



Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM)

A global knowledge platform to capture, exchange and scale up good adaptation practices, in response to the needs of developing countries. The Adaptation Learning Mechanism was launched in December 2007 and is led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in partnership with the UNFCCC Secretariat, the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Why this Initiative?

- Adaptation to climate change is a growing priority, but awareness is often limited and experiences have not been sufficiently shared. Developing countries need direct access to quality information on climate change adaptation to drive the process of building adaptive capacity and resilience to new climate risks.
- ALM responds to identified knowledge gaps on climate change adaptation practices, building on existing climate networks to promote knowledge sharing in a resource-efficient way.
- The platform's participatory approach, driven by the involvement of national and regional climate actors, builds national and local ownership.

Objectives

- Capture the state of knowledge on climate change adaptation for integration into development planning, policies, programmes and projects.
- Accelerate learning by sharing lessons on good adaptation practices and operational guidance via a global adaptation network.

- Contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Nairobi Work Programme.
- Promote inter-regional, South-South and North-South exchanges, learning around thematic areas (such as agriculture, water, health), and links with existing networks on climate-related issues.

Activities

- ALM's objectives will be achieved through: providing policy-makers and practitioners with valuable information on climate change adaptation; building adaptive capacity and resilience at the local, national and regional level; and stimulating interactive learning and knowledge exchange among a range of actors involved in climate change adaptation, including UN agencies, bilateral or multi-lateral development agencies, governments, NGOs and local communities.
- ALM gathers and disseminates national level climate-related information through country profiles (160) and maps out ongoing national and community-based adaptation initiatives. These include historical and projected climate change data through the World Bank Climate Change Portal, National Communications reports and National Adaptation

Programmes of Action, as well as information on projects of multiple agencies.

- ALM assists communities and national stakeholders to capture and share their own knowledge, and to strengthen local capacity for learning and knowledge management on climate change adaptation practices.
- ALM facilitates dialogue among climate change stakeholders on technical and policy issues through an interactive community of practice as part of a global adaptation network.
- ALM provides operational lessons learned and exchange on climate change adaptation practices from the UN supported portfolio of climate change adaptation projects.

year project (December 2007 – December 2010) with a budget of US\$ 0.76 million. The project is co-financed by the Swiss Development Agency and the Institut de l’Energie et de l’Environnement de la Francophonie.

- Plans to expand the ALM include the enhancement of links to regional and national climate networks and the establishment of a knowledge innovation fund to finance documentation of good adaptation practices.

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Moving forward

- ALM is financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), as a three-

CEB climate change action framework

Five focus areas and four cross-cutting areas have been identified in response to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiation process and in pursuance of the broader mandates and capacities in the United Nations system:

Focus areas	Cross-cutting areas
<p>→ Adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology transfer • Reduction of emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD) • Financing mitigation and adaptation action • Capacity-building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate knowledge: science, assessment, monitoring and early warning • Supporting global, regional and national action • Climate-neutral UN • Public awareness-raising