

## Executive Summary

### IMACC Final Project Workshop

15-17 June 2013 in Bonn, Germany

## Background

With a view to foster exchange and learning in the field of adaptation to climate change, **some 50 international adaptation practitioners**, i.e. government officials, scientists and representatives of development cooperation, met from **15 to 17 of June 2013 in Bonn, Germany**. Participants followed the invitation of the project “**Inventory of Methods for Adaptation to Climate Change**” (IMACC), which is funded by the International Climate Initiative (ICI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and jointly implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).

**IMACC supports the advancement of tools and methods** for climate change adaptation and documents application experience in its **seven partner countries: Grenada, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Philippines, South Africa, and Tunisia**. The project encourages peer-to-peer learning through knowledge sharing and exchange amongst institutions and individuals in its partner countries and beyond. As IMACC is **coming to an end in 2013** the workshop aimed at consolidating results and identifying future fields of action.

## Further cooperation potential identified

**Representatives of all seven countries presented the climate change adaptation context in their countries** including key vulnerabilities, national policies and institutional arrangements, activities as well as barriers and opportunities for adaptation. This overview was received by participants as very valuable and instrumental in identifying individuals and institutions for further exchange.

Discussion also took place in four working groups. **The working group on climate information and services** came up with checklist questions to support preparing climate information for adaptation action at local levels. Ways to certify information services as well as how to build trustful user-provider-relationships are core issues for further discussion. **The group on mainstreaming adaptation** prepared a recommendations paper that stems from several years of experience in integrating adaptation into institutions, plans and projects, which can serve as guidance to other adaptation practitioners. Participants in **the group on monitoring and evaluation of adaptation** had an intensive discussion about the different approaches for national level M&E systems and generated some new ideas. The results will be reflected in a working paper on lessons and recommendations. Finally, **the group on transition pathways and the climate risk index** developed by PIK used the opportunity to clarify the scientific concepts behind the two approaches and suggested several next steps, including the application of the index at national level.

## Retaining the spirit of knowledge sharing and learning

At the end of the workshop, which saw a great deal of lively discussion, participants agreed that the exchange across partner countries initiated by the IMACC project needs to be continued in the future. It became clear that the topic of monitoring and evaluation of adaptation was of great interest to all countries represented in Bonn. Concrete activities for further knowledge sharing and learning with the support of – but also beyond – the IMACC project were agreed upon. The IMACC platform [AdaptationCommunity.net](http://AdaptationCommunity.net) will continue to provide a hub for exchange, documentation of adaptation experiences and webinars.