

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



Bulawayo
& Harare,
Zimbabwe

Blantyre &
Lilongwe,
Malawi

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 developmentd.
- 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

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