How to build a community of practice on sustainable development.

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Overview

1. **What is CDKN?**
2. **Examples of our work with CoPs**
3. **What we have learnt about building a CoP**
4. **Recommendations for ISAP**

What is CDKN?

CDKN

- Mission is to support decision-makers in delivering *'climate compatible development'*
- Windows for research, TA, knowledge management, partnerships and negotiator support
- Managed by 6 organisations in alliance across 4 regions
- $100m from British and Dutch Governments over 2010 to 2015

Three key features of CDKN

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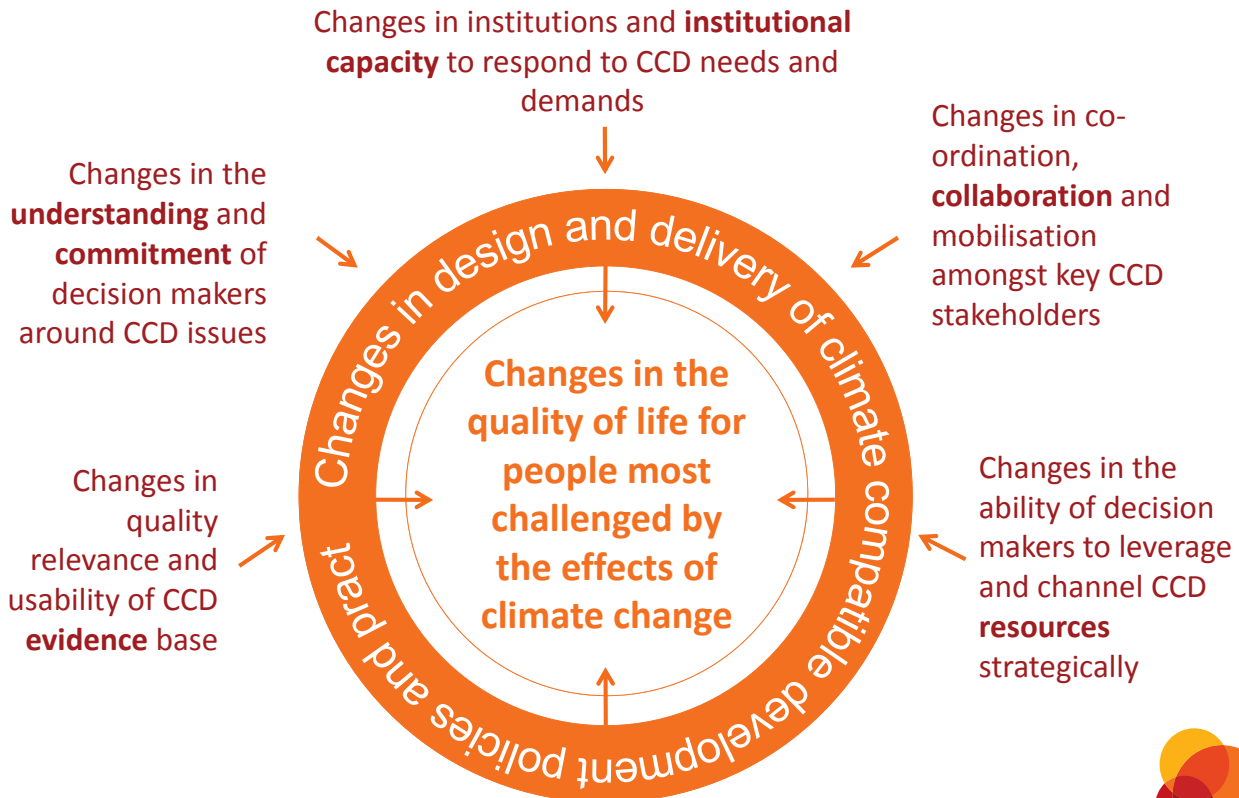| It is about climate **AND** development	It is about research **AND** policy	It is demand-led, **BUT** with a particular niche: delivering 'climate compatible development'.

- CDKN is an independent agency

- 75% of the CDKN operational budget will be spent through partners

What is CDKN tasked to achieve?

