

Adaptation Research Alliance

# Adaptation Research Alliance: Initial consultative process on Climate Risk Assessments in LDCs

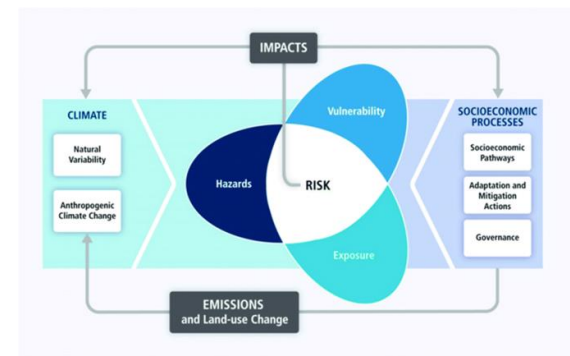
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# Purpose of the initial consultative process

Proof of concept which aimed to provide a basis for further consultations and action research within this Topic Area

Process aimed to

- identify **critical knowledge needs** for action to ensure that funding is targeted;
- support a **community of relevant stakeholders** from science, policy and practice, who are likely to use the knowledge generated to take action; and
- **lay the groundwork** for attracting funder interest and structuring action research programmes



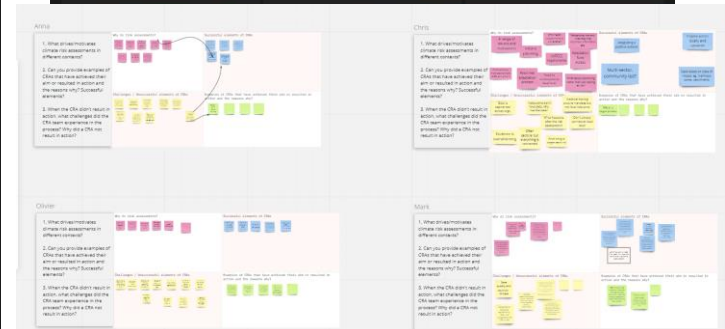
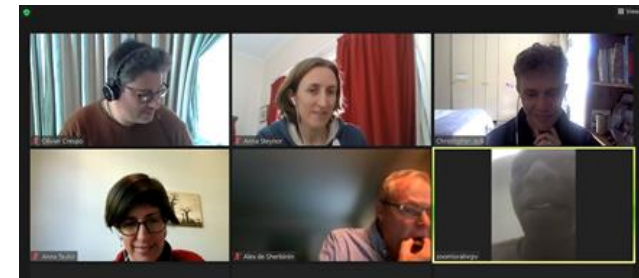
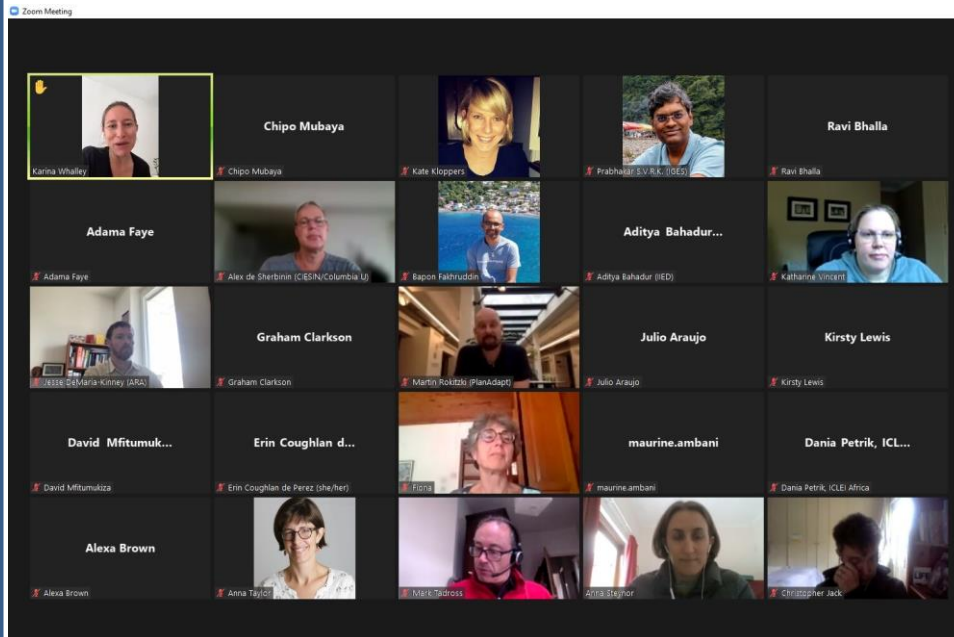
# Consultative process

## Preliminary workshop

## Thematic dialogues

- i) Climate Risk Assessments as an inter-linked issue
- ii) data issues
- iii) communication and taking action

## Additional one on one dialogues



# Challenge:

## Climate risks are complex and interlinked

### Opportunities

- Better integrate the local context into national scale assessments by supporting participatory processes at the local scale
- Encourage linkages across multiple sectors even if CRA is focused on a single sector.
- Use linkages made across sectors in the CRA to encourage linkages across sectors in the decision-making process too.

