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Advancing adaptation : Testing a portal of adaptation options









OUR PROJECT

Project Overview - Objectives

- 1. Define a practical and comprehensive set of criteria for successful adaptation
- 2. Construct a flexible, searchable database of adaptation options
- 3. Test the functionality and usefulness of the tool with practitioner, academic, and broader audiences
- 4. Synthesize findings regarding the characteristics of adaptation options for publication

TARGET AUDIENCE

• Local government staff and officials (planners, engineers, elected officials, etc.)

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- Researchers
- Other donor agencies

Project Overview - Team

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Our Approach



Review of existing climate change related databases

Adaptation Clearinghouse Evidence and Lessons from Latin America Adaptation Community **Global Climate Change** Adaptation Learning Mechanism Green and blue space Adaptation Scotland Green Growth Knowledge Platform Adaptation tools for public officials **IDRC** Digital Library India Climate Portal Africa Adapt Africa Climate Exchange Latin American Platform on Climate Low Emission Development Strategies African Climate Portal Applied Geoscience and Technology Division National Compendium of Water Adaptation Knowledge Asia Pacific Adaptation Network Natural Resources Canada Adaptation Library Nepal Climate Change and Development Portal Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network Networks of Risk Management and CCA AURIN CABE Pacific Climate Futures Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre Pacific Islands Climate Change Virtual Library CASES Private Sector Initiative- database of adaptation actions **Regional CCA Knowledge Platform for Asia** Ci:grasp (PIK) **Circle 2 Climate Adaptation Infobase** Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and CCA in LACS Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange **Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments Climate Adaptation Navigator** SEA Change **Climate Change Adaptation** Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program Climate Change Adaptation Database: Integrating Biodiversity into Climate SIC Adapt! **Change Adaptation Planning** Small Islands Developing States Network Climate Change Knowledge Navigator Socio-economic Data and Applications Center **Climate Change Knowledge Portal** Surging Seas **Climate Compatible Development Tools** The Adaptation Knowledge Platform **Climate Information Platform** The REDD desk Climate Prep Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme **Climate Smart Planning Platform** UN Economic Commission for Latin America **UNFCCC** Database on Local Coping Strategies Climate.gov **Coastal Climate Adaptation** United Kingdom Climate Impacts Programme **Eldis Community Based Adaptation Exchange** We-Adapt **European Climate Adaptation Platform** WRI Vulnerability & Adaptation Database



CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

First Stage: The Matrix



First Round: The Matrix



Data collection

Identified adaptation option: name of option



Project level data Project number Region Country Responsible PO Start/End date - Authoring organization



Matrix Climate hazard addressed Form of option



Option level data Timing of option Intent of option Spatial scope Intended beneficiary

Adaptation option



Project related data



Results from Ongoing Analysis

Total projects reviewed	106
Adaptation options identified	493
Options that had direct mention of climate change (or a changing climate)	400
Options that had sufficient data to be named	330
Adaptation options included in portal	270

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Adaptation Options:

producers Participation organizations water findings knowledge Migration Analysis climate rights Expanding Framework Watershed Building Dissemination Workshops Adaptive bibliographic training land Nepal reservoirs conservation Establishment existing recovery study modeling learning Policies external acquisition exchange program experts risk networks community relocation behavioural farming Sharing use soil options predict through tools Brief Iocal Producing access Feasibility treatment consumption Encouraging usage Increase services facilitate system Exploring creation information planning Assess Support international indigenous infrastructure area legal management areas vulnerability research Assessment capacity Policy biogas ecosystem community-based government change resource sewage representatives adaptation Development environmental conferences

What countries do the options come from?

India 48 Chile 38 Colombia 31 Argentina 28 Bolivia 23 Guatemala 22 China 19 Costa Rica 16 Nepal 15 Uruguay 15 Nicaragua 13 Mexico 12 Thailand 12 Kenya 11 Pakistan 11 Senegal 11 Benin 10 Brazil 10

Burkina Faso 10 Peru 10 Dominican Republic 9 Ethiopia 7 Bangladesh 6 Ghana 6 Malawi 6 Vietnam 6 Uganda 5 Canada 4 Tanzania 4 Angola 3 Cambodia 3 Malaysia 3 Mali 3 Indonesia 2 Lesotho 2 Morocco 2

Namibia 2 Philippines 2 South Africa 2 Sri Lanka 2 Swaziland 2 Tunisia 2 Zimbabwe 2 Bahamas 1 Barbados 1 Bhutan 1 Cape Verde 1 Egypt 1 El Salvador 1 Eritrea 1 Fiji 1 Honduras 1 Jamaica 1 Laos 1

Lebanon 1 Madagascar 1 Mongolia 1 Mozambique 1 Palau 1 Panama 1 Spain 1 Sudan 1 Syria 1 Tonga 1 Trinidad and Tobago 1 United Kingdom 1 Zambia 1 Not identified 1

What types of adaptation options are included?







Who are the intended beneficiaries of the options?



Extent of implementation



The option has been identified and implemented with no indication that it will continue beyond the context of the project

The option exists in a real setting and was not created as part of the project

The option has been recommended within the project report but has not been implemented

The option has been identified and implemented with indication that it will continue beyond the context of the project



PORTAL DEMONSTRATION

Today's Activity: User Scenarios

Scenario One - I am located in Argentina and am looking for adaptation options from this region. I am particularly interested in options to address flooding or the increased frequency of rain.

Scenario Two - I'm looking for strategies that help to address drought. I would like examples from around the world, but would prefer options that benefit households. I am interested in both technological and economic options when researching these solutions.

Scenario Three - I am a municipal planner in Hanoi and I am interested in learning about adaptation options that are targeted at a community scale. I am more interested in the types of options that are being implemented than the specific impacts that they address.

Scenario Four - I am conducting research – focusing on extreme weather events - into how resource dependent communities (as the intended beneficiaries) can be complimented by efforts that address climate change adaptation.

Scenario Five - I am an academic researcher located in the eastern region of India. Recently, my region has experienced an increase in the frequency of cyclones. Therefore, I am searching for adaptation options identified by other academic authors that can be implemented on a community scale.

Scenario Six - My community is experiencing changes in streamflow as a result of climate change-related impacts. I want the option to incorporate the natural environment when addressing this challenge, and therefore I would prefer an eco-system based approach.

Next steps and key dates

- Continue beta testing
 - Resilient Cities Conference (Bonn, Germany)
 - IDRC staff and grantees
 - Two local workshops in India and Philippines
- Continue to refine and add to option data (with assistance of project grantees)
- Retest data with key stakeholders (late-Fall 2015)
- Launch at Local Government Day, COP 21 Paris (December 2015)

Call for Names for Portal!

• If you have a suggested name for the portal (be creative!) please write it on your business card and submit. Prize to be won!

THANK YOU!



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