



CATALYST

Special Report on Stakeholder Advice to Policy Makers



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Why is it „special“?

- All other CATALYST Knowledge Products combine Think Tank Members' and Project Partners' inputs based on regions
- An opportunity for the **Think Tank Members**, in their own voice, ...
 -to send their **own sector-specific advice**to **policy makers** ...
 -on how **policy** should be adapted to
 -**support their sector's work**
 -in **capacity development** for DRR/CCA

Sectoral Voices

- NGOs
- UN and international agencies
- Government
- Scientific community
- Small-medium sized enterprises

Interviews with selected Think Tank Members

- "Based on your experience, as well as the discussions from the CATALYST Think Tank...
- how should policy be adapted to best support your sector's work in capacity development for DRR/CCA?
- which major governance and institutional barriers, and other problems, would these adaptations overcome?
- what recommendations would you have for restructuring funding programmes?

Example Recommendations

- International regulation needs to be developed in response to the trend in moving from multi-lateral aid to bilateral aid, to enable more coordination of the latter with respect to DRR/CCA
- Enforced national and/or EU regulation to oblige government ministries to fully disseminate results of research projects that they fund to stakeholders and public

Example Recommendations

- More financing of projects aimed at
 - capacity development of national level decision-makers
 - long-term monitoring of actual impacts of DRR/CCA capacity development activities

Introducing the views of a Think Tank Member: Dr Raffaele Giordano

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Lessons Learned

- Start locally and spread to region
- There is no substitute for face-to-face workshops
 - Networking and information collecting
 - Needed another one at beginning
 - Enthusiasm
 - Virtual meetings provide the glue for the process
 - Interviews and bilaterals are invaluable
 - Online discussions did not work

Lessons Learned

- For networking projects, a stronger identity is needed, to open doors
- More time needed for stakeholder and network analysis
- More use of non-research EU contacts, for developing the network
 - e.g. EU delegations to African Union
 - DG-ECHO
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