

Scaling up climate adaptation



ECOSYSTEMS &
LIVELIHOODS
ADAPTATION NETWORK





What is ELAN?

- THE ECOSYSTEMS AND LIVELIHOODS ADAPTATION NETWORK (ELAN) aims to enhance poor and marginalized people's resilience to the impacts of climate change by integrating ecosystem and rights-based approaches into adaptation policies and practices.
- Developing as a global network of policy makers, practitioners and scientists
- Promoting sharing of field and policy approaches and lessons, and making science more accessible

Primary impact and target groups

Primary impact group

Poor and marginalised people whose lives and livelihoods are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change

Primary target group

Senior level practitioners in national governments, NGOs and INGOs' country/regional offices (conservation and development sectors)



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Phase 1 activities

Phase 1 (2009-2011) has focused on building a solid foundation for ELAN:

- Develop tools and methodologies, access science
- Provide support for vulnerability assessments
- Convene networks
- Build capacity for adaptation
- Analyze projects and document case studies
- Facilitate adaptation knowledge management and exchange
- Synthesize science and practice to inform policy
- Produce peer reviewed paper on integrated approach (in prep)

Working with networks

ELAN partners with national and regional adaptation networks to promote integrated ecosystem/rights based approaches.

Pilot networks:

- Zambia Climate Change Network
- Tanzania Civil Society Forum on Climate Change (Forum CC)
- Latin American Platform on Climate Change
- Networks in Peru and Ecuador
- Vietnam Climate Change Working Group

CONTINUED

- ENHANCING CAPACITY BUILDING AND RAISING AWARENES ON CLIMATE CHANGE SENSITIVE COMMUNITIES.
- IMPROVING THE CAPACITY OF CSO AND OTHER PRIVATE SECTORS STAKEHOLDERS TO UNDERSTAND AND RAISE AWARENESS ON CC-women
- MAINSTREAMING CC IN LOCAL AND DISTRICT LEVELS



Lessons

- Partnerships take time, diplomacy, learning each other's language and values
- Working at different scales presents challenges (e.g. river basin or landscape v political scales)

But:

- Overlap already exists between many EBA and CBA projects
- Conviction in integrated approach is growing in both sectors
- ELAN partnership contains many complementary strengths
- ELAN has high potential to scale up integrated approach beyond the reach of individual organizations
- In WWF ELAN is enabling us to broaden our approach, tools etc



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