

KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION LAB

Background

Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru will be concluding the development of their mitigation scenarios and the assessment of their socio-economic impacts by end of 2015. Today, all in-country teams are informing the intended nationally determined contribution (INDC) of their respective countries. The generated evidence has been robust and credible (local data), has been validated by a relevant set of stakeholders including representatives from academia, public and private sector and civil society, and embedded in the national context. The preparation and approval of each of the INDCs is an important national process. However we acknowledge there is also a critical process to enable the implementation of the contribution and its relationship with national regulation.

We are aware that there are still many analytical and political challenges to advance mitigation policy and implementation based on the MAPS work so far, such as quantifying the additional financial support required to implement the mitigation scenarios, estimating public and private domestic investment available for mitigation, building and refining long-term visions (2050), analyzing the social and economic impacts of the final contributions inscribed in the new agreement, among others. On the other hand, in-country teams have also been requested to support the preparation of next steps, after the generation of the evidence base. MAPS International team believes it is appropriate and timely to discuss as a group how to enable the uptake of results into the national processes and ultimately into action.

MAPS has a dedicated team to investigate and analyse aspects of mitigation policy and its implementation and how, through a deeper approach on socio-economic development, leaders in our countries can be persuaded to facilitate a transition into a low emissions pathway that favours growth, inclusive development and poverty alleviation. In response to this growing discussion, MAPS will host a Knowledge to Action Lab in Bogotá in August 2015 to give team members from all four countries the opportunity to exchange thought in an informal, but structured way. We hope that this Lab will enable team members to return to their countries prepared to provide recommendations on the design of implementation processes, and thus shorten the gap between the evidence provided and on-ground action.

The Lab will focus in exploring the following questions:

- How do we move to implementation?
- What are the lessons learned of industrialised countries in moving into implementation?
- What do we do to enable the uptake of results into national and sub-national processes and ultimately into action?
- What actions need to be taken now to increase the likelihood of implementation of MAPS countries' policy recommendations?
- What have we learnt about the gap between policy planning and implementation?
- What additional evidence, information and activities are needed to achieve implementation?

Objectives

The general objectives of MAPS Labs are:

- To facilitate regional collaboration, support country processes by sharing their work, encourage strategic debates, and discussing next steps for the on-going collaboration.
- To share experiences, methodological, procedural and process related, among country teams at the national level.
- To provide means to country teams to increase quality, robustness, fairness and ambition of the results and information for decision making at the national level before wrapping up the MAPS in-country work.
- To compile our thoughts and experience to share with the broader climate and development community (i.e. Synthesis paper on implementation).

Dates and venue

Dates: 25th to 27th of August 2015

Venue: Embassy Suites by Hilton, Bogotá

Language

The Lab will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation will be available from Spanish to English.

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 25th August 2015

TIME	SESSION	FORMAT	FACILITATOR	OVERVIEW
09:00 - 09:10	Opening session	Plenary	Andrea	Storyline of day 1: The INDC of my country has been submitted to the UNFCCC in 2015. As a government official, what do I do next? What do I need to consider when moving into implementation? How do I assign mitigation goals per sector or per industry in my country? Are the institutional arrangements on climate change sufficient for the task ahead? How should I design the project pipeline to apply to the Green Climate Fund to trigger private investments?
09:10 - 10:00	National allocation plan in the EU	Plenary	Marta	What are the lessons learned of industrialised countries in assigning emission reductions? The story behind the emission trading scheme national allocation plan in the EU. What unexpected things came up? 30 min presentation and 20 min of discussion.
10:00 - 10:50	Carbon budgets in SA	Plenary	Hilton & Marta	In this session we intend to deep dive into the carbon budgets discussion in South Africa, in order to anticipate the discussion that could occur in Latin America countries during 2016. 30 min presentation and 20 min of discussion.
11:00 - 11:30	Break			
11:30 - 12:15	Climate change governance in LAC	Plenary		Understanding the institutional arrangements on climate change in MAPS LAC countries. Are we prepared for implementation? What additional institutional arrangements do we need? 25 min presentation and 20 min of brainstorming on how to improve or strengthen climate change governance.
12:15 - 13:00	The Green Climate Fund	Plenary	Erica	In this session we will learn what is needed to disburse funds from the Green Climate Fund. 25 min presentation and 20 min of discussion.
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch			
14:30 - 16:00	Investment on mitigation actions	Plenary	Ubaldo, CAF & country teams (Patricio, Emilio/Carolina, Ricardo, Rocio)	All four country teams present a snapshot of the list of mitigation actions. The question for this session is: how can we best use the evidence produced regarding mitigation actions, for implementation? Then CAF provides an overview on what is required by development banks, how to deliver bankable projects, how to attract interest from the private sector and which is the support CAF provides during the process.
16:00 - 16:30	Break			
16:30 - 17:00	Closing session	Plenary	Andrea & Marta	Wrap – up with key learnings of the day. Gather impressions and expectations of participants for day 2.

