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# Capacity Building Programme on Developing Project Proposals for Climate Change Adaptation for Northeast Thailand: CBA2018-06-Villacorta

**Objectives:** Strengthen local capacity for climate adaptation project development, targeting NGOs, universities, and local government.

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**Funding/Training:** Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP); Stockholm Environment Institute; IGES Bangkok Office; USAID.



## ■ Challenges in Accessing Climate Adaptation Funds

**Limited Capacity in Proposal Development:** Low experience among stakeholders in drafting bankable projects.

**Knowledge Gaps:** Deficient understanding of specific requirements for climate fund proposals (e.g., climate rationale, budget estimation).

**Structural Barriers:** Limited access to detailed climate data, evaluation tools, and decision-making frameworks for proposals.

**Capacity Gaps in Gender and Social Considerations:** Difficulty integrating these into adaptation project designs, affecting fund eligibility.

## ■ Key Components of the Programme

**Training Sessions:** Five-day training covering climate finance, **Green Climate Fund (GCF) and its Simplified Approval Process (SAP)**; **Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)**

**Tools Provided:** Stakeholder mapping, problem and objective tree analysis, theory of change development.

**Community Engagement:** A digital platform for participants to collaborate, exchange ideas, and refine project proposals.

## ■ Outcomes and Early Impacts

**Enhanced Proposal Skills:** 64% increase in knowledge on climate rationale, gender, and environmental considerations.

**Stakeholder Collaboration:** Strengthened partnerships among local entities, facilitating future project synergy.

**Improved Climate Adaptation Initiatives:** Increased readiness among local actors to apply for international funds and implement community-focused solutions.

## ■ Long-Term Impact and Future Steps

**Expected Impacts:** Improved resilience in vulnerable regions of Thailand, supporting water security, agriculture, and ecosystem health.

### **Next Steps:**

- Continued support for project idea refinement and submission to the Green Climate Fund.
- Establish local councils and training hubs for ongoing capacity building.

**Future Vision:** Empowered communities capable of securing funding and executing sustainable climate adaptation projects.

# ■ Challenges in Fund Accessibility:

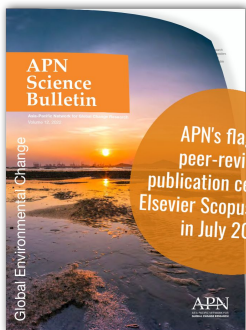
**Complex Proposal Requirements:** Stringent criteria make it difficult for organizations lacking technical expertise.

**Capacity Gaps in Project Design:** Limited experience in creating evidence-based problem statements, impact pathways, and logical frameworks hinders the creation of strong proposals.

**Insufficient Collaboration:** Limited opportunities for local entities to collaborate with experienced partners, reducing the transfer of knowledge and resources.

**Time and Resource Constraints:** Financial and logistical constraints prevent thorough training, mentoring, and proposal revision, reducing chances for successful funding applications.

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