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***SCAPES Partnership – global learning in
climate adaptation***

***Highlights presented at the ABCG Climate Change
Workshop, July 2011***

SCAPES – Sustainable Conservation in Priority Ecosystems

- USAID's largest global conservation initiative, supporting conservation efforts in 19 countries, from the forest slopes of the Andes Mountains to the savannas and steppes of Africa and Asia; preceded by BSP & GCP that developed 'best practices' for biodiversity conservation.
- A partnership with four NGOs re: African Wildlife Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund and a consortium led by Pact, Inc. teamed with Fauna & Flora International, BirdLife International and ACIDI-VOCA.
- SCAPES learning activities include a deliberate focus on ***'Mainstreaming climate adaptation in landscape conservation'***

Objectives of SCAPES learning activity

- Explore how best to integrate CC considerations and issues into conservation program design and planning, with a particular focus on integrating ecosystems and livelihoods approaches
- Investigate how to work simultaneously at local and landscape levels to assess vulnerabilities, build resilience and promote adaptation.
- Address key issues of climate adaptation and livelihoods, with a strong focus on reducing threats to biodiversity.

Approach to achieve these objectives

- Review existing climate adaptation case studies involving ecosystems and biodiversity, and human adaptation that integrates ecosystem approaches - *this will include review of case study documentation by IUCN/Ecosystems and Livelihoods Adaptation Network, the International Institute for Environment and Development, The Nature Conservancy, WCS, WWF, BirdLife, and others.*
- Document an outline of adaptation work and lessons by SCAPES partners to date
- Review and advise on existing adaptation frameworks
- Hold a workshop to share approaches, challenges and successes in addressing biodiversity and human adaptation; incl. training where necessary for SCAPES partners – *this takes cognizance of the ABCG initiative and will seek to complement & add value*