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Initiative for Transparency of Climate Action Adaptation component

Experiences and Lessons Learned

Capacity Needs Assessment in the Dominican Republic

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CONTEX

The Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) for Adaptation the overarching goal of the project is to strengthen the capacity of countries to implement, monitor, and evaluate effective and efficient adaptation actions in a transparent manner.

Meaning that for the establishment and foster national systems to Monitor and Evaluate adaptation actions, it implies the active involvement of an array of relevant stakeholders in the country and from different entities would be required, within the country, executing climate change interventions.

Building the necessary capacity of a broad set of stakeholders is therefore imperative to guide effective M&E for adaptation measures and promote enhanced transparency in the country.



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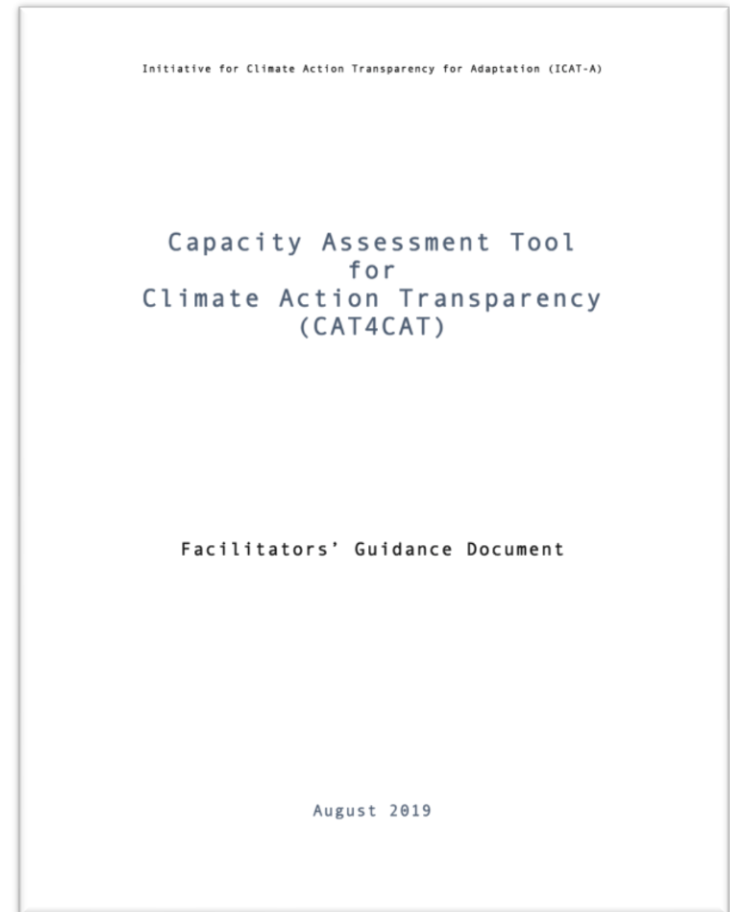
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METHODOLOGY

The Capacity Assessment Tool for Climate Action Transparency (CAT4CAT) has been designed as a structured tool to recognize and assess the capacity building needs of relevant stakeholders for undertaking in-country M&E of climate change adaptation.

The key objectives of this tool are to:

- Understand current institutional capacity** for undertaking MRV of climate actions
- Determine existing gaps** in organizational capacity
- Identify possible strategies** and interventions to strengthen relevant capacity





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ASSESSMENT

After the assessment exercise which provide an insight into an organization's regarding existing capacity and set a standardized baseline to assess their performance, recognize capacity limitations across different areas, and identify and guide the steps to take to contribute towards setting up M&E systems for adaptation at the national level, this one can be repeated again after a period of time to monitor any development the institutional capacities.

The assessment tool is primarily targeted for capacity assessment of set of actors/stakeholders, providing an overview of the different areas/domains across their relevance and functions for supporting a national framework on adaptation M&E, based on standardized criteria for measurement and analysis.



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IN-COUNTRY ASSESSMENT

The capacity-building needs self-assessment tool of interested parties has been carried out by a team within the respective organizations identified. The team is composed of senior management personnel with extensive knowledge of the substantive areas of their organizations, adaptation and mitigation issues to define an appropriate score in each of the domains of the tool, supporting information provided as evidence, as well as the proposal of ideas and possible action steps to improve the score.

STAKEHOLDER CLASSIFICATION

The stakeholder classification has been made based on the adaptation priorities within the NDC, although in this first stage ICAT-Adaptation project is focus on agricultural activities, ensuring scaling-up to other sectors to ensure widespread coherent capacities between sectors.

At this stage, just 6 organization participate, exploring to expand to others relevant organizations.



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DISCLAIMER

- Due to the nature of the assessment (self-assessment) some information bias may intervene in the assessment output,
- Risk of misrepresentation of key personal in the team in charge to make the assessment.
- Lack of clarity regarding scoring criteria
- Participant organizations might not be able to allocate sufficient time towards the exercise due to other priorities.
- Institutional responses (from the highest level) are required to ensure that the information is free of bias due to unknown info by the team that participated in it.

