



Community Knowledge Service



The Challenge:

How do we enable communities to share and build their knowledge and expertise?

How do we enable community expertise to inform and influence international policy makers?



The process so far..... 2002 to 2008



Aug 2002

Community Kraal, Johannesburg, South Africa

June '03

Learning from Community Action towards the MDGs, Nairobi

Feb. '04

Community Kampung, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Sept. '04

Community Shamba, Nairobi, Kenya

Jan '05

Community Vilaj, Mauritius

June '05

Community Commons, New York, USA

March '06

Community Taba, Curitiba, Brazil

Sept. '06

Community Knowledge Service, 1st International Workshop, Berlin, Germany

Oct. '07

Community Knowledge Service, 2nd International Workshop, Bangalore, India

May 2008

****COMMUNITY DORF AND KNOWLEDGE FAIR, Bonn, Germany****

Recommendations

...on Community Knowledge



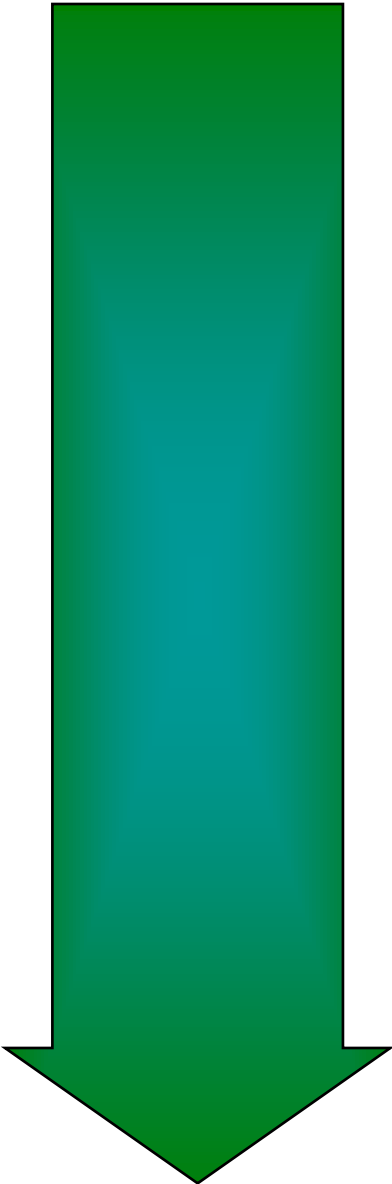
Recognise community expertise and knowledge

Support communities to document their practices

Invest in community knowledge-sharing and learning processes

A Community Knowledge Service should:

- Work through partners to deliver knowledge services
- Ensure incentives for communities to share their knowledge
- Respect language differences
- Protect communities' Intellectual Property



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Goal:

To enable local community representatives share their expertise more broadly, and apply newly acquired knowledge to strengthen and scale-up their work to enhance livelihoods while sustaining and conserving biodiversity.



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Objectives



1. Strengthen opportunities for local communities to share their expertise with:
 - Other local communities experiencing similar opportunities & challenges
 - A broad range of decision-makers whose activities impact community livelihoods.
1. Support the scaling-up of effective community-led development processes
1. Build a broad coalition of partners collectively working to support community leadership in biodiversity conservation & poverty reduction

Community Knowledge Service Desired Outcomes

...as articulated at 1st CKS International Strategic Planning Meeting...

- More effective support for community-led documentation of knowledge, expertise and lessons learnt for sharing
- Long-term knowledge-sharing and learning platforms established from the ecosystem-level upwards – with co-ordination between local, regional, and international levels.
- Community expertise better integrated in decision-making on rural development and biodiversity conservation at local, national and international levels.
- A broad coalition of partners share the common CKS vision and are collectively working to support grassroots community leadership, building upon diverse strengths and synergies.



Community Knowledge Service: Program Overview



The Community Knowledge Service has two main components:

1. Regional knowledge-sharing & learning processes
(Asia; Latin America & the Caribbean; Africa)
2. An International Support Program & Secretariat

Co-ordinated and governed by an international group of community representatives, with support from national and international partners

Program Component 1: Regional & National Activities

Possible tools and links to ongoing activities.....

- **Community knowledge networks**
(incl. GTLP, GROOTS International, Talamanca Initiative, London)
- **Community-to-community learning exchanges**
(incl. GROOTS Kenya & partners)
- **Dialogue spaces and workshops**
(incl. UNDP Equator Initiative and partners)
- **Community-led documentation & knowledge sharing processes**
- **Participatory video, radio, posters....**
- **Local Knowledge Centres**
(incl. MS Swaminathan Fdn)



Component 2: International Program

Purpose:

To support & co-ordinate ongoing activities in each region



- Coordinate and inter-link ongoing regional activities
- Support regional activities on tools and methods to document and share knowledge (across regions & stakeholders)
- Communicate regional outputs to international stakeholders
- Mobilise financing to support knowledge sharing processes and the application of knowledge gained
- Strengthen community engagement in key international policy processes: eg. CBD, MDGs, etc.