CDKN

Changes in institutions and **institutional capacity** to respond to CCD needs and demands

Changes in the **understanding** and **commitment** of decision makers around CCD issues

Changes in co-ordination, **collaboration** and mobilisation amongst key CCD stakeholders

Changes in quality relevance and usability of CCD **evidence** base

Changes in the ability of decision makers to leverage and channel CCD **resources** strategically

Changes in design and delivery of climate compatible development policies and pract

Changes in the quality of life for people most challenged by the effects of climate change

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Snapshot of our work – Technical Assistance

CDKN —

Respond to requests from policy-makers for support and advisory services for designing and delivering CCD policies

Examples from Asia

Economic Assessments of Impact of Climate Change on key sectors in Nepal

Designing a Disaster Risk Insurance Scheme with NDMA to protect the poor in Pakistan

Work Programme on Loss & Damage with Government of Bangladesh and LDC Group for UNFCCC

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Snapshot of our work — Research + Knowledge Management
CDKN —

Strengthening the evidence base for CCD policy-making by connecting the 'broken triangle' of policy, research and civil society

Global, Regional and National Research Calls

Showcasing best practices on CCD in 'Inside Stories' Series

Online 'user guide' of existing tools for CCD planning

www.climateplanning.org

South Asia Research Call on DRR in partnership with START

Examples of how CDKN works with and builds Communities of Practice

CDKN

#1 CDKN + partners itself

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- **Partners include:**
    - CDKN alliance members: PwC, ODI, Lead, SSN, FFLA, INTRAC
    - Primary Beneficiaries: Policy-makers
    - Secondary Benficiaries: Wider stakeholders
    - Suppliers: Partners contracted to implement projects
    - Counterparts: Co-funding/collaboration on projects (e.g. ESMAP)
- **Benefits:**
    - Learning and replication of CDKN projects across countries/regions
    - Building on other initiatives, avoiding duplication.
    - Finding best expertise to deliver projects.
- **Tools:**
    - Communication methods: website, newsletter, social media
    - Learning and networking events: e.g. UNFCCC side-events

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#2 Knowledge Brokers Group

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- **Rather than creating another online portal – decided to strengthen and connect existing portals.**
- **Created knowledge brokers groups: Met in 2011 and 2012 to share learning**
- **CDKN funding call connects 17 brokers in 7 initiatives**

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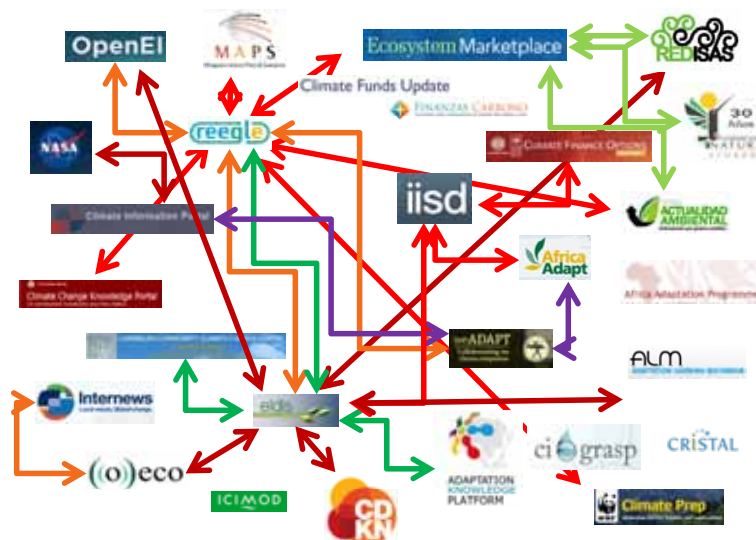
3 Community Based Adaptation

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- **Active and growing CBA 'community', - 6th CBA conference held in April 2012**

- **But largely reserved to NGO community (and some researchers)**

- **CDKN is strengthening this CoP: by,**

  - Integrating policy-makers within CoP: Government participation in annual CBA conferences; Using an ICCCAD Government 'cohort' to study mainstreaming CBA within policy-making process;

  - CDKN/IIED developing and testing a 'tool' for defining and measuring the extent to which a CoP has been created on CBA. Tool will be published as replicable model.

  - Supporting the 'Action-Research on Community Adaptation Bangladesh' (ARCAB) – a innovative partnership of NGOs and practitioners - to develop a tool for participatory M&E which can be used by practitioners implementing community adaptation initiatives.

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What we have learnt about CoPs

The reality...

- **Everyone is busy. Participating in a CoP will never by priority #1.**

- **Resources are scarce. Competition within members of a CoP is inevitable**

- **Different forms of knowledge sharing (online, conferences) work for different audiences**

So..

Clearly define the purpose and outputs of a CoP	Conference Overload. Find new ways to share knowledge	Find incentives for active participation in a CoP	Carry out M&E of a CoP

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Thank You!

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