

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs) FOR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE (CLACC)

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Editorial

The CLACC project has started its phase of in-country activities in 12 Least Developed Countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal in South Asia, Tanzania, Sudan and Uganda in East Africa, Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia in Southern Africa and Mali, Mauritania and Benin in Western Africa) with partners in each country.

Project team meeting in Bonn

During the SB22 meeting of the UNFCCC held in Bonn in May 2005, a number of the regional and European based CLACC partners held a CLACC project meeting in Bonn to discuss the next steps of the project.

CLACC Fellowships

During early 2005 the CLACC Regional Fellow for West Africa, Ms Salimata Wade from ENDA, spent her fellowship in the United Kingdom jointly with Saleemul Huq and Hannah Reid at IIED in London, and Tom Downing at SEI in Oxford.

West African Fellows

The West African CLACC Country Fellows have now been selected. They are Hamidou Neke Diallo from Mali, Sidi Ould Ahmed Chein from Mauritania and Krystel Dossou from Benin. They will be spending their Fellowship period in Dakar, Senegal (with ENDA) during the second half of 2005.

CLACC Funding

We have received funding from the UK's DFID to support 12 in-country studies focusing on the health aspects of adaptation to climate change. The work will start soon and will be

supported by technical advice from Dr Sari Kovats of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). Further funding is being sought from Sida to support further in-country action research.

CLACC Workshop on Health

From 24 to 28 October 2005, the CLACC project team will meet in Kisumu, Kenya, to develop a common methodology for conducting country case studies on adaptation to climate change and human health. Dr Sari Kovats will help conduct the workshop.

CLACC Publications

Two regional reports on East Africa by Victor Orindi from ACTS and South Asia by Mozaharul Alam (Babu) from BCAS have been published as part of IIED's Gatekeeper series (with help from Laurel Murray). They are available on the IIED website: http://www.iied.org/climate_change/pubs.html 'Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change in the Development Process in Uganda' by Vitor Orindi has also been published by ACTS.

CLACC Website

The CLACC website is being developed on behalf of the group by BCAS. Farhad Nawaz at BCAS is coordinating this. A restricted version is already up at www.clacc.net (password and username both: clacc). The website is expected to go 'live' in November 2005 prior to COP11.

Bangladesh Napa

Mozaharul Alam has been selected by the government of Bangladesh to coordinate the Bangladesh NAPA. Saleemul Huq was also involved as an international advisor.

Development and Adaptation Days at COP11

COP11 will be held in Montreal, Canada from 8 November until 9 December. IIED, IISD and the RING will again hold the Development and Adaptation Days at COP side event on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December. We would like to make sure that the CLACC project and its team members are involved. We plan to hold the annual CLACC Project Team meeting (with all CLACC Fellows) at the COP each year (subject to everyone getting funding to attend).

CLACC Brochure

A CLACC brochure is being developed by Victor Orindi at ACTS to be finalised, printed and distributed at COP11 in Montreal in December 2005.

Short description of the CLACC Project

The LDCs are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, due to their geographical location in some of the most vulnerable areas and their low capacity to cope with drought, floods, cyclones etc. Supporting LDCs in their efforts to adapt to the impacts of climate change requires long-term capacity strengthening within government as well as civil society. The National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) process, started under the aegis of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is one mechanism through which national stakeholders can understand the problem of climate change and their role in building resilience to its adverse impacts, and identify a portfolio of appropriate adaptation projects. CLACC aims to strengthen civil society in order to support the official NAPA process and support implementation of adaptation projects in the LDCs over the coming years.

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