# Initiative for Climate Action Transparency - Adaptation

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# **Initiative for Climate Action Transparency**

The Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) was founded to **respond to the critical need to support improved transparency and capacity building** under the Paris Agreement

### Mission

"To help countries assess the impacts of their climate policies and actions and support greater transparency, effectiveness, ambition and trust in climate policies worldwide."

ICAT integrates **guidance**, **capacity building** and **knowledge sharing** to engage countries in the use of a common framework to **assess the impacts of their policies and actions** and **report progress**, fostering greater transparency, effectiveness and ambition.



Guidance developed in collaboration with technical and country experts.

Guidance helps countries assess impacts of policies and actions.

ICAT supports countries to implement guidance, balance various transparency initiatives, and coordinate with each other.

## **ICAT Partners**





# **ICAT Guidance**

ICAT integrates methodological work, capacity building and knowledge sharing to strengthen the transparency and effectiveness of climate policies and actions.

In collaboration with technical experts from around the world, ICAT is developing an integrated suite of globally applicable methodologies and tools.

Building on existing best practices, ICAT's guidance documents provide methods focused on:

- Assessing the potential impact of policies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Achieving sustainable development outcomes; and
- Driving transformational change.

### THE 10 GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

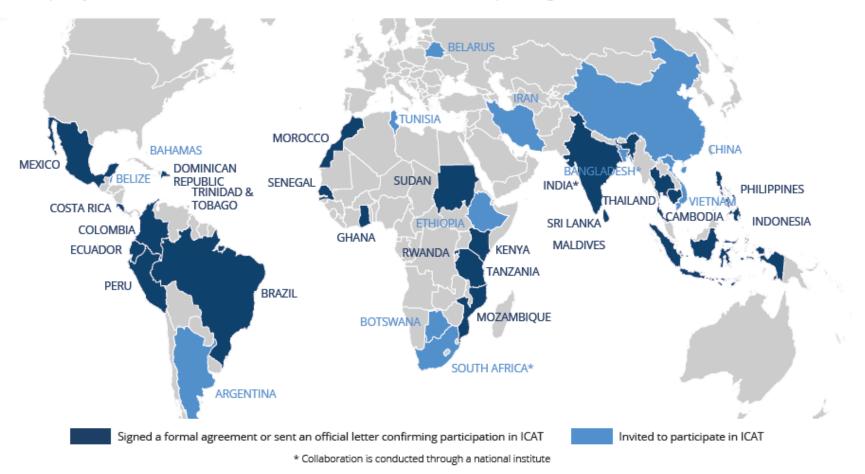


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# **Participating Countries**

### **PILOT COUNTRIES**

Thirty-five initial countries have been invited to participate in ICAT. Countries are selected based on existing MRV capacity and the ambition of their climate and sustainable development goals.





# **ICAT Adaptation**

### **Overall objective**

Strengthening the capacity of countries to plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate effective and efficient adaptation actions in a transparent manner.

### **Partners from 4 countries**

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) – India

International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) – Bangladesh

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) – South Africa

Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio (CNCCMDL) – Dominican Republic

Phase I: February to November 2019







# **ICAT Adaptation – Objectives**

### **Specific objectives:**

- Improved monitoring and evaluation of adaptation measures, including the appraisal of their costs and benefits, also in view of broader sustainable development and mitigation efforts, to assess their efficiency;
- Enhanced ability to track the effectiveness of adaptation interventions and finance in accomplishing desired outcomes;
- Improved understanding of nationally and globally effective practices and relevant circumstances that lead to their success; and
- Enhanced transparency and accountability by providing an underpinning for the legitimacy of public policies, and of public and private adaptation spending through improved MRE.

### Outcomes

- 1. Partner countries and national stakeholders demonstrate enhanced capacity to track and measure gaps and progress on adaptation for pilot sectors and focus areas
- 2. Partner countries increase the transparency of their reporting under the PA



## **ICAT Adaptation – Focus areas**

#### Priority areas

- Agriculture
- Water
- Potentially other sectors (eg, health, energy)
- Early warning and DDR
- Potentially other focus areas (eg, coastal zones, urban, etc.)

