



Adaptation Knowledge Management: **Brainstorming Workshop** **to Establish a Climate Change** **Knowledge Management Platform** in Mongolia October 2011



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BACKGROUND

Both the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network and the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (Adaptation Knowledge Platform) share their common objective of establishing a regional knowledge sharing mechanism in Asia and the Pacific region with an aim to promote exchange of existing information and knowledge related to climate change adaptation. One of the main activities for the achievement of this objective is to facilitate governments in the region to build a national climate change knowledge management platform. Knowledge management is key to successful adaptation, for adaptation planning and practices require expertise from multiple disciplines to address specific needs at multiple levels and in multiple sectors. Therefore, successful adaptation policies and actions are necessarily dependent on effective knowledge management to provide the sound information and knowledge base.

In response to the need of Mongolia as suggested by the Mongolian Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry and the Mongolian State University of Agriculture (MSUA), the brainstorming workshop for the establishment of a national climate change knowledge management platform in Mongolia was held at the MSUA in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 26 and 27 May 2011. The workshop was co-organised by the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network, Adaptation Knowledge Platform and MSUA.

GOAL

Establishment of a national climate change knowledge management platform in Mongolia

OBJECTIVES

- Map out scientific and experience-based information and knowledge collected through research activities and on-ground adaptation practices that would be relevant to adaptation planning;
- Share knowledge gaps in climate change adaptation that would pose as barriers in undertaking effective adaptation planning and implementing on-the-ground adaptation actions; and
- Discuss designing a national climate change knowledge management platform in Mongolia.

OUTPUTS

- The concept note on “the establishment of an information centre for climate change adaptation” was developed by the MSUA with the following concrete objectives:
 - Increase public awareness about climate change and the contributions of the Centre to socio-economic development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals including the MDGs;
 - Provide an enabling environment for policies, laws and regulations conducive to the formation, growth and stability of the Centre;
 - Link research, policy, and ‘on the ground’ action;
 - Blend traditional/indigenous knowledge with science; and
 - Develop certain methods to pass on the local knowledge.

- News regarding the workshop was broadcasted on Mongolian National Broadcasting channel and the TV 9 Channel on 26 and 27 May 2011.

OUTCOMES

- By bringing together both national- and provincial-level governmental officers and research institutes working on climate change adaptation issues, the workshop enhanced both scientific and local knowledge base on climate change projections in Mongolia, impacts particularly on the agriculture sector, socio-ecological vulnerability to climate change, and adaptation strategies and policies.
- The workshop also increased understanding on the importance on distributing and sharing knowledge required for policy-level adaption planning, knowledge gaps in carrying out adaption practices and the roles of non-scientific, experience-based knowledge in adaptation.
- The workshop further improved ideas on designing and managing a climate change knowledge management center among potential providers and users of climate change adaptation knowledge.

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