

## Climate Change Programme

### Background

The Climate Change Programme builds and develops the capacity of various actors in particular developing countries, to improve their participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Process.

### Objectives

Guided by the UNFCCC COP7 Decisions 2 and 3, the Programme seeks to:

- Address the capacity constraints of developing countries in implementing Climate Change decisions and policies at the country level.
- Assist in enhancing or creating regional pools of expertise in the developing world.
- Strengthen the infrastructure of developing countries for delivering their own capacity building activities and developing their human resources.
- Promote the work of partner organizations in the south, assist in their fundraising, and facilitate efficient and secure communication between partners.

### Activities

The programme co-ordinates capacity development projects that provide support to countries for project conception, implementation and sustainability:

- **Climate Change Capacity Development (C3D)** launched in 2003, seeks to address capacity needs for climate change in developing countries through innovative training and capacity building partnership with regional institutions based in Africa and Asia.
- **National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA)** provides technical support performed through training workshops, for Small Island Developing States, Francophone Africa and Asian LDC's towards the finalization of their National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) documents, including the formulation of their project profiles.

- **Advancing Capacity to support Climate Change Adaptation (ACCCA)**  
Launched in 2006, this project brings together stakeholders and the scientific communities of the developing world to enable and support effective adaptation decisions, reducing vulnerability to climate and environmental change while also promoting sustainable development.
- **Capacity Development for Adaptation to Climate Change and GHG Mitigation in Non-Annex 1 countries (C3D+)** Launched in December 2008, seeks by building the capacity of 6 regional centers of excellence to improve the ability of countries listed in Annex 1 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to develop adaptation measures and plan mitigation strategies to address Climate Change

### Content and Methodology

The programme approach aims at building capacity both at the country and regional level to deal with the effects of climate change. Through training workshops and organized fellowships with partner centers of excellence, the capacity needs at the country level are identified and developed. At the regional level, networks are created such as with centers of excellence and International organizations working on climate change to produce resource material such as training modules.

### Target Audience and Partners

- Universities and Centers of excellence
- International and Regional Organizations UNEP, UNDP, UNFCCC
- Government Staff from the Ministries of Environment and relevant sector Ministries

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