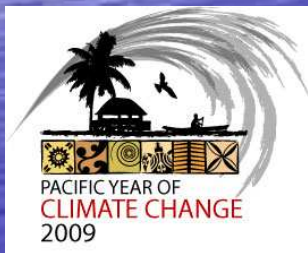


The role of regional cooperation in integrating climate change into national processes

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Overview

- Why regional projects?
- Recap on regional activities
- Role of mainstreaming in those activities
- How can this integration be enhanced to address common threats in biodiversity and climate change
- Relevance of UNFCCC processes

Why regional projects?

- Capacity constraints in most of the region, difficulties in accessing financing, lack of technical resources
- Benefits from technical backstopping, peer networking, easier for donors to manage, finance issues more manageable
- Creates cohesion and cooperation

Recap on regional activities

- Past – PICCAP (natcoms, capacity), PIREP (energy/GHG baselines), PIEPSAP (regional policy), CBDAMPIC (adaptation pilots)
- Current – PIGGAREP (GHG reduction from renewables), PI-GCOS (science/observing)
- Future – PACC (adaptation), IWRM (water), AusAID biodiversity and climate change, and others under Cool Earth, EDF etc

Mainstreaming in those activities was only project-based

- PICCAP introduced vulnerability and adaptation assessment methods, sought to institutionalize team approach
- PIGGAREP – climate change and energy officials working with utilities
- PI-GCOS – support to MetServices with new tools to explain to more user groups
- PACC – integrating climate change with agriculture, planning, water, combining govt. policy with community concerns

How can we address common threats - mainstreaming

- Comprehensive country team approaches
- A lot of information is needed, but in manageable formats, language
- Need to have high level buy-in as well as well-informed community engagement
- Must have stakeholder consultation function and feedback, and ensure that assessment is taken through to planning to implementation – country/community driven is essential

So how do we do this in practice in projects?

- In PACC – thorough consultation and investigation of local conditions and concerns, with no pre-conceived ideas
- In PIGGAREP – when biofuels chosen, thorough discussion of implications to food security, invasives; physical impacts of other techs.
- CRISP – comprehensive view of threats to specific sites with ridge to reef interventions
- Some project proponents make short-cuts
- In other words – not that easy! And not sufficient.

Programmatic Approach

I. Mainstreaming

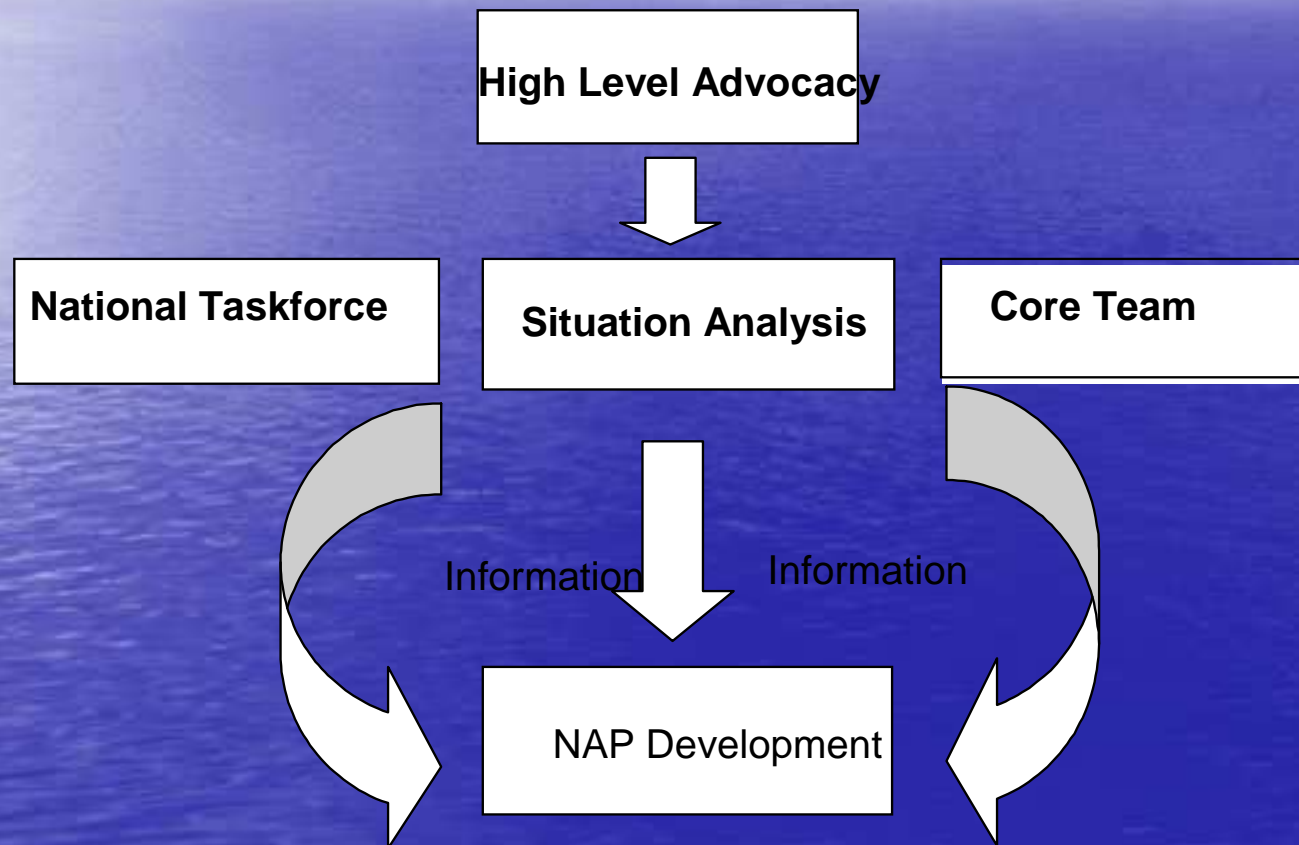
- High level advocacy
- National Task Force – key sector CEOs, private sector, NGOs
- Core team of experts – environment, biodiv, climate change, planners, budget..
 - review NSDS, budgetary process
 - identify sectoral/ cross sectoral strategies to address mitigation and adaptation needs for climate change & its impacts on biodiversity, etc
 - and develop linked National Action Plan on climate change with clear linkages to biodiversity and other key sectors

Programmatic Approach...

II. Sectoral level

- Establish methodology for setting priority areas for adaptation measures and their impacts on biodiversity, etc
- Help establish institutional decision-making processes that reflect integrated impact assessment and other tools – EBM, SEA, CHARM...
- Identify scientific, social and economic methodologies for vulnerability assessment including investigating traditional knowledge

Mainstreaming Methodology



Relevance of the FCCC process

- Decision making on guidance to funding mechanism – but GEF interprets
- Opportunities to highlight good/bad practices, guidance on what capacity building and awareness raising is needed
- But FCCC has highly conflicting interests
- Decisions by consensus – hostage taking

Need for linkages

- Integrating biodiversity with climate change is clearly imperative, well understood why it is needed
- PICs through AOSIS have been advocating very strongly in the FCCC process – need greater outreach to other groups to succeed, but will post-Kyoto give meaning to this imperative?

Thank you