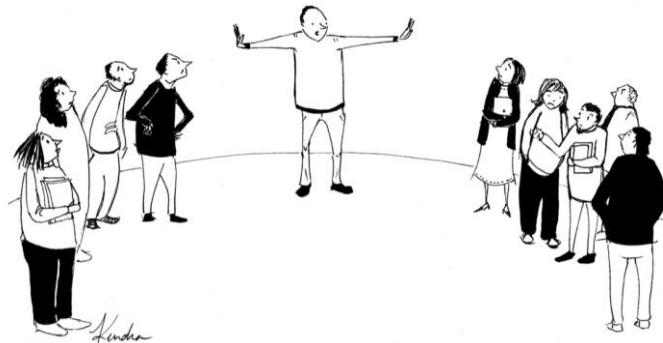
- *Multiple spatial and temporal scales, and with strong interlinkages across sectors*
- *Impossible to build a complete understanding of a risk context*

# Challenge:

## CRAAs often take places in isolation from each other with limited lesson sharing

### Opportunities

- Involve a variety of actors in the CRA process to share experiences and data. Fund collaboration
- Offer a reciprocal arrangement in return for access to primary data i.e. data interpretation
- Centralise CRA reports/outputs and their associated data in a place that is easy to find and accessible.
- Promote mixed method approaches across disciplines.



# Challenge:

## Access to data and appropriate use of data is a common challenge

### Opportunities

- Collaborate to develop standards for data and methods used in CRAs
- Collaborate to develop standard operating procedures for access and sharing of public funded data and CRAs



# Challenge:

## Lack of sustainability considerations

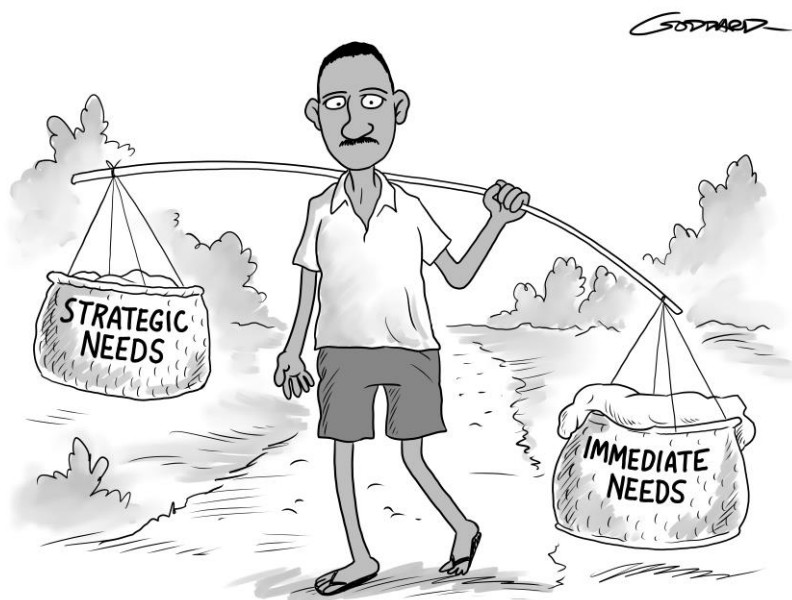
- *There is often a lack of plan or funding to sustain, communicate or implement recommendations resulting from the CRAs.*

### Opportunities

- Include a better understanding of the decision context to ensure that the outcomes are sustainable
- Make sure communications are accessible and relevant (e.g. solutions based)
- Investigate the potential value of intermediaries in interpreting the results of CRAs and championing action.

# Challenge:

## Doing CRAs is an additional burden on already overstretched resources



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### Opportunities

- Link CRAs to ongoing adaptation and M,E&L initiatives
- Encourage cross-organisational learning and fertilisation of ideas and approaches
- Leverage the national CRAs to lobby for more funding
- Develop institutional capacity to interpret and use existing CRAs



# Common theme emerging

Importance of collaboration, learning and sharing.....



## Moving towards a shared learning process:

- peer to peer learning
- shared understanding of challenges
- forge regional networks and communities of practice on climate risk assessment and management



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