



## CLICC Newsletter 1 – March 2016

The CLICC project is developing a common process for countries to present the impacts of climate change at the national level, drawing on existing national assessments and other research material.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to update you on the Country level Impacts of Climate Change (CLICC) project with developments and progress since the international workshop we held in London in May 2015.

The workshop brought together participating countries to review, refine and endorse proposals for the aims and value of CLICC, technical approaches and products, and longer term coordination and implementation of the initiative including next steps. As a result, we agreed to focus work on three key aspects in the transition phase (technical pilots, coordination and funding). Six countries embarked on Technical Pilots in October 2015.

### **CLICC at the Paris Climate Conference 2015 (COP21)**

During the 21st session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) successfully launched the Country Level Impacts of Climate Change project (CLICC) at two side events. Country officials, international organisations and researchers attended the CLICC side event on 2 December during which the Head of the Adaptation Unit at UNEP, Barney Dickson, introduced UNEP's vision for establishing CLICC as a long-term international initiative. Barney was joined by speakers from UK Government and Vietnam who spoke with enthusiasm about what the project means for them and work that has been done to reach this point.

This was followed by a panel question and answer session which highlighted the range of benefits that CLICC can bring to countries, not only in improving national and global understanding and

communication of the impacts they're facing, but also, for example, support for capacity building and international collaboration.

At the conclusion of the event a number of observing country officials expressed their interest in getting more involved in CLICC.

CLICC also contributed to an adaptation side event in the Vietnamese Pavilion. UNEP's Chief Scientist Jacqueline McGlade announced that after a short pilot phase that started recently, UNEP aims to scale up the CLICC concept by engaging other partners from the necessary expert areas.



### CLICC Pilots

A CLICC Pilot phase is currently underway. The six countries participating in the CLICC Pilot are China, Ghana, Fiji, Russia, Vietnam and the United Kingdom (plus Brazil as observer). The pilots are to be completed by the end of March 2016. The CLICC team and Pilot countries will share more information and results from the CLICC Pilot phase at the Adaptation Expo part of the Adaptation Futures Conference in the Netherlands<sup>1</sup>, May 2016.

### Building the CLICC family and community of practice

We are currently working with the six pilot countries to complete their technical pilots and as part of this process, the UK's Department of Energy and Climate Change hosted a Learning Workshop in London on 21 January 2016.

Participants at the workshop shared their experiences of working with common templates for presenting the information they have on observed and projected impacts of climate change. Participants also discussed the different approaches they were taking to collecting and consolidating existing research

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.adaptationfutures2016.org/>

and studies. A collaborative dialogue is continuing after the workshop to find solutions to common challenges.



### UNEP to take on CLICC

UNEP will start to take on the coordination of the CLICC initiative after the pilot phase. At the January workshop, Jacqueline McGlade, UNEP's Chief Scientist and Director of the Division of Early Warning and Assessment, outlined UNEP's plans for CLICC in a presentation, which was warmly received by all participants.

### Next steps

- By the end of March 2016, the CLICC pilots and lessons learned on how to improve the CLICC presentation of national climate impacts will be completed and uploaded to the CLICC website.
- Handover to UNEP will start at the end of March 2016 to put CLICC on the road to becoming a sustainable international initiative.
- CLICC will be present at the Adaptation Futures Conference in the Netherlands, May 2016.
- CLICC will engage with a wider number of countries to collaborate on improved CLICC guidelines from mid-2016.

### More information

For more information on CLICC please visit the **CLICC website**<sup>2</sup>.

We'd be delighted to receive any other questions or requests for more information at [CLICC@ricardo.com](mailto:CLICC@ricardo.com). We will send another newsletter at the end of March with an update on the Pilots and the handover to UNEP.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.unep.org/provia/CLICCPROJECT>