



Climate & Development
Knowledge Network



Introducing the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)

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Introducing CDKN



Key features

- Knowledge-sharing combined with direct technical assistance to governments, support for original research
- Partnership ethos
- Regional strategies & a cross-cutting global programme
- £55 million over 5 years
- 75% of budget spent through external partners
- Funded by DFID/DGIS

Focus on climate compatible development

More than adaptation or mitigation or development

Policies and practice that simultaneously:

- Ç grasp the opportunities of low emissions development,
- Ç tackle poverty and advance human wellbeing
- Ç build a more climate-resilient future

Knowledge sharing challenges

Access to the best available knowledge is crucial in designing and delivering climate compatible development

But:

- Ç Complexities, uncertainties and politics around climate & development pose extra challenges to knowledge sharing
- Ç Gaps and capacity issues at every link in the knowledge chain
- Ç Already a crowded knowledge marketplace

Pitfalls to avoid

- Q Avoiding PPS - Portal Proliferation Syndrome
- Q Underestimating the sustained effort needed to run effective knowledge initiatives
- Q Over-optimism over the power of new web tools
- Q Thinking that 'sharing learning' is easy
- Q Institutional profiles getting in the way of open knowledge sharing
- Q Forgetting that knowledge sharing is all about people

CDKN's KM approach

- § **Broad definition of KM** – not just web platforms
- § **Demand-led** – guided by country engagement work
- § **Smart** – recognising complexity of change processes
- § **Collaborative** – building on what's there, not duplicating
- § **'Being there' approach** – going to where audiences already engaging, not expecting them to always come to us
- § **Targeted** - not trying to do everything
- § **Results Focused** – listening, reflecting, adapting
- § **Partnership based** – majority of spending outsourced

CDKN's KM activities

Q A global publishing programme – Policy Briefings, CDKN Guides, etc. drawing lessons from across regions

Q Use the CDKN website (www.cdkn.org) as a shop window

Q Link to other websites, not trying to create the definitive 'one-stop-shop'

Q Support other global knowledge players to strengthen their coverage (e.g. Eldis, Panos, OneClimate, IPS, REEGLE, etc.)

Q Encouraging collaboration between other knowledge players



Examples of early KM activities



Eldis commissioned to strengthen existing online resources

an Eldis Resource

Institutional mapping for climate change adaptation in Eastern Africa

Strengthening the institutional engagement of the Climate Change Adaptation in Africa programme in East Africa

Authors: E. Kituyi; Industrial Ecology Institute
Publisher: International Development Research Centre, 2008

[Full text of document](#)

Commissioned by IDRC and DFID in order to strengthen institutional engagement of the Climate Change Adaptation in Africa (CCAA) programme, this study maps out the various institutions working on climate change and environmental management in Eastern Africa. The main activities included literature reviews and web searches, country visits to selected institutions, and focused consultations with experts.

Key conclusions:

In each case, content is distributed through partnersö existing channels and also featured on CDKN website



National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA), Thematic Working Group Summary Report

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This Thematic Working Group summary report is intended as a stocktaking and summary document to come Programme of Action (NAPA) preparation process in Nepal to interested national and international stakeholders and climate change implications for Nepal; the approach to NAPA development; the progress and achievements 2009; and the forward plan towards finalisation and follow-up of NAPA in 2010. The thematic areas covered biodiversity; agriculture and food security; and urban settlements and infrastructures.

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Changing Climate in a Mountain Sub-watershed

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This study identifies the indicators of a changing climate in a mountain sub-watershed. During 2001-06, considerable warming has occurred in the study area. Temperature has increased by 0.5°C during 2001-06. Annual rainfall is fluctuating; prolonged dry spells are common.

and develop in-depth coverage of CDKN focus countries



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MALAWI
Richer Soil First Defence Against Climate Change
By Claire Ngozo*

MCHINJI DISTRICT, Malawi, Oct 6, 2010 (IPS) - Malawi has directed local government officials to develop local response strategies to the effects of climate change.

In September, the country's Minister of Local Government and Rural Development Anna Kachikho called on district

Granary in Mchinji: in the face of declining harvests, farmers are adopting adaptation strategies within their limited means.

IPS commissioned to produce articles on climate & development themes

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