

KfW-CSC Cooperation Project Expert Network „Management of Climate Change induced Risks“



Information

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Partners

- KfW Development Bank
- Growing number of internationally renowned climate and climate change experts

Funding

- KfW/CSC

Project Duration

- Pilot phase: two years, beginning: mid 2012

Objectives

- to bridge the gap between research and practice by establishing a forum of experts
- to deliver the scientific basis and expert judgement for the management of climate change related risks of KfW financial cooperation activities

Milestones

- Workshop for concept development and product definition (March 2013)
- Workshop for product review (May 2014) (1st edition)
- Final presentation of results/products for KfW project managers and management (mid 2014)

CONTEXT

Climate Change has become an issue of great relevance for the economy. Corporations, banks and other private and public institutions increasingly include climate risks and opportunities in their long-term development strategies.

The role of the scientific community in supporting this corporate evolution has become of highest importance. To address this issue, KfW, the German development bank, and the German Climate Service Center established an expert network on “Management of Climate Change Induced Risks”.

METHODS

- Expert meetings
- Development of global vulnerability hot-spot map(s)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The objective of the cooperation project between KfW and the German Climate Service Center (CSC) is to bridge the gap between research and practice by establishing a forum of experts from research and outreach institutions representative of the international expertise on climate change (climate modelling, impact, adaptation / disaster risk reduction and vulnerability assessment) for developing and emerging countries. Specifically, the forum will deliver the scientific basis and expert judgement for KfW in the management of climate change related risks for their financial cooperation with partner countries and regions.

With their knowledge, the participants address specific research questions in the context of “climate change information” and “climate risk analyses” to contribute to an assessment of (future) demands on adaptation activities. Thus, relevant questions for this expert forum are:

- Information on climate variability and climate change relevant for developing and emerging countries (regional climate change; robustness of the climate signal, etc.);
- Sectors (e.g. infrastructure, agriculture, water sector and biodiversity) and regions in these countries with a high vulnerability and adaptation demand.

PRODUCTS

- “hot-spot-mapping” combining climate signals and regional, multi-sectoral vulnerabilities
- Fact sheets
- Expert data base as a networking tool