Tools and Games for better dialogue among stakeholders: Examples from Africa

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Improved Municipal Planning in African Cities – for a climate resilient urban future

Project overview
A project led by ICLEI–Africa Secretariat, in partnership with Chinhoyi University of Technology, the University of Malawi, and the African Climate & Development Initiative (ACDI).

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Cities engaging with:

Malawi: Blantyre Lilongwe

Zimbabwe: Harare Bulawayo
Contextualising the challenge

• Sub-Saharan Africa’s most pressing challenges include service provision, skills development and sustainable governance systems.

• Climate change overlays existing challenges, leading to local government officials being required to deal with ever increasing complexity and uncertainty in decision making.

• No level of government can deal with the challenges or harness the solutions alone and therefore need to find innovative ways to engage with other levels of government, research, civil society, and private sector institutions.

• Often, governments may not have the necessary mechanisms, to effectively harness these relations for inclusive governance that builds local level climate resilience.
Meeting the Challenge:

• Exploring **opportunities to integrate innovative collaboration mechanisms** that may prove successful in the implementation of each of the countries Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

• **Build on our understanding** of what enables collaboration mechanisms for climate resilient development.

• Building climate resilience, is a **multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary task**, no one sector or discipline holds all the solutions.
How are we doing this:

• Systems-thinking approach, and

• Co-production, co-exploration and value creation.
Learnings thus far:

• If no action is taken, the impacts of climate change will have uncertain, yet devastating effects on the economic development of the country and city, while undermining the well-being of citizens.

• The delivery of services to citizens is increasingly shared by a number of stakeholders, with a larger role of the private sector. Therefore all have a role and responsibility in implementing the climate action needed.

• In particular, local and national government action and decision-making rely on one another to be most effective.

• Collaboration is often taking place informally and in an ad-hoc manner, to raise ambition this must be supported, enhanced and insitutionalised.

• In order to work together, we need to know the decision-making process for sectors relevant to climate resilient development, including functions, mandates and finances.
Desired impact:

• Building capacity to enable collaboration that harnesses diverse ideas for climate resilient development.

• Contributing to enhanced governance in sub-Saharan Africa to build climate resilience in project cities and beyond.

• Improved implementation of climate resilient development in African cities.
Thank you

Any questions?

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