local social, cultural, ecological and economic aspects of daily life into diverse, locally embedded and democratic models of regeneration and climate change adaptation. GEN is supporting the spread of these ecovillage-based approaches to socioecological transformation at local, regional, national and international scales.

Abt Associates is a global capacity building and research firm working in the areas of health, environmental and social policy, technology, and international development. Abt brings data-driven, solutions-oriented technical assistance to our partnerships with governments, organizations, and communities. Using our robust, participatory approaches and proven methods and tools, we co-create capacity to achieve sustainable outcomes and advance equity. We work in more than 50 countries, and bring together experts in policy, science, finance and economic analysis, natural resource management, engineering, agriculture, and public health. Our goal: to construct the building blocks of equitable, inclusive, low-emission, climate-resilient communities.

The urgency of tackling the climate emergency is clear, but so is the need to ensure that scarce resources available for climate action are used efficiently. This session will first highlight proven approaches to engage communities to identify just, equitable, and actionable climate response. Next, facilitators will build the capacity of participants to identify climate adaptation actions using a fun, interactive participatory design process developed by GEN that allows attendees to holistically integrate ecological, economic, social, and cultural dimensions of sustainability. This includes breakout into small groups of 3-4 participants. In breakout groups, participants will work together to help craft adaptation actions in response to a series of prompts. After a few minutes of discussion, groups will have the opportunity to report out to the larger audience.





Building off the group exercise, Abt will walk participants through two tools that can be used to help better understand, prioritize, and make the case for the identified adaptation options: multi-criteria and cost-benefit analyses- using global case studies to contextualize local approaches. The session will help participants to understand how the results of these analyses can increase access to climate finance from government agencies, development organizations, and philanthropies by demonstrating why their resources are needed and explaining why the proposed project is a smart investment. Presentations will be interspersed with audience engagement to identify data needs for assessing and designing interventions that will deliver clear climate benefits and other financial, economic, environmental, and social co-benefits. Finally, participants will hear of a number of case studies where these methods have been applied.

Objectives:

- Using robust, participatory approaches to identifying community-led, climate adaptation options
- Highlighting capacity-building methods and participatory climate action design based on grassroots and indigenous knowledge
- Using data driven approaches to evaluate and prioritize options
- Identifying benefits and co-benefits of adaptation options
- Using results of these approaches to attract climate finance

Format:

Venue: 3rd Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 5th, 2021, Friday

Length: 60 minutes

Language: English

This session will be arranged as a series of presentations, broken up by an interactive breakout group session and audience participation.





General Structure:

Activity	Organization	Timing
Welcome and introductions	GEN & Abt	5 minutes
Approaches for Participatory, Community Led Climate Action	GEN	5 minutes
Overview of the Ecovillage Framework	GEN	5 minutes
Breakout Group Exercise – using GEN cards to help identify climate adaptation actions	GEN	10 minutes
Case Study – Batug Earth Village, Philippines	GEN	5 minutes
Overview of Tools to design and prioritize climate action options	Abt	5 minutes
Breakout Group Exercise – identifying data needs for option analysis	Abt	5 minutes
Case Study – Using multicriteria analyses to prioritize adaptation options	Abt	5 minutes
Case Study – Using Cost Benefit Analyses to prioritize adaptation options	Abt	5 minutes
Wrap Up and Questions	GEN & Abt	10 minutes

Speakers		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Taisa Mattos	Presenter – Ecovillage framework and group exercise	Global Ecovillage Network
Anna Kavasna	Presenter – ecovillage models for community led climate action	Global Ecovillage Network
Sarah Queblatin	Presented – Batug Earth Village Case	Global Ecovillage Network
Kait Siegel	Presenter- Overview of Tools and Multi-Criteria Analysis Case Study	Abt Associates
Lindsay Foley	Presenter- Cost-Benefit and Co-Benefit Analysis and Case Study	Abt Associates

Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Olga Faktorovich-Allen	Facilitator of Breakout Sessions	Abt Associates
Anna Kavasna	Facilitator, MC	Global Ecovillage Network





Outcomes:

- Familiarity with creative and flexible frameworks for participatory sustainable community design and climate action
- Increased insight into the centrality and articulation of local and indigenous knowledge in successful climate change action and adaptation
- Increased understanding of how the use of data can strengthen climate projects led by state and non-state actors.
- Improved understanding of how to use data driven analyses and decision-making tools to design robust, inclusive climate adaptation actions capable of attaining community buy-in and attracting climate finance.

Relevant Links:

Abt Associates: <https://abtimpact.com/environmental-impact/#:~:text=A%20thriving%20natural%20environment%20is,potential%2C%20unhindered%20by%20toxic%20hazards.>

Link to Abt CBA tool and case study: <https://www.marketlinks.org/resources/cost-benefit-analysis-mangrove-restoration-coastal-protection-and-earthen-dike>

Global Ecovillage Network: www.ecovillage.org, www.ecovillage.org/impact, www.ecovillage.org/climate-solutions

