

Make it Simple, Stupid

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Loss and damage is a new challenge

1. The limits of adaptation are poorly defined and as a consequence the elements of loss and damage are unclear
2. There is relatively little experience of how to address loss and damage associated with slow onset impacts and non-economic costs
3. A newly emerging science, the technical understanding on loss and damage needs to be enhanced
4. The upcoming institutional arrangement should aim to coordinate with other institutions to develop coherent approaches to address loss and damage



Knowledge Gaps

Science

- Current focus on short term or immediate impact
- Lack of knowledge about assessment of loss and damage
- Limited understanding of appropriate approaches to address

Policy

- No formal process of mainstreaming knowledge into policy making and planning systems
- Difficulty in convincing policy makers to adopt long term strategies due to political challenges and the nature of slow onset events

Practice

- Lack of appropriate strategies to bring loss and damage lens across different sectors and regions
- Inadequate tools and processes to integrate loss and damage at different tiers



Managing Knowledge: Role of Networks

Technical Management

- Focus on **increasing awareness** of issues such as frequency of events, intensity and magnitude of impacts in future
- Support **downscaling** of scientific knowledge
- **Demystify** and **disseminate** for improved policy and practice

Facilitation role

- Strengthen **existing networks** involving scientific community, academia, governments and civil society
- **Facilitate learning** and **exchange of knowledge** at regional/national/local levels with capacity building exercises
- **Joint responses** to events affecting the entire region and also pooling of resources and technical capabilities
- Promote **thematic networks** and open dialogue



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Technical Management

- Building an understanding of the **scope and significance** of loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change
- Highlighting implications, challenges and possibly **direction forward** for decision makers
- Valuable contributions through **technical papers**, case studies and policy briefs

Facilitation Role

- Building **momentum and commitment** to act on loss and damage
- Developing and co-creating an **approach and vision** for loss and damage among decision makers and relevant stakeholders
- Identifying steps needed to support a **paradigm shift** on loss and damage in the run up to 2015



WAY FORWARD

- **Need for downscaling knowledge for loss & damage and adaptation + disseminating it to varied audience**
- **Strengthening linkages, effective coordination and building synergies across the region and sectors (e.g. Asia Pacific L&D forum)**
- **Need for an explicit knowledge brokerage role, rather than being simply institutional websites**



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To support the policy-making process, we should aim to strengthen the knowledge ‘architecture’ or framework on L&D. For example...

- Support think tanks and create knowledge management centers to serve as a platform for coordinating and facilitating the regular generation and exchange information (Nepal KM Centre - and now being linked with PPCR)
- The media, especially local media, is a powerful tool for communicating with policy-makers (example of our initiative under CDKN, IDS and Alertnet commissioned stories which were translated into 8 languages and picked up by 100 plus news outlets + the capacity building program for journalists through PANOS).
- Too many tools for Policy makers to support climate change planning? So rather than creating a new tool – we supported IDS and Ecofys to package the tools into an online guide to help policy-makers pick the most appropriate tool



Some Challenges

- **Do We Really Need Another Portal?** People underestimate how hard it is to set up a succession KM brokering project. Result is that start to lose interest and trust in these initiatives.
- **Boing Beyond & Going Forward:** Government research institutes, local NGOs, grass roots groups still disconnected. Their knowledge is still not being captured and shared
- **Intended Audience of Knowledge Management are Varied:** but it still fails to reach those that need the knowledge most = local policy-makers, English. Digital divide.
- **Going Beyond Spreading the Gospel:** Need to go one step deeper
 - how is research being designed and messages disseminated? Is it responding to policy-maker and practitioner needs?



