

Module 7: Best practices and lessons learned

7. Capturing and sharing best practices and lessons learned

LEG training workshops for 2012-2013
- Pacific LDCs workshop



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Learning points:

- Understanding the methodology and tools used for capturing, sharing and disseminating BP+LL.

Guiding questions:

- What are the criteria that can be applied for selection of best practices?
- Which channels are useful for dissemination of BP and LL in the pacific?



Defining best practices and lessons learned

Best practices can be examples of processes or activities that yield success or at least meaningful results. Very often, best practices are seen as an innovation in comparison to what was done before.

Lessons learned highlight knowledge or understanding gained by experience. The experience may be positive, as in a successful test or mission, or negative, as in a mishap or failure.



The goal of capturing and disseminating BP+LL

The goal is to frame lessons, based on experience, in a manner that will facilitate use in future areas and applications, and will actively facilitate learning from experience in order to avoid repeating past mistakes or reinventing the wheel. According to UNEP, a high-quality lesson must:

- Concisely capture the context from which it is derived;
- Be applicable in a different context (generic), have a clear 'application domain' and identify target users;
- Suggest a prescription and should guide action.²⁹

Source: Best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation through the national adaptation programmes of action.



Methodology for capturing BP+LL

The LEG's criteria for selection of best practices is based on:

- Effective efforts for addressing a common problem experienced by LDCs;
- Potential for long term positive impact;
- Good management of interrelationships between different actors/issues;
- Potential for replication at a larger scale and/or in another country;
- Lessons learned aim to communicate insights and understanding in how to arrive or implement best practices.



Sharing BP+LL

- a) To be useful, best practices and lessons learned must be presented and communicated effectively:
 - To the right stakeholders – don't forget the local communities;
 - On a timely manner to inform future actions;
- b) Multiple channels of communication should be deployed to exchange best practices and lessons learned:
 - Print and local media for dissemination at the national level;
 - Web-based platforms for access and use by wide set of stakeholders;
 - National and regional activities (workshops, training, etc);
 - Exchange programmes that can allow countries to share lessons and best practices between each other



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