Wednesday, 26th August 2015

TIME	SESSION	FORMAT	FACILITATOR	OVERVIEW
09:00 - 09:10	Opening session	Plenary	Marta	During day 1 we had an overview of concrete and practical aspects to move into implementation. On day 2 we will have a look at real experiences: what has happened at the exit of MAPS processes? How have MAPS processes informed public policy, besides INDCs? Later on we will engage in understanding why implementation is difficult and chaotic.
09:10 – 09:40	SMAPS in Colombia	Plenary	José Manuel	Understanding Sectorial Mitigation Action Plans in Colombia. 20 min presentation. 10 min of clarifying Q&A.
09:40 – 10:10	LEDS Phase 2	Plenary	Rocio	Understanding what comes next PlanCC Phase 1. 20 min presentation. 10 min of clarifying Q&A.
10:10 – 10:40	Decontamination Plan in Chile	Plenary	Celia	Understanding how the mitigation options from the transport, industrial and the commercial and residential sector results of MAPS Chile are being used for the Metropolitan Region Decontamination Plan. 20 min presentation. 10 min of clarifying Q&A.
10:40 – 11:10	IES Brasil to inform the future	Plenary	Emilio & Carolina	Understanding how IES Brasil will inform the new strategy development in Brazil. 20 min presentation. 10 min of clarifying Q&A.
11:10 - 11:30	Break			
11:30 - 12:10	LTMS: 10 years later	Plenary	Emily	Share findings from Long Term Mitigation Scenarios review paper and discuss whether these learnings are useful for LAC. Are the findings relevant for each country context? What applies for each country? What does not apply? 20 min presentation and 20 min of discussion.
12:10 – 12:40	Reality check: implementation is difficult	Plenary	Hilton	In this session we intend to move towards a deeper understanding of “implementability” and to bring information from international implementation research. The central question is: Why implementation is difficult? What can we learn from past experiences? Hilton will provide a framework for understanding implementation and insights about the conundrum of theoretical ‘stages’ in policy versus empirical evidence of absence of ‘stages’ in policy. Instead of stages we will learn about the components involved in policy-and-implementation. 30 min presentation.
12:40 – 12:50	Respondent	Discussion panel	Emily	Maybe we are not approaching this domestic problem correctly. Each country context is different and this is very relevant for implementation. Emily will reflect on the integration of climate priorities into development policy planning, as respondent of Hilton’s presentation.
12:50 – 13:00	Respondent	Discussion panel	Claudia D.	From theory to practice: middle step in Colombia. How were the results of the Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy considered in the Sectorial Mitigation Plan of the Transport sector in Colombia? How was this plan approved by the government? Claudia will reflect on the case of the transport sector in Colombia, as respondent of Hilton’s presentation.
13:00 – 13:30	Discussion	Plenary	Hilton	Q&A and guided discussion with the recommendations to be considered into the “implementation steps”.
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch			
15:00 - 16:30	Case study and working session		Hilton & Paulina	Presentation of BRT case study in South Africa by Hilton. What implementation has meant in South Africa in the transport sector? 30 min presentation. Working session: each country team identifies and develops the 5C’s for the BRT case study applied to their country reality. Country groups report back to plenary.
16:30 – 17:00	Closing session		Hilton, Marta & Andrea	Gather expectations of participants for day 3. Wrap – up with suggestions/directions for day 3. What can we do as MAPS teams? What can we do as government officials?

Thursday, 27th August 2015

TIME	SESSION	FORMAT	FACILITATOR	OVERVIEW
09:00 – 10:00	Planning next steps	Working session	Paulina	<p>Looking into the 2015-2020 timeframe we will ask groups to work on:</p> <p>Group 1: MAPS teams. What are our responsibilities to increase likelihood of implementation before current projects finish? What should we do next? Does MAPS have a role in the implementation phase? How to enable the uptake of results into national and sub-national processes and ultimately into action? How these actions might have changed as a result of this Lab?</p> <p>Group 2: Government representatives. What actions should my government do to move into the implementation phase? How these actions might have changed as a result of this Lab?</p>
10:00 – 10:40	Action plans	Report back to plenary	Paulina	Groups report back to plenary.
10:40 – 11:00	Closing session	Plenary	Hilton, Marta, Emily, Andrea	Wrap- up with key learnings and actions for future work.