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Information Paper



1. Introduction of the UNITAR Climate Change Programme:

The mission of the UNITAR Climate Change Programme (CCP) is to enhance the capacity of regional centers of excellence in the developing world to assist developing countries improve their participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process. The CCP achieves this mission through coordinating and fundraising which facilitates the work of the regional centres of excellence to enhance or create regional pools of expertise in the developing world.

2. Description of the Capacity Development Activities.

The Climate Change Programme (CCP) is currently coordinating 3 capacity development activities in the developing world namely;

- I. Climate Change Capacity Development (C3D)
- II. National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs)
- III. Advancing Capacity to Support Climate Change Adaptation (ACCCA).

I. Climate Change Capacity Development (C3D)

The Climate Change Capacity Development (C3D) project 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. These institutions each have specific expertise, which together serves as a group resource, delivering targeted training and capacity development at the national and regional levels.

II. National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA)

The CCP provides and facilitates technical support performed through training workshops for Small Island Developing States, Francophone Africa and Asian LDC's towards the finalization of the preparation of their National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) documents, including the formulation of project profiles. The purpose of developing a NAPA is to identify the urgent and immediate needs of a country to adapt to the present threats from climate change. Addressing these needs will expand the current coping range and enhance resilience in a way that will promote the capacity of the country to adapt to current climate variability.

III. Advancing Capacity to support Climate Change Adaptation (ACCCA)

The project Advancing Capacity to Support Climate Change Adaptation (ACCCA) initiative, launched by the UNITAR Climate Change Programme in 2006, 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. The stakeholders and scientific organizations jointly execute pilot actions to fulfil the following objectives:

- Work with stakeholders to identify and prioritize climate risks and the climate influenced decisions that they face;
- Assess available knowledge about risks and adaptation opportunities, and synthesize the knowledge in terms that are directly relevant to stakeholder concerns and decision-making needs;
- Develop, test and disseminate risk communication materials that are designed to assist adaptation decisions.
- Use the risk communication materials in stakeholder forums to develop recommendations from climate change adaptation and promote their adoption; and



- Identify critical knowledge gaps that impede effective adaptation decisions and design assessment activities that would generate new knowledge to fill them.

In 2006 a call for proposals for the ACCCA project from countries returned 274 applicants from which 14 pilot action projects were selected. Of these 9 are from *Africa* while 6 are from *Asia*. A grant from the IDRC Canada enabled the addition of 5 more pilot actions in *Africa* bringing the total of Pilot actions projects to 19.

3. Relevant Links about the UNITAR Climate Change Programme.

For more information about the activities of the Climate Change Programme please visit:

<http://www.unitar.org/ccp>

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