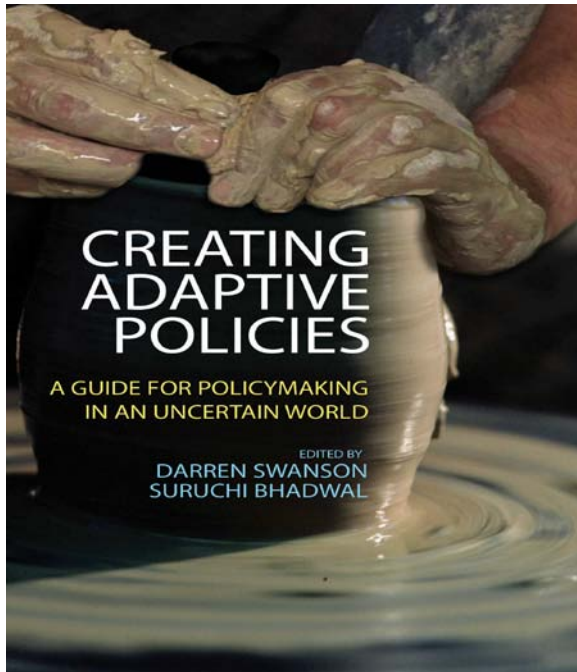




***Training Workshop on Adaptive Policymaking to deal with risks, uncertainty and a changing climate***  
**October 20, 2010, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand**



*Creating Adaptive Policies: A Guide for Policymaking in an Uncertain World* is the very first book to distill the principles of complex adaptive systems and adaptive management into practical guidance for policy-makers. It describes the concept of adaptive policy-making and presents seven tools for developing such policies. Based on hundreds of interviews from over a dozen policy case studies, this book serves as a pragmatic guide for policy-makers by elaborating these seven tools.

## **Background**

Policy making is a complex task, especially in a modern world that is highly interconnected, owing to advances in science and technology, and highly dynamic, owing to the nature and scale of our impact. Today's policy makers thus have a tough task at hand, that of crafting policies that cater to the changing demands of the individuals, communities, business and climate while balancing social, economic and environmental well-being. Policies that cannot continue to perform effectively under dynamic and uncertain conditions run the risk of not achieving their intended purpose, and becoming a hindrance to the ability of individuals, communities and businesses to cope with and adapt to changing socio-economic and ecologic conditions. Thus there is a need for adaptive policies that employ a suite of specific mechanisms which help them perform effectively in the face of anticipated and unanticipated conditions.

## **Workshop Structure**

This one-day workshop will be conducted at the 2nd Annual Meeting of SDplanNet - Asia & Pacific and will cover the following topics

- Policy making process and the need for adaptive policies
- What is an adaptive policy
- Seven tools for adaptive policymaking:
  - Integrated and Forward-looking Analysis (Scenario Planning)
  - Multi-stakeholder Deliberation
  - Automatic Policy Adjustment
  - Formal policy review and Continuous Learning
  - Enabling self-organization and social networking
  - Decentralization of decision making
  - Promoting variation
- Implementing adaptive policies and addressing barriers

**The sessions will be interactive and will involve case-based discussions, drawing on experiences and expertise from various disciplines.**

### **Questions to be addressed**

In the backdrop of increasing socio-economic, environmental and political uncertainties, key questions this Workshop will help you address are:

- What are the key *uncertainties and risks* that exist for the policy/plan to be developed and how will they affect performance?
- How can the policy be improved to better deal with anticipated and unanticipated *uncertainties and risks*?

### **Expected outcomes**

Participants attending this Workshop will be able to:

- identify key policy risks and uncertainties using rapid scenario planning methods and multi-stakeholder deliberation
- apply the seven tools for adaptive policymaking to improve existing policies and enhance their capability to adapt to anticipated and unanticipated risks
- incorporate innovative mechanisms to help policies deal with unforeseen surprises
- apply the seven adaptive policy tools at appropriate stages of policy design and implementation
- network and learn from peers from a range of sectors/ disciplines

### **Who should attend?**

Senior and/or mid-level policymakers and managers designing and implementing public policies (central/ state level), policy analysts and planners dealing with socio-economic analysis and climate change adaptation, and sectors such as agriculture, water resources, human health, energy and infrastructure, information and communication technology are invited to participate.

### **Certificate of Participation**

The Workshop participants will receive a Certificate of Participation from TERI University and SDplanNet-AP.

### **Participation fee**

The participation fee is covered by a grant from the International Development Research Center, Canada. Participants will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

### **Travel and accommodation**

Participants are expected to arrange for their own travel to reach Bangkok for the Workshop.

### **Number of participants**

Total 70 seats (with live-webcasting on network website)

### **About the organizers**

The research activities of **TERI** on climate change began as early as 1988. The Centre for Global Environment Research (CGER) conducts research and outlines policy initiatives to integrate developing-country concerns in addressing global environmental challenges. The CGER endeavors to present the perspective of developing countries to contribute towards an equitable policy regime on climate change. The Centre comprises a multidisciplinary team of research professionals drawn from the fields of environmental economics; business economics; environmental science; and mechanical, agricultural, and energy engineering. The Centre uses various means to disseminate information and spread awareness on climate change: workshops, seminars, publishing through print and electronic, and documentary films.

**TERI University**, an outcome of TERI's research experience and skill gained over the last three decades, was recognized as a deemed university by the University Grant Commission in 1999. TERI University's academic programmes centre around four basic themes: natural resource management, biotechnology, policy and regulation, and energy and environment. Having begun with doctoral programmes in 2001, it has gone on to offer various masters degree programmes since 2003. TERI University offers M. Sc. degrees in Economics (with specialization in Environmental and Resource Economics) Climate Science and Policy, Environmental Studies, Natural Resource Management, Water Resource Management, and Geoinformatics,

MBA degrees in Infrastructure, and Business Sustainability, M. A. in Public Policy & Sustainable Development and in Sustainable Development Practices in addition to several other programmes.

**IISD**- The International Institute for Sustainable Development is based in Canada and contributes to sustainability internationally by advancing policy recommendations on international trade and investment, economic policy, climate change and energy, measurement and assessment, and natural resources management, and the enabling role of communication technologies in these areas. IISD reports on international negotiations and disseminate knowledge gained through collaborative projects, resulting in more rigorous research, capacity building in developing countries, better networks spanning the North and the South, and better global connections among researchers, practitioners, citizens and policy-makers.

**SDplanNet-Asia and Pacific** - is a network of professionals involved in development planning in the Asia-Pacific region. It was established to help professional planners, policy-makers and managers share innovative tools and approaches for integrating sustainable development into plans, strategies and budgeting processes at national, sub-national and local levels. For more information please visit [www.SDplanNet-Ap.org](http://www.SDplanNet-Ap.org).

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