

Report-back from breakout group 4

Challenges in articulating & translating needs into projects and programmes

- Transboundary knowledge gaps on water planning, including trade linkages over longer distances
- Lack of knowledge and capacity in general
- Clear understanding of criteria – relevant to climate vs. adaptation vs. cross-cutting
- Engagement of private sector
- Retaining capacity in developing countries (for NDCs)
- Understanding the local needs for international support
- Continuation of action, e.g. how to turn a strategy into action?
- NDA capacity (Belize MoF overburdened)
- Connecting local funds to multilateral funds, incl. self-assessing capacity, opportunities and needs
- General development challenges apply to climate-specific action (e.g. related to SMEs)
- Estimating/calculating local investment in climate initiatives
- Lack of consideration (by national governments) for community driven processes, issues and capacity to articulate their needs
- Dialogue within countries (Cook Islands)

Initiatives and efforts that could resolve the challenges

- German MoE – funding program currently refocusing on NDCs
- Green finance roadmap
- Community engagement (e.g. Australia's authorities engagement with aboriginal people)
- Developing an intense stakeholder consultation process (Cook Islands follows the example of Antigua and Barbuda)
- Coordination among international organizations
- Innovative targeted private sector engagement at local level

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Challenges that may require further attention by the COP

- Moving away from capacity building at governmental level to community level
- Encouraging small scale investment by international finance (What are the right instruments?)
- Tracking climate related expenditures according to different budgetary/accounting systems