

Many Strong Voices

5 Year Action Plan

Many Strong Voices: charge to the break-out groups

- Raw materials:
 - Your experience and your ideas
 - Programme document from the 2006 meeting
 - Sage advice from Barry and others
- What we expect:
 - Develop some consensus on focus and priorities
 - Generate more specific ideas and suggestions for follow-up
 - Identify important milestones and opportunities

Guiding questions:

- What needs to be done?
- Why does it need doing?
- How we are going to do it?
- Why are we the best ones to do it?

- What is our niche? What are we uniquely positioned to take on?
 - Representing vulnerable regions where impacts of climate change are happening rapidly.
 - We can bring a sense of urgency
 - We can address immediate problems and demonstrate solutions
 - We can attract attention: exotic and contrasting regions
 - Collectively we have a wealth of experience

How can we use these strengths?

It is given that:

- We can demonstrate actual and imminent impacts from climate change
- Reduction, globally, of greenhouse gas emissions is paramount
- We want to move on to the next steps

Programme Document

- Vision: ensure the well-being, security and sustainability of coastal communities in the Arctic and Small Island Developing States in the face of climate change.
- Goal: create a consortium and take action

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- Objectives:
 1. Capacity building to provide stronger voice in
 - GHG emission reduction
 - Adaptation planning
 2. Raise awareness about impacts (for purposes of influencing mitigation and adaptation)
 3. Take practical measures on adaptation (research, tools, policy engagement...)

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- Operating principles provide 'ground rules'
- Actions:
 - Organized by objectives and providing a menu (a wide selection of fine items to choose from).
 - We need to decide what is in, what is out, what should be added, what is top priority.

Three groups

1. Research needs and a proposed scoping study
 2. Communications and outreach
 3. Political strategies and lobbying
- Cross-cutting: capacity-building

Things to **partially** shelve for tomorrow

- Funding
- Who does what
- Programme management and communications
- Revisiting our vision, goal and objectives, operating principles

Remember

- We need to focus this programme
- Think Capacity-Building
- We are planning in a 5 year timeframe – short term, long term
- Build on our strengths and unique position