



Paper Writing workshop:

Best practices on addressing typical climate impact stakeholders

Planned date : 12th & 13th October 2023

Location : Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)



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1. Background

Working Group 4 (WG 4) under PROCLIAS brings together scientists and key experts in the field of climate policy support and stakeholder engagement. One of the deliverables of WG4 is to develop strategies for stakeholder engagement within climate impact assessment. To achieve this deliverable, we are hosting a workshop with aim to;

- Initiate a community effort for documenting the best practices in addressing climate impact stakeholders.
- Identify case studies of stakeholder engagement in climate impact assessments within PROCLIAS and beyond.
- Prepare a first draft outlook of the documentation.

2. Target audience

- Anyone with experience working with regional or local stakeholders or with sample case studies.
- No experience with stakeholders but having strong interest in stakeholder engagement.
- WG and task group leaders are encouraged because of the relevance to their activities.
- Anyone working with policy makers, practitioners in climate impact assessments and adaptation.

3. Concept idea

It is increasingly recognized that effective climate impact assessments benefit from collaborative processes of knowledge co-production and exchange, involving key stakeholders across the science and society interface. However, despite the growing scientific evidence surrounding climate impact attribution, there is limited documentation on stakeholder engagement or feedback during climate impact assessments. Therefore, developing an effective stakeholder framework becomes crucial to understanding the multifaceted dynamics surrounding climate impact assessment and communication at various levels, from local to global scales. Such a framework can make a critical contribution to theory and subsequently inform policymaking. It helps decision makers become aware of and knowledgeable about their constraints and opportunities in addressing climate change. The purpose of this workshop is to brainstorm and prepare a preliminary draft of the best practices for engaging climate impact stakeholders. Additionally, we aim to incorporate case studies that provide valuable insights into the benefits of adopting good practices in stakeholder engagement within climate impact assessments. These case studies will offer broader lessons applicable to the climate services domain.

4. Proposed documentation sections (to be refined in the workshop)

1. Short summary
 - Who or what is a stakeholder?
 - How can stakeholders be categorised?
 - What is the purpose of researchers engaging with stakeholders?

2. Towards pro-active stakeholder engagement in climate impact assessments
 - Development of an approach/framework
3. Challenges to stakeholder involvement in climate impact assessments
 - Highlight multiple challenges in addressing/involving stakeholders in climate impact assessments.
4. Objectives (rationale of this documentation)
5. Key elements of best practices on addressing climate impact stakeholders
 - Process and nature of stakeholder engagement
 - Channels of communication and presentation of results etc
6. Recommendations
 - E.g the need to embrace diversity, respect differences, and ensure inclusivity.
7. Conclusions
8. References

5. Workshop format

Round table discussion with documentation of the discussion at the end of each day. In order to have a lively discussion format, we aim for not substantially more than 15 - 20 participants for the workshop. Online attendance maybe possible but limited.

6. Participation

To participate, we kindly request you fill in this form at this link (<https://forms.gle/XDc13XQBzGkcTJQu5>) by 10th August 2023. Priority will be given to participants who demonstrate tangible contributions, particularly those with case studies involving stakeholders in climate impact assessments.

7. Financial support (Travel & allowance costs)

In case you need financial support to attend the workshop, there is the possibility to apply for funding through the COST Action PROCLIAS following the COST rules. We have the budget to reimburse travel and daily living expenses for up to 15 - 20 people. The exact amount of reimbursement and information about the reimbursement procedure will be communicated at a later stage.

Please do not hesitate to send a message to albert.nkwasa@vub.be in case of any questions.

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