



## Capacity Development for Policy Makers to Address Climate Change

To better understand the magnitude of funds needed to tackle climate change now and in the long term, developing countries are undertaking assessments of investment and financial flows (I&FF) to address climate change for key sectors in a groundbreaking UNDP Environment & Energy Group project: *Capacity Development for Policy Makers to Address Climate Change*.

### HOW IT WORKS

#### **19 Initial National Inter-Ministerial Dialogues held between Sep 2008 and Apr 2010**

The initial Dialogues are used to kick off the project and serve a dual purpose. First, as the climate negotiations grow increasingly complex, countries need to co-ordinate the views of many stakeholders at the national level. The Dialogues are used to bring more players to the table – ranging from policymakers in key line Ministries to parliamentarians, from women’s groups to the private sector – to raise awareness. Second, the Dialogues are used to introduce the I&FF assessments. To date, more than 1660 participants have attended Dialogues, which also feature high-level segments where workshop recommendations are presented to Ministers. The Dialogues have also attracted strong media interest.

#### **16 I&FF trainings held between Jul 2009 and Nov 2010**

Participating countries then conduct assessments of the investments required to undertake adaptation and/or mitigation options in up to four key sectors, after undertaking a training on UNDP’s I&FF methodology. Nearly 470 national experts have been trained. For mitigation, the most common sectors assessed were energy (9 countries) and forestry (8). For adaptation, the most common sectors identified were agriculture (12); water (11); health (4).

#### **8 Concluding Dialogues held between Jun 2010 and May 2011**

Eight countries have presented their I&FF assessments at national dialogues; with more than 500 participants in attendance. Panel discussions on how to enhance the enabling environment for climate change investments featured Ministries, NGOs, international agencies, donors, and the private sector.

#### **54 national issues papers on key sectors prepared in 19 countries**

These issues papers – all prepared by national experts – describe policy options to address climate change in key sectors and outline approaches and potential barriers for the I&FF assessments. The papers are available in author languages on the project website ([www.undpcc.org](http://www.undpcc.org)).

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Launched	May 2008
Through	June 2011
Donors	UNDP UN Foundation Government of Norway Government of Finland Government of Switzerland
Funding	\$7.7 million

#### **Objectives**

- To raise national awareness through capacity development programmes
- To assess and present investment and financial flows to address climate change for key sectors
- To populate a web-based knowledge platform

#### **19 Participating Countries**

Algeria, Bangladesh, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, The Gambia, Honduras, Liberia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Namibia, Paraguay, Peru, St Lucia, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Uruguay

#### **Regional extension: Ibero-America**

Through	March 2012
Donors	UNDP Government of Spain Government of UK
Funding	\$3.3 million

#### **Additional activities in Ibero-America, including 10 additional countries**

Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela

## Knowledge platform launched in 4 languages

The project website ([www.undpcc.org](http://www.undpcc.org)) includes analyses of the climate negotiations, a publications database with about 1200 documents in various languages, and other Web 2.0 features such as country and thematic groups, and blogs. There are more than 1300 site members. The site has English, French, Spanish and Russian interfaces, but many materials are available in other languages such as Arabic and Portuguese.

## REGIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Five regional centres of excellence are providing the methodological training and ongoing technical backstopping to the national I&FF assessments. The centres have also collaborated extensively on the elaboration of the UNDP methodology for assessing I&FF. They are:

- The Pan-African START Secretariat, based in Tanzania;
- Oxford Consulting Partners, UK;
- The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI), India;
- Instituto Torcuato di Tella (ITDT), Argentina; and
- Environmental Development Action in the third world (ENDA), Senegal.

## REGIONAL EXTENSION: IBERO-AMERICA

The UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC) has expanded on the global project, in Ibero-america to provide technical support to national policy makers and strengthen capacity on budgetary issues related to the post-2012 climate regime. Launched in 2009, this programme – Climate Policy 2012 - is tailored around the specific needs of Ibero-american countries facing the opportunities and challenges of the post-2012 global climate regime.

## WHAT DO WE DO

1. National Inter-Ministerial Dialogues
2. Investment and Financial Flows Assessments
3. Support for decision makers on issues related to the UNFCCC negotiations
4. National planning to address Climate Change
5. Social Impacts of Climate Change Assessments

## WITH WHOM DO WE WORK

Activities comprise also consensus-building for climate change planning, Social Impact of climate change and Investment and Financial Flows assessments. Key results include meetings “Climate financing and long term national development planning”: the first one was regional for Ibero-America” and was organized in partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank in Rio de Janeiro October 19-20, 2009 (participation of more than 70 representatives from 18 Ibero-american countries); the second one was scooping Meso America” and was held in Santo Domingo September 16-17, 2010 (participation of more than 80 representatives of 9 Centro-American countries among others).

## Project Resources

Numerous resource and guidance materials have been prepared under the project and can be found on the project website, [www.undpcc.org](http://www.undpcc.org).

## UNFCCC Negotiations

***The Bali Road Map: Key Issues Under Negotiation (2008)*** A UNDP compendium comprising briefing documents on adaptation, mitigation, technology, financing and land-use, land-use change and forestry.

***Evolving Financing Proposals and Positions in the UNFCCC***

***Negotiations (2009)***. An update on proposals and positions feeding into the negotiations on climate change.

***Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions: Issues for Consideration (2009)***. A discussion paper on the potential scope of NAMAs and capacity needs of developing countries.

***The Bali Road Map: Outcomes of Copenhagen & the Accord (2010)***. Evaluates the substantive results of the Copenhagen climate talks.

***Ibero-american Climate Change negotiator manual (2011)***. A guide in Spanish for climate change junior negotiators.

***Climate finance to support adaptation and mitigation actions in developing countries (2011)***. A concept note that aims at providing inputs to a discussion on the issues related to sources of new and additional funding and the elements of a financial architecture.

## Investment and Financial Flows (I&FF)

***UNDP User Guidebook for Assessing I&FF (2009)***

Compilation document comprising:

- Guidance for preparing national workplans
- Methodological guidance for adaptation & mitigation assessments (including 12 sector-specific chapters)
- Reporting guidelines

Training materials (agenda, presentations) have also been developed. Available in English, Spanish, French, and Russian.

## National Inter-Ministerial Dialogues

***Materials provided to countries include:***

- Guidance to conducting a Dialogue
- Presentation on the Bali Road Map
- Annotated and participant agendas
- Working group moderator guidance
- Working group discussion questions
- Participant surveys (to assess baseline knowledge)
- Evaluation and feedback forms

Available in English, Spanish, French, Russian, Arabic and Portuguese.

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