

ADAPTATION AND CLIMATE RESILIENT/COMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN: CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS

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What is climate resilient development?

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- Actions and processes driven by knowledge of climate impacts within an enabling environment, i.e., policy, risk management, human and financial capacity, etc.
- While **resources** are necessary for achieving climate resilient development, we need to ensure we **plan** better for future climate related events based on **current information** available

What are the constraints and bottlenecks hampering implementation of adaptation strategies? (1 of 2)

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- The **nexus** between the **list of initiatives** and **adaptation strategies** tends to be absent
- Lack of political will
- The need to **separate** the use of the tool for **assessing impacts** and the modality used for **transmitting** the message to practitioners
- What is the purpose of having the adaptation strategy and determine why we are not doing what we should be doing? These are questions that need to be addressed

What are the constraints and bottlenecks hampering implementation of adaptation strategies? (2 of 2)

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- High level of disconnect between the scientific community and the planners and finance ministries
- Insufficient technical resources to analyse and implement the strategies

Identify gaps in capacities and concrete actions conducive to strengthened capacity-building (1 of 2)

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- Insufficient enforcing of regulations (**need to pursue no regret measures**)
- Insufficient spatial planning
- Thinking in a traditional fashion to confront new challenges (**the need to think outside the proverbial box**)
- Insufficient involvement of the **private sector** and an **enabling environment (incentivise)**

Identify gaps in capacities and concrete actions conducive to strengthened capacity-building (2 of 2)

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- Inadequate public awareness (***success stories, best practices, failure to disseminate what is working***)
- Identify change processes necessary to bring about the desired results
- Insufficient feedback on the outcomes at the negotiating fora and the need for a process (UNITAR, Ministry of Malta) for negotiating delegations and briefing from negotiators (***the national territories must have a greater input in the process***)

Concrete suggestions for cooperation (1 of 2)

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- Need for research on coastal risk management
- Refine legislation to take cognizance of CC impacts
- Need for greater technical capacity to analyse scientific information and transmit this information in a useable way for decision making (**training**)

Concrete suggestions for cooperation (2 of 2)

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- Need to provide assistance for the conducting of practical research of relevance to the region
- The IP will develop a research track to aid with the identification and prioritising of research needs
- Resource mobilization and assistance with adaptation projects
- Assistance to document and update best practices with regards to climate change
- Assistance to establish DNAs, establish unit to synergise issues related to MEAs

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