

Stakeholder Engagement and Participatory Climate Adaptation
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29th and 30th of April 2018
Workshop Syllabus

Workshop Title: Stakeholder Engagement and Participatory Climate Adaptation

Overview: Climate change risks are generally cross-cutting and often characterized by high degrees of uncertainty. Adaptation to climate change is described as multi-dimensional and potentially demanding intrinsic trade-offs. As climate change impacts may imply policy shifts or costly investments, participatory planning and wide-scale stakeholder engagement are proposed to make better decisions, support collective problem-solving, reflect citizen needs and achieve equitable and sustainable outcomes. Almost every major international institution, especially global climate funds, endorse some form of stakeholder engagement as a feature of climate policy planning and implementation. But how well is participation understood conceptually and practically, and what kinds of obstacles prevent more stakeholder-focused policy and research? These are some of the questions this hands-on workshop will aim to address. Through the two-day session, stakeholder management and participatory techniques will be relayed to applicants by engaging them in a *participatory workshop*. Those attending will be experimenting with the very exercises and simulations they can use themselves in their future stakeholder identification, outreach, and consensus-building efforts.

Objectives: The main objectives of this participatory workshop are:

- To facilitate a conceptual understanding of stakeholder engagement and participation for climate adaptation;
- Share with participants a variety of techniques and exercises used in participatory workshops, allowing them to learn-by-doing;
- Engage in open discussions around participants working cultures and their expectations of stakeholder outreach and engagement;
- Enable participants in developing a sense of facilitation “do’s and don’ts”, as well as in gaining an experiential understanding of the time and resources required for participatory sessions.

Workshop Topics: The workshop will blend peer-to-peer learning, participatory exercises, instructional sessions, and experience sharing to cover:

- Participation and Stakeholder Engagement Reasons and Motives
- Stakeholder Mapping, Clustering, and Impact Ranks
- Techniques and Pitfalls: Problem Tree Exercises and Collaborative Matrix Scoring
- Facilitation Skills
- Community-Grounded Climate Adaptation and Social Vulnerability Assessments
- Documentation and Managing Stakeholder Processes

Target Audience: Researchers, practitioners, and decision-makers interested in working more collaboratively and in using participatory approaches to inform their activities.

Venue: To be identified