

Policies and Institutional Partnerships for ICCS

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Framing Issues

- Working with/building on existing institutions/ initiatives rather than creating a parallel universe
- Policymakers in the lead to establish/frame specific climate services needs
- Importance of value-creation/showcasing of climate information
- Vulnerability a core focus

Framing Issues

- CV-CC communities (often distinct) have very different policy needs
- Sharing and learning a core ICCS function
- A critical need to establish niche(s) for ICCS
- Explicit recognition of governance arrangements (creating demand, framing/limiting the policy context)

Vulnerability the core focus for ICCS?

- LDCs only?
- Focus on communities irrespective of national level of socio-economic development
- Too limiting?
- What would such a focus mean for sustainable development ambitions?

Reflections on Practical ICCS Actions

- Sharing good practices and policy processes
 - For national climate services establishment/strengthening (guidelines)
 - Regional climate services strengthening (exchange of information, good practices, vulnerability assessments, methods, etc...)
 - Subnational climate services (Brazil, Australia)

Case studies: exchange, virtual clearinghouse, capacity-building

Reflections on Practical ICCS Actions cont.

- Economic/human development value of climate services
 - Ongoing Colombian work on climate change/poverty with finance ministry
 - Productivity in “political” time frames (3-5 years)
 - Context of globalization and climate change (economic barriers)

Reflections on Practical ICCS Actions cont.

- Practical contribution to the Rio +20 process
 - Showcasing regional, national, subnational level CS policy engagements
 - Economic value of climate services
- Demonstrations of climate resiliency for the most vulnerable populations (making a case for investment/linking with ongoing bilateral/multilateral/MDB initiatives).
- Resourcing and mechanism to enable anticipatory action in the context of high vulnerability