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Adaptation Frameworks - can one size fit all?

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The concept and practice of adaptation are not new, but the need to incorporate long-term scenarios of future climate change is relatively recent and, for many policy makers and communities, challenging development. In an effort to support adaptation decision-making, a sea of adaptation "guidelines", "frameworks", "strategies" and "decision support tools" have been created. Navigating this sea can be a challenge in itself, and potentially a barrier to adaptation.

In this session we consider a range of frameworks from across the globe and their uptake by decision-makers and practitioners.

We begin with a key speaker and a series of case studies. Presenters of case studies will be asked to provide a brief overview of their framework and its key features, and to address a number of points, including:

- The purpose of the framework
- The basic underlying assumptions in developing the framework

Key audience

- Who was involved in development?
- How has the framework been delivered?
- How has the framework been used and what uptake has there been?
- Strengths and weaknesses of the framework

We will then open the panel to the audience to discuss the different approaches, their own experience of building and implementing frameworks, and their own needs in terms of a framework to support their decision-making.

If time is available, we would look to break the audience into small groups before returning to broader discussion with whole audience and panel. In this format we would collate audience contacts and circulate a broad summary of the discussion following the conference.

Ideally the session would run over half a day to allow audience participation, but can be tailored to suit a quarter day. We anticipate that this session will highlight many of the commonalities in adaptation frameworks, what works, what doesn't and sense of a common base from which tailored frameworks can be built. We hope to build connections between those who have some experience in building and delivering frameworks and those seeking to do so in the future.

Speakers (5-6) will address the following:

Introduction (Chair)

What are we looking for in frameworks for adaptation? Do we already have what we need, can one size fit all?? (Key speaker)

Case study 1: National Frameworks: Australia - National frameworks

Case Study 2: Regional Frameworks (UK)

Case study 3: Local Frameworks (a local government)

Case Study 4: Targeted frameworks (e.g. a business)

50-60 participants, but could accommodate more.