

Cross-cutting Issues on Climate Change vulnerability and coping strategies

Presentation from break out groups

Group A: Linkages to the MDGs

- CC impacts MDGs differentially
- Hierarchy of linkages (MDGs, national goals, sectoral/ geographic, implementation, stakeholders) and disaggregation
- People-centric nature of MDG and science/technology-centric nature of CC
- Implementation (e.g. resources, development programmes, differentiation in country capacities to achieve MDGs, incentives to communities to achieve MDGs)
- Time frame (short & long term nature, Post-2012 and MDG-2015 linkages may be enhanced through *adaptation*)
- Awareness generation (A UN document on these linkages? AR4 may highlight MDG/CC linkages; CC & disaster preparedness)
- Energy/water and MDG linkages are crucial
- Conflicts (multi goals trade-offs, Millennium and domestic goals)
- Going beyond aspirational goals for MDGs

Group B: Linkages to National Development Planning

Key message: Climate Change is not another sector

1. Entry points

- Linking with disaster management
- Linking with agricultural risks
- Linking with water infrastructure
- Linking NAPAs with development partners in-country

2. Areas of further work

- Country specific climate/development information
- Awareness raising amongst key stakeholders (govts, NGOs, media)
- Cross-cutting aspects

Group C: Costs and Benefits of Action and Inaction

- How do we convince Ministers of Finance?
- What do we mean by costs and benefits: Is it meaningful, approaches, limitations in particular related to CC damages, what can be valued?
- Assess impacts in terms of ecosystems, people, water availability, human and social aspects etc.
- Risk/Cost analysis and cost effectiveness analysis.
- Adaptation: Vulnerability baseline, quantity impacts, economic gains but project costs, transactions costs, process and coordination. Integrated in development projects and programmes.
- What is the cost of climate proofing –additional/global funds?

Group D: Institutional capacity building to address climate change

- Institutional capacity building both in short- and longterm perspectives through integrated planning
- Actors: Governments, NGOs, Media (bringing in the public)
- Enhance existing institutions and coordination
- Education as tool for societal and institutional capacity building
- Technology transfer institutions/centers
- Transformation of meteorological data into decision making information
- Strengthening cross-sectoral communications
- Support of sectoral climate change focal points