

## **47 - Social Science & Participation**

### **Real world experiences with public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation**

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Increasingly, scientists and policymakers are teaming up to study and address climate change adaptation.

Moreover, members of the public and local stakeholders groups are increasingly considered as important participants in policymaking processes for climate change adaptation.

In academic discussion about public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation, some take up role as advocates of public participation and actively aim to promote and organise public participation in such project.

While other researchers rather prefer to study and understand public participation in policymaking projects for climate change adaptation, from an observatory point of view.

However, in academic debate, not much is known or understood yet about actual experiences and challenges that may be encountered in dealing or aiming for public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation.

For example what if the 'public' is so heterogeneous it cannot be summarised as one group, includes groups which are in conflict with each other, or tends not be interested in participating? Does it work under all circumstances? Are there settings in which public participation maybe more suitable than others in addressing climate change adaptation? Does public participation necessarily lead to better adaptation policy outcomes? What are the real world experiences with public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation?

This session provides a platform to share experiences with public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation. These may be experiences that may be interesting to other projects. These could also be for example experiences that include lessons learned about how to deal with certain struggles. And these could also concern experiences that include yet unresolved issues, which are relevant to be aware of when dealing with public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation. We invite scientists, policymakers and practitioners to share their experiences on with public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation.

#### **Format and length**

¼ day, aiming for 3-4 speakers of 15 minute presentations, brief moment for clarification after each talk, then at least 20-25 min plenary discussion after talks.

#### **Expected outcome**

Gain more knowledge and insight into real world experiences with public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation

#### **Planning to involve?**

We invite scientists, policymakers and practitioners to share their experiences on with public participation in science-policy projects for climate change adaptation.

#### **How many participants?**

Next to the speakers, we aim for audience of about 20-30 people.