



Adaptation Principles

Helping to implement good adaptation

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Cancun Adaptation Principles

Enhanced action on adaptation should be undertaken in accordance with the Convention, should follow a **country-driven, gender-sensitive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional and indigenous knowledge**, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant social, economic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate.

(Para 12 of 1/CP.16)

Dinner event together with Care International on the outskirts of ADP 2.11



UNFCCC process on

- **General:** 1/CP 16 as been endorsed by all subsequent adaptation COP decision from 2011 to 2014
- **NAP guidance:** Decisions on National Adaptation Plan (5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20 with the exception of 18/CP.19) recall, reiterate or underline the adaptation principles
- **Adaptation Committee:** Outreach to UN & regional agencies to survey work on principles
 - Specific activities with NWP *"tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, needs of local and indigenous communities, and application of gender-sensitive approaches"*
 - Resulted in 4/CP.20 guidance to encourage the AF, the GEF and the GCF to consider how to incorporate such knowledge in planning and practise as well as monitoring and evaluation
- **LEG:** Part of LEG work programme from 2011-2014 with specific outputs
- **Paris!**



Initial assessment

- **General:** No reference of board decisions, or policies on 1/CP.16 or adaptation principles (only small reference in GEF guidance note on ecosystem adaptation management)
- **General:** No reaction to 4/CP.20
- **Gender sensitiveness:** AF - No specific gender policy, but inclusion in social and environmental risk framework.
- **Participation:** Below average rating by TI in 2013, but great advances since then. Quoted as role model for policy development in the GCF
- **Transparency:** Above average rating by TI in 2013, high rating in PWYF-Aid Transparency Rating 2012



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- **Communities:** Strong rating, relevant clauses in constitutional documents, project guidance and M&E policies
- **Science:** AF includes reference to the IPCC in its constitutional document, and in the project guidance. No processes to update projects based on new scientific insights. The rating is therefore 'average'
- **Traditional knowledge:** No provisions to enhance/ protect traditional knowledge
- **Conclusion:** Some progress but more conscious work needed to fully implement adaptation principles.