

Building an Adaptation Network Exploring Pathways for Bridging Local & Indigenous Knowledge with Global Adaptation Policy Frameworks

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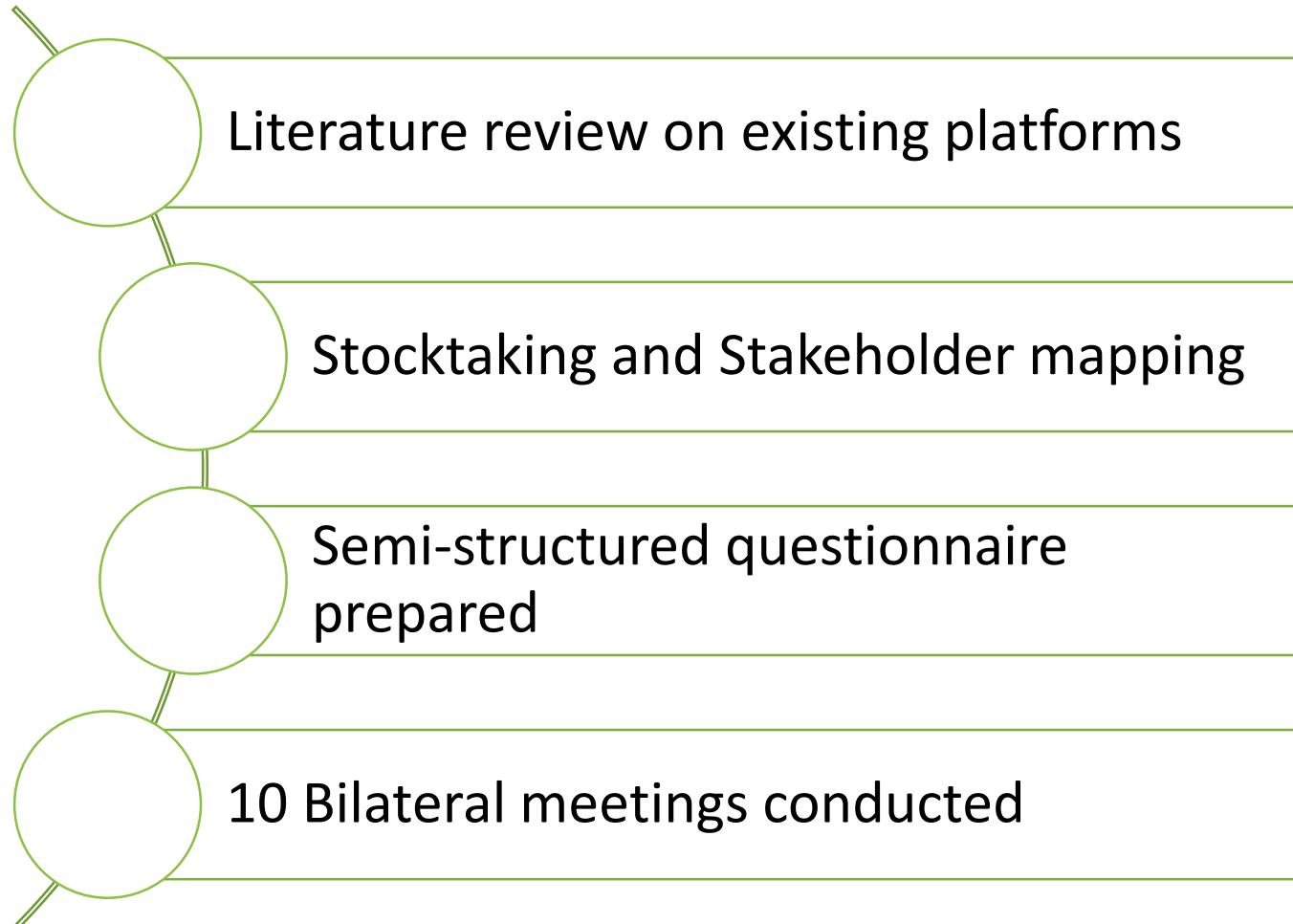
Context



ICCCAD is developing a regional **Adaptation Network** aimed at:

- Promote **ground-level, indigenous knowledge, research and community stories**
- Empower emerging negotiators through capacity building
- Support local actors through collecting their best practices and case studies; enabling them with resources to engage in global adaptation processes
- Acts as a **collaborative hub** for experts, negotiators, researchers, and communities
- **Bridges gaps** in existing platforms to ensure local voices shape global policies

Designing the Network Structure: Methodology



Bilateral Meetings



Bilateral meetings were conducted to map the current landscape of regional adaptation processes and platforms aimed at –

- **Identifying existing gaps, overlaps, and unmet needs** and gathering insights on **how current platforms operate**, their effectiveness, and limitations.
- Enabling understanding of **stakeholder expectations** for a new or complementary adaptation platform.
- Informing the design of the platform to **address missing linkages** between local, regional, and global adaptation efforts.
- Ensuring the scoping process was **evidence-based and responsive** to real needs across the adaptation community.



Stakeholder Convenings



Stakeholder convenings were held with the purpose of:

- Bringing together **partners and stakeholders for discussion and collaboration**
- Sharing **experiences, initiatives, and best practices**
- Identifying **synergies, gaps, and opportunities** in regional adaptation efforts
- Highlighting **existing gaps** that the new platform can address
- Facilitating **networking and partnership-building** among organizations and actors
- Gathering collective **insights to inform future projects and network design**
- Hosted a regional convening titled '**Pathways to Regional Collaboration - Mapping Synergies for Regional Collaboration**' at SB 62 to understand the current ecosystem of adaptation platforms

Key Findings: Needs Identified



Platform Strategy and Design

- Should avoid duplication of existing platforms and have defined objectives

Scaling and Operationalizing Locally Led Adaptation (LLA)

- Diverse Geographies and funding constraints are major setbacks for that

Government involvement in policy integration

- Solidarity and synergy of local and policy makers

Knowledge sharing and capacity building

- Peer to peer learning
- Knowledge translation
- Case studies and participatory research action

Diversity and sustainability

- Limited diversity of perspective, i.e. inadequate case studies & representation of women indigenous groups in case studies

Local voices and Evidence

- local evidence should feed into NAPs and GGA tracking

Other Takeaways

