

Engagement Tools for Climate Adaptation

Establishing the core foundation of participation

Learn more about the classic engagement tools for fostering dialogue, gathering perspectives, deliberating, debating, and forming your citizen engagement approach. These tools lay the groundwork for inclusive, comprehensive frameworks and set the stage for innovative engagement techniques.

Step 1
Preparing the
ground for
adaptation

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Climate Assembly

Democratic spaces where diverse groups gather to learn about climate issues, engage in collective dialogue, deliberate on policy options, and make recommendations. It ensures public input and consensus in climate decision-making.

Step 2
Assessing
climate risks and
vulnerabilities

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Step 3
Identifying adaptation options

Step 4
Assessing
and selecting
adaptation
options



Participatory Workshop

An interactive event where citizens and/or stakeholders gather and work together to identify, assess, and develop strategies for addressing climate impacts, fostering mutual understanding, inclusive dialogue, and co-creating solutions tailored to local contexts.



Focus Groups

Structured collective discussions with diverse citizens and/or stakeholders in small groups aimed at gathering detailed insights on climate impacts, vulnerabilities, and relevance of adaptive strategies based on their specific concerns and contexts.



Awareness Raising Campaign

A communication tool to inform and engage the public or targeted audience on climate change issues across a multi-format and multi-channel strategy. The purpose of this tool is to inspire understanding and ownership and motivate citizens to act.



Citizens Survey

Gather public opinions, insights, and experiences to inform policies and actions that enhance community resilience to climate impacts, offering input, dynamic interaction, and immediate feedback, complementing focus groups or interviews for deeper exploration.

Step 5
Implementing
adaptation
policies and
actions



Green Participatory Budget

It allows citizens to develop proposals, suggest and vote on environmental projects funded by a portion of the municipal budget, foster community engagement, and become part of the decision-making process for local projects.

Step 6
Monitoring,
Evaluation and
Learning
(MEL)



Citizen Science

It involves the public collecting and analysing climate impact data, empowering communities to contribute to research, enhancing local knowledge, and supporting informed decision-making while fostering awareness, behaviour change, and a sense of ownership.



Download the DIY Citizen and Stakeholder Manual for more information and examples of the tools and exercises in action.

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