Brokering Knowledge and Partnerships for SD—the Role of UNOSD

Capacity Building Workshop and Expert Group Meeting on Integrated Approaches to SD Planning and Implementation
New York, 27-29 May 2015
What is UNOSD?

• **Mandate**
  – Help UN Member States
  – Use knowledge for sustainability

• **Responses**
  – Broker knowledge
  – Build capacity
  – Advise

• **In short**
  – Match needs to supply and enable knowledge flows
The KM Model

Knowledge Development

Knowledge Exchange

K-based People Organisations and Societies

Knowledge Use

Behavioural and Policy Changes

Discuss Disseminate Learn & Mentor

Research Capture Codify…
UNOSD Activities within the KM Cycle

- **Network and Building Partnerships**
- **Research and Policy Analysis**
- **Policy Support through Advisory Services**
- **CD Activities: Workshop, Forum, Training Courses...**
- **Institutional Development of UNOSD**

Knowledge Sharing → Knowledge Application → Enabling Environment → Knowledge Development → Knowledge Sharing
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- Knowledge Development
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- Networking and Building Partnerships
Knowledge Development

Policy Research – with UNU

2013  “Catalyzing Water for Sustainable Development and Growth”
      - Budget estimates to be needed for water goal

2014  “Water in the World We Want”
      - 11 country case study

2015  “Development of Toolkit for Effective Implementation of Water Goal”
UNOSD Activities within the KM Cycle

CD Activities
Summer School, FFRE, SDTF...

Research and Policy Analysis

Networking and Building Partnerships

enabling environment

knowledge development

knowledge sharing
Capacity Development

I. SDTF (SD Transition Forum)
Annual Forum where wide range of policy makers, stakeholders, NGOs discuss the most pressing issues
(Third Forum, Oct. 2015)

II. Executive Training for Policy Makers
Formerly Summer School (Third Training, Nov. 2015)

III. FFRE (Fossil Fuel to Renewable Energy Transition)
Support a series of the organization of capacity building workshops, Mauritius (May 2014), Kenya (October, 2014), Latin America (TBD, 2015)
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- **Knowledge Development**
- **Enabling Environment**
“Tailor-Made” Advisory Services

MRV (Measurement, Reporting, Verification) of GHGs emission

Rationale
- All countries required to submit national reduction target
- DC need to establish MRV system

Major activities
- Selection of one country per year
- Suggestion for institutional arrangement of GHG management
- Technical consultation and training for MRV
- Establish reliable GHGs Inventory System
What are the Next Steps?

- (Brokering K) Nurture Community of Practice
  - Linked to participants of DSD/OSD activities
  - Virtual venues for facilitating dialogue and finding solutions
  - E-learning program

- (Partnership) Vast network of expertise in UN and beyond
  - Inventory of activities and good practices
  - Brokering what’s best suited for our clients
Thank you!
Supplemental Slides
What is a Community of Practice?

Cross-organisational, thematic communities of interest, practice, knowledge...

Inter-community gateway
UNOSD’s Proto-CoPs…

- Event-focussed networks
- Organic, but not yet nurtured as CoP
Network Mapping

- Match-making of sustainability organisations
  - Find who’s who
  - Enable multi-directional flows
  - Respond to Rio+20 paragraph 66
- Overview of Knowledge flows
  - Find relations
  - Hubs, bridges, edges
  - Analyse flows and obstacles

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Learning

• Summer School on Sustainability Transition
  • Provides evidence and skills for implementation of sustainability policies, delivered by global experts
  • Modules on governance, converging crises, policy formulation, and policy implementation
  • Civil servants from 41 developing countries
• eLearning
  • Provide eLearning tools
  • Host content from UNOSD and other providers
  • On issues of sustainability transitions
Example of UNOSD KM Brokering

My department needs policy guidance and LL in Sustainable Agric., but we don't know where to start!

Visit UNOSD's actors and resources maps

Get related training, from UNOSD or others

Implement knowledge into policy

Both online and offline

Share in CoP, with mentors, on forums...