#### Cross-cutting issues

- Metrics and methodological issues
- Capacity building and training needs for M+E
- Stakeholders, institutions, and governance
- Gender related issues
- Synergies and trade-offs
- Financing models for activities/projects aimed at adaptation
- Links to climate change mitigation, SDGs, and Sendai Framework

Focus is on selected priority areas and cross-cutting issues prioritized in the NDCs of the four partner countries

We are taking a decidedly bottom-up, demand-driven approach to ensure national ownership

This will increase the chances for uptake and scaling up of tools

# **ICAT Adaptation – Work packages**

- 1. Development of tools and methodologies to increase the transparency of monitoring, reporting, and evaluating adaptation policies and measures
- 2. Testing and uptake of the tools and methodologies through platforms for national engagement
- **3. Building capacity** for assessment and reporting on transparency of action across scales local to global
- 4. Project coordination and management, engagement with other ICAT activities, and global outreach and communication

In phase I of the project, we have laid the groundwork and are delivering a first set of basic tools and methodologies. Phase II activities will **deepen, test, and expand** ongoing work and **deliver the training** to national stakeholders and global members of the community of practice.



# **ICAT Adaptation – achievements**

- Background on climate risks in partner countries
- National needs assessments and adaptation M+E gaps
- Government endorsements and advisory boards to support and guide partner work
- National theories of change
- Stakeholder mappings
- Capacity building needs assessments
- Prototype platform for multi-stakeholder dialogues
- Development of transparency tools and methodologies



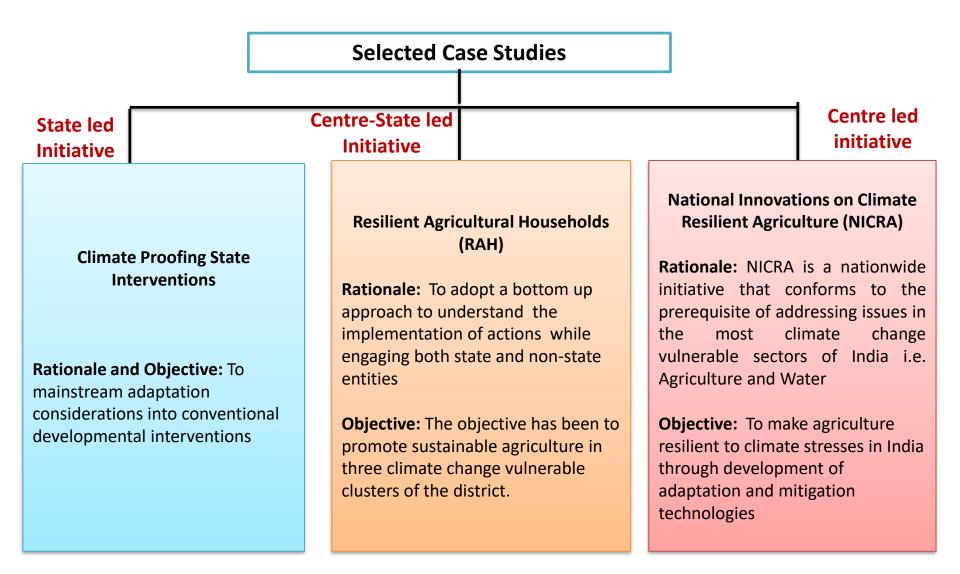


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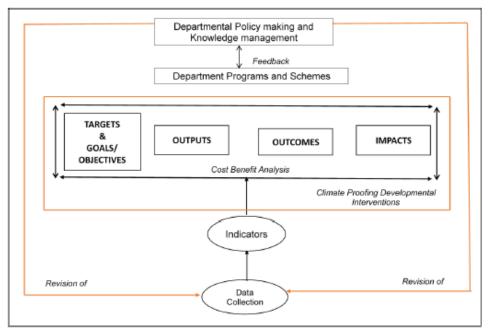


