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Capacity Building , General Awareness, Training and Education – Scoping of the Potential for Activities under CC DARE

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Outline

- What is capacity building?
- Starting points for targeted capacity building activities
- Examples and discussion of capacity building needs in Uganda and how these can be supported/strengthened through CC DARE

What is capacity building?

One definition is that building a country's capacity:

"... encompasses a country's human, scientific, technological, organizational, institutional, and resource capabilities. A fundamental goal of capacity building is to enhance the ability to evaluate and address the crucial questions related to policy choices and modes of implementation among development options, based on an understanding of environment potentials and limits and of needs perceived by the people of the country concerned".

Agenda 21's definition (Chapter 37, UN Conference on Environment and Development, 1992.)

What is capacity building?

- It encompasses all of society
- It is appropriate in all contexts:
 - Cross-cutting issues
 - Sectors and cross-sectoral
 - Technical knowledge and science
 - Local communities
 - Media
 - Education
 - National planning level
 - Etcetera...

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An essential part of capacity building is to share experiences and lessons learned, identify specific opportunities for national, regional and international, and to build partnership with all sectors of the economy

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Building on what is 'already out there', e.g.:

- Outcomes of the Assessments of Impacts and Adaptations to Climate Change (AIACC) project aimed at enhancing capabilities in developing countries for responding to climate change by building scientific and technical capacity, advancing scientific knowledge, and linking scientific and policy communities. <http://www.aiaccproject.org/>
- Advancing Capacity to Support Climate Change Adaptation (ACCA) project. <http://www.acccaproject.org/>
- UNFCCC compilation of capacity building needs and activities in LDC's
http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/capacity_building/it_ems/4093.php

... Just to mention a few

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Examples of capacity building activities – Would these be relevant in Uganda?

- Capacity building for the establishment of improved short and long term climate data including historical data, seasonal forecasts, variability, extreme events and long term structural changes.
- Capacity building for integrated analysis of climate and socio-economic data. (General and sector specific).

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Examples of capacity building activities – Would these be relevant in Uganda?

- Produce awareness and outreach materials e.g. for journalists and government focal points on climate change impacts on key sectors, adaptations options, and costs.
- Develop educational material on climate change risks for e.g school curriculums on climate change impacts and adaptation options; training courses for relevant professionals; and, university courses for master and Ph.D. students. (General and sector specific).
- Design and implement a training package on climate change impacts and management for teachers and professors at primary, secondary and university level...or for govt., or ...

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...Discussion...



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Issues/questions

- What would you describe as the most urgent capacity building needs?
- What capacity building initiatives do you have at the moment (past, present, future)
- Ideas for proposals/areas where CC DARE can assist

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UNFCCC: Compilation of cap. build. needs and activities

Category	Country	Summary of activity / need	Reference
Activities	Kenya, Uganda, Bolivia, Ecuador	Funding the project "environment and community based framework for designing afforestation, reforestation and revegetation projects in the CDM: methodology development and case studies"	EC Kyoto Protocol Capacity Building Submission (2007), page 6
(a) Institutional capacity-building to assist developing countries in establishing and strengthening DNAs	Mozambique, Uganda	Planning to carry out various capacity building activities, including DNA strengthening, from the second quarter of 2007, under the Africa Assist programme	Carbon Finance Assist Annual Report (2006 - 2007), pages 14-15

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Category	Country	Summary of activity / need	Reference
(b) Increasing awareness, training and networking of developing country DNAs, NGOs, the private sector and all relevant stakeholders, particularly for the development of skills relating to the CDM project cycle	Mozambique, Uganda	Planning to carry out capacity building activities from the second quarter of 2007, for example organising training workshops and programmes, under the Africa Assist programme	Carbon Finance Assist Annual Report (2006 -
(e) Improving geographical distribution, knowing well the difficulties of Africa to attract CDM projects, by supporting the	Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda	Launched the CDM in Africa initiative, designed to identify CDM projects in 4 priority countries, and providing capacity building as part of the initiative	EC Kyoto Protocol Capacity Building Submission (2007), pages 9-10

