

Guidance

<p>Title: International workshop: ‘Building National Climate Change Adaptation Strategies’, 7 March 2007</p>							
<p>Keywords: National adaptation strategies; awareness; implementation; working together; mainstreaming; uncertainties; policy dilemmas</p>							
<p>Audience: Those who are directly or indirectly involved in building (national) strategies on climate change adaptation, in particular spatial planners.</p>							
<p>Messages in the ESPACE strategy to which the guidance applies:</p>	1.X	2.	3.X	4.X	5.	6.X	7.X
	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
<p>Sentences linking the guidance to relevant strategy messages:</p> <p>1 and 4 Adaptation should not be seen as a separate theme but should be incorporated into the actions of other organisations. Always explain why change is needed to respond to climate change and what that means in terms of actions or the approach.</p> <p>3 The workshop confirmed that it is necessary to be transparent regarding responsibilities for managing each facet of climate risk within government at each level, in the private sector and the general public. It is important to show that what might currently be considered to be an extreme event, will in the future become the norm.</p> <p>6. In the workshop it was also stressed that it is important that national policies enable and facilitate regional and local level adaptation policies and actions. Those actions that constrain adaptation must be avoided. Change regulations and policies that promote mal-adaptation are barriers to adaptation.</p> <p>7. The workshop has shown that to stimulate stakeholders to work together in the field of adaptation, central government must provide resources for adaptation capacity building, training, raising awareness and change management.</p>							
<p>Photo/diagram/map:</p>				<p>Overview:</p> <p>The Ministry of VROM in the Netherlands hosted a workshop on 7 March 2007 about building national climate change adaptation strategies. The Ministry of VROM is currently developing the Dutch national spatial strategy on climate change adaptation. The objectives of the workshop were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exchange experiences of developing and implementing national adaptation strategies; • discuss the challenges and dilemmas that have to be addressed and identify ways to 			

	<p>overcome them;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build a network of organisations engaged in developing adaptation strategies.
<p>Description:</p> <p>The workshop participants (around 20 people from 10 different countries) included those who are actively involved in developing national adaptation strategies and those who are working on adaptation at European, regional and local levels, along with researchers and NGOs engaged in adaptation.</p> <p>The workshop was organised around four key themes and the recommendations are organised according to these themes, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the focus of national adaptation strategies 2. mainstreaming adaptation: dealing with uncertainties and policy dilemmas 3. working together to develop climate adaptation strategies 4. implementing adaptation strategies <p>This paper describes the recommendations arising from the workshop, reflecting on the issues outlined above. The recommendations are aimed at EU, national, regional and local level administrators. Many are applicable to all of these audiences, although some apply only to the national level.</p>	
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