



Sustainable development under CC achieved through climate responsive local government plans and budgets?

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Climate change risks and impacts threaten development

- Adaptation action needed now to achieve and maintain sustainable development
- CC is complex, with increasing uncertainty, new unknowns, extreme events
- No blueprints for adaptation: local impacts require local and flexible responses
- Capacities, aspirations and priorities of people vulnerable to climate change matter
- Adaptive capacity to anticipate impacts and to enable different responses as CC impacts change, addressing opportunities & barriers for change



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Enabling frameworks:

- NAP/INDCs guidelines
- Adaptation Gap Report
- National planning cycles
- Adaptation finance: GCF/AF - direct access

But in practice:

- Often top down, sector based
- Assume adaptation actions are technical interventions
- Low capacity, mandate and resources at local level

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NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANS

guidelines for the national adaptation plan p



Adaptation in local development planning

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Model for integrating community based adaptation into district plans and budgets in Ghana

New Vision of the District's development including adaptation measures **Participatory Analysis** (Gendered) and Community Annual District New activities & old **Adaptation Action Plans** activities (revised) Plan and Budget (CAAPs) **District Planning Guidelines** Enable adaptation Outputs and Outcomes from National Development Communities mobilized to Build adaptive capacity consistent with Planning Commission; contribute inputs to New Indicators for **Evaluation Criteria** from the District's Plan: Medium Term Development Plan monitoring and evaluation Ministry of Local Government Livelihood Analysis Water - Agriculture (M&E) of adaptation and Rural Development Hazard/Asset Mapping Health - Infrastructure measures Institutional analysis Food Security - Disaster Risk Reduction Seasonal & historical Climate Knowledge **District Planning and** factors, trends **Environmental Protection Budget Officers** Vulnerability/risk analysis, Integrate communityand focused processes into District Underlying poverty planning, drivers. Members of District Assembly Guide implementation, **District Chief Executive** Guide monitoring, reporting **District Officers** and evaluation Capacity building and training, Knowledge of adaptation planning, Learning



Adaptation at scale through local plans Ghana / Niger:

- Community adaptation action plans integrated in District Medium-Term Development Plans
- National guidelines for local planning and budget criteria promote integration of climate risks
- Evidence of increased community resilience
 Kenya /Ghana:
- Participatory scenario planning for integrating seasonal climate forecasts at county/district level
- Multi-stakeholder forums institutionalized



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Investing wisely

\$1 invested in adaptive capacity

\$4 return of social, environmental and economic benefits Risk analysis / management

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- Access to climate information services and early warning
- Flexible and informed decision making, strong institutions
- Better informed livelihood strategy choices
- Innovation and good development practice
- Greater access and control over assets and services

New Economics Foundation

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Local planning will achieve sustainable development under CC when:

- Policy grants ownership for local adaptation decisions and innovations, responding to community vulnerability and priorities
- NAPs coordinate with local development planning systems and cycles
- Capacity increases for integrating adaptive capacity and community based planning in local development plans

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- Coordination between development plans, sectors, climate information, risk management and early warning increases
- Decision making is multi-stakeholder and inclusive of all vulnerable groups, men and women
- Local governments have access to finance & invest in responsive public goods and services - including climate information services
- Adaptation finance augments development budgets & provides flexibility