## **Identified cases**



## Transparency tools and methodologies -India

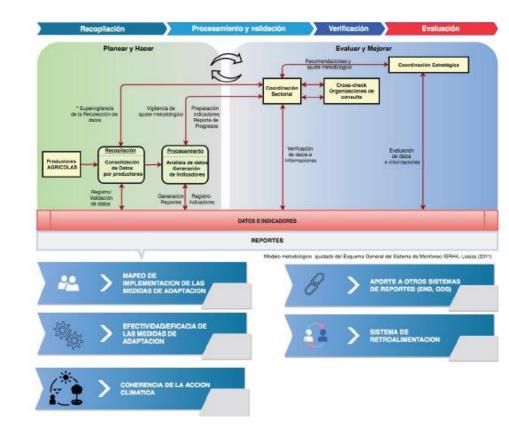
- A framework of MEL will be developed for each of the identified cases
- The framework will be based on a set of indicators that will help map the progress on adaptation actions
- A guidance document to assist in the utilisation of the frameworks is planned to be developed in phase 2
- This will be used to conduct trainings with stakeholders on the use of the document and its application for MEL processes from interventions
- Multi-stakeholder interactive platform to be developed





### Transparency tools and methodologies – Dominican Republic

- Apply and test national M+E framework to the Banana sector
- Banana sector is one of DR's priorities in the agriculture sector
- Important to assess the implementation of adaptation actions in the agriculture sector
- This will be used to conduct trainings with stakeholders
- Plan is to scale up the approach to other important agriculture commodities





## Transparency tools and methodologies – South Africa

- Focus area for this project is disaster risk reduction, specifically early warning systems (EWS)
- SA has an M&E framework in place which uses Desired Adaptation Outcomes (DAO's) to monitor and evaluate progress towards achieving its climate change adaptation goals
- Identified as one of the key strategic interventions in the Draft National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 Target: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters
- Gaps exist in terms of indicators to track the effectiveness of the use of EWS at a municipal level and reporting progress to the national M&E system and the capacity to implement this
- Develop South African toolbox and indicators/metrics with guidelines and capacity building components for the M&E of EWS at the municipal level in South Africa

Monitoring		Evaluation
AO 3. Accurate climate information (e.g. historical trend data, seasonal predictions, future projections, and early warning of extreme reather and other climate-related events) provided by existing and new monitoring and forecasting facilities/networks (including neir maintenance and enhancement) to inform adaptation planning and disaster risk reduction in businesses, provinces and huncipalities [G3]		
ii. Fine-scale and intra- for provinc iii. Dissemina and climat utilisation	climate trends; projections, forecasts (seasonal to inter-annual seasonal variability) and early warning systems ial and municipal use; tion and communication platforms for weather e-related events (e.g. SMS and media); (iv) of data/information products by end-users; and ce and enhancements of monitoring and	<ul> <li>No dissemination and utilisation of weather and climate-related information.</li> <li>Lack of monitoring and forecasting facilities/networks.</li> <li>Dissemination but no utilisation of weather and climate-related information.</li> <li>Monitoring facilities/networks exist but are not well-maintained or enhanced.</li> </ul>
	ting facilities/networks.	<ul> <li>Dissemination and utilisation of weather and climate- related information at provincial, municipal and community levels.</li> </ul>

 Monitoring facilities/networks exist and are maintained and enhanced.



## Transparency tools and methodologies -Bangladesh

- Development of a guidance document (handbook) on indicators and criteria for measuring adaptation effectiveness
  - Identifying the adaptation components within climate change and development projects within the water and agriculture sector
    - Criteria and definitions for understanding the additionality of adaptation
  - Assess the effectiveness of adaptation interventions in the water and agriculture sector in terms of building resilience and reducing vulnerability of communities
    - Indicators development on the basis of the six thematic pillars/areas of the BCCSAP – i) Food security, social protection and health; ii) Comprehensive disaster management; iii) Infrastructure; iv) Research and knowledge management; v) Mitigation and low carbon development; vi) Capacity building and institutional strengthening
  - Test validity and applicability against a set of completed projects
    - Expert and field level consultations



# Multi-stakeholder interactive platform on **Adaptation - a prototype (India)**

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- Landing page
- Introduction
  - country profile on progress on adaptation
  - link to SDG goals
  - achievements •
  - sectors/ focus areas
  - adaptation interventions
- Stakeholder profile
- **Discussion forum**



# **ICAT Adaptation – Phase II**

### **Overall objective**

Strengthening the capacity of countries to plan, implement, monitor, and evaluate effective and efficient adaptation actions in a transparent manner.

### **Partners from 5 countries**

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) – India

International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) – Bangladesh

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) – South Africa

Consejo Nacional para el Cambio Climático y Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio (CNCCMDL) – Dominican Republic

Kenya's Climate Change Unit in the Ministry for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

Phase II: January 2020 to September 2021











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