

NATIONAL WORKSHOP:

SCALING UP GOOD PRACTICES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

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Communiqué

- Community Based Adaptation (CBA) is key to strengthening resilience. For up-scaling and mainstreaming effective adaptation strategies, local agro-meteorological conditions must be taken into consideration and a 'systems approach' that secures the active participation and engagement of all stakeholders must be adopted
- SAPCCs offer an opportunity to leverage lessons learnt and good practices from successful adaptation projects with a view to influencing ongoing programmatic interventions and shaping emergent programs
- To catalyze a movement that promotes adaptive actions across the country, it is necessary to create an ecosystem of stakeholders as well as the incentive structure that facilitates convergence of programs, coordination and collaboration
- Traditional knowledge and practices have been developed as communities adapted / responded to varying weather conditions. In order to facilitate up-scaling, there is an urgent need to identify, validate and widely promote traditional and indigenous knowledge
- In order to create widespread awareness and build adaptive capacities across all levels of society, there is urgent need to mainstream knowledge on adaptation into the existing education, research and training channels
- Thought leaders in the political, administrative and institutional framework as well as local leadership should be engaged with in order to ensure that adaptation imperatives become part of policy discourse and action
- There is need to evolve a framework and methodology which enables tracking of adaptation impacts and outcomes in existing and emergent programs in order to identify appropriate strategies and measures as well as accountability.