

Mainstreaming adaptation to Climate Change in Planning/Projects

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Internalizing climate change concerns & its impacts in development plans & projects

- ◊ Climate change has profound implications for virtually all aspects of human well beings from Jobs and health to food security and peace within and among nations. Yet too often climate change is seen as an environmental problem. It should be seen as a part of the broader development and economic agenda. Until we acknowledge the all encompassing nature of the threat our response will fall short..... Efforts to prevent future emissions must not be allowed to obscure the need to adapt to climate change (Kofi Annan, S.G., U.N., November 2006).



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- Ô The planning commission and the Govt. of India have not so far internalized climate change concerns and its impacts in development plans and projects.
- Ô In one of the side events of COP-12 at Nairobi, the E.U. President stressed the need for multiple actors to revisit development policies and programs to ensure their validity under the future climate change scenarios.



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Organizations and process for mainstreaming

- Ô Development of appropriate tools through research that would be needed :
 - 1) Awareness generation including education and training
 - 2) Climate change impact assessment and projections for 2010, 2020 & 2050 upto 2100.
 - 3) Creation of sustainable livelihoods among rural/vulnerable commitments.
 - 4) Organization and activation of Self Help Groups (SHG)
 - 5) Research on rural cooperative banks
 - 6) Insurance to mitigate the risks.
 - 7) Appropriate technological interventions, particularly for rural development including CDM projects which have strong sustainable development component.



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- Ô Capacity development within the country to translate the policy framework for mainstreaming for implementation at different levels
- Ô The policy framework would need to be scaled down from country to state to districts and Panchayats for implementation.

Conclusion

- Ô India has already initiated a number of activities and studies with regard to adaptation to climate change since COP-8. These have served a limited but important purpose
- Ô Giving resources and opportunities, India will be able to come up with solutions for effectively mainstreaming climate change concerns in all development activities and projects at the national, regional and local levels

Thank you



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