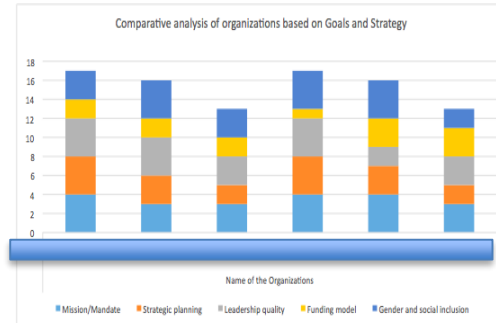


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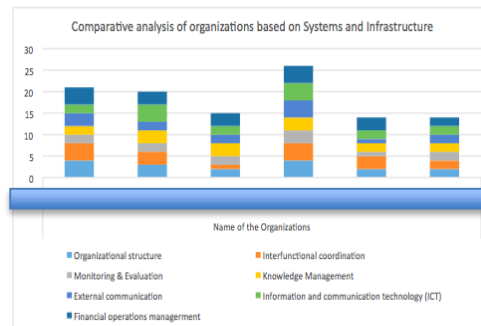
CURRENT SCENARIO OF STAKEHOLDERS' CAPACITIES

Goals and Strategies



Asymmetries between organizations in terms of Goals and Strategies, mainly driven due to the nature of the organizations, private sector and NGOs, can modify/upgrade and update faster than public organizations

Systems and Infrastructure



Asymmetries between organizations in terms of System and Infrastructure, mainly driven due to the access of funds, budget priorities.

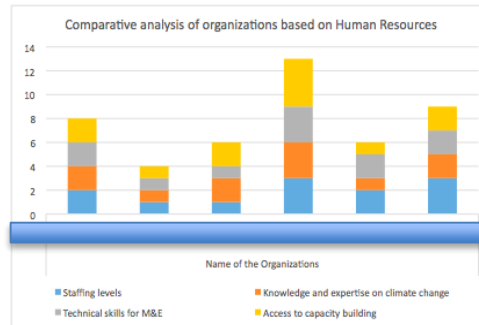


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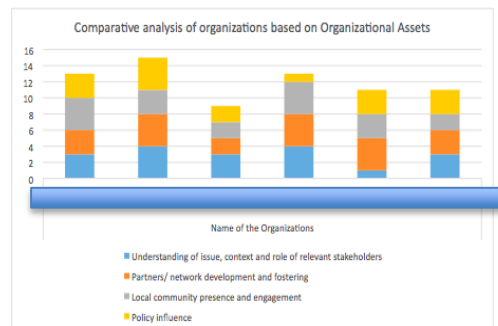
CURRENT SCENARIO OF STAKEHOLDERS' CAPACITIES

Human Resources



Asymmetries between organizations in terms of Human Resources and it's capacities' mainly driven budget restrictions and not enough Human Resources.

Organizational assets



Asymmetries between organizations in terms of Organizational assets mainly driven budget restrictions to increase organizational assets.



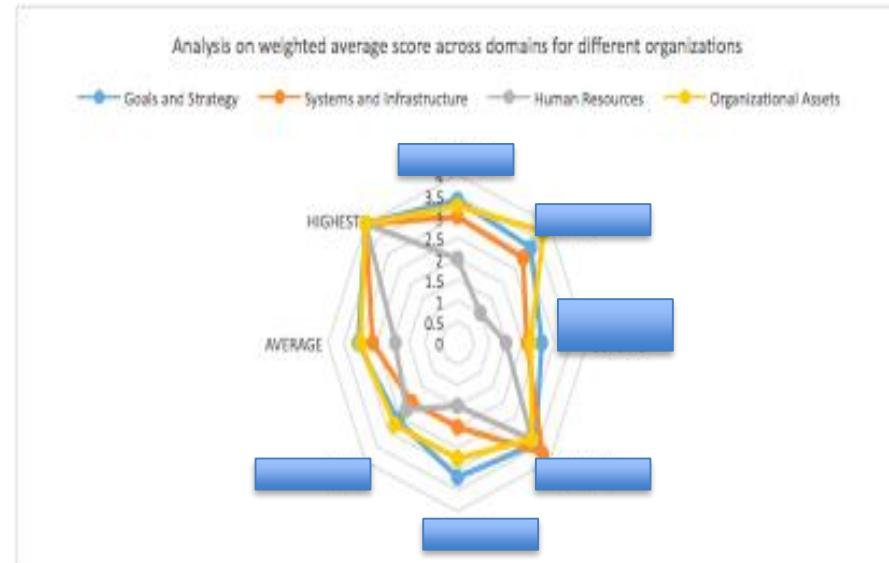
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CURRENT SCENARIO OF STAKEHOLDERS' CAPACITIES

Overall capacities

Most of the organizations are facing challenges in the Human Resource Domain, following by Systems and Infrastructures





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WAY FORWARD

Related to Goals and Strategy

- It was highlighted the need to upgrade the mission, goals and strategy in a context of Climate change.
- Initiate the process to transversalize the topics in some policies instruments in long term overall view.
- Long term strategy to Climate Change 2050.
- Align the sectoral strategic plan with the adaptation plan and SDG

Related to System and Infrastructure

- Consolidate the information regarding to finance support to Climate Change project in different areas of sustainable development.
- Standardized monitoring system (where actually in place within the organization) upgraded to quantify adaptation and mitigation actions and set up as institutional compromise.
- Alliances and inter-institutional coordination initiative platform to better understanding the development projects / and good practice and lessons learnt.



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WAY FORWARD

Related to Human Resources and Organizational Assets

- Establish a roster of National expert in climate change aspects
- Lobby to budget allocation for M&E within the organizations.
- Staff training program for M&E
- High level dialogue Creating an M&E system
- Information system upgrade so external communication be effective in terms stakeholder and organizational needs.
- Use the ICTs to make more efficient in terms on data and information in the M&E processes.
- Highlight the potential for cross-country collaboration on capacity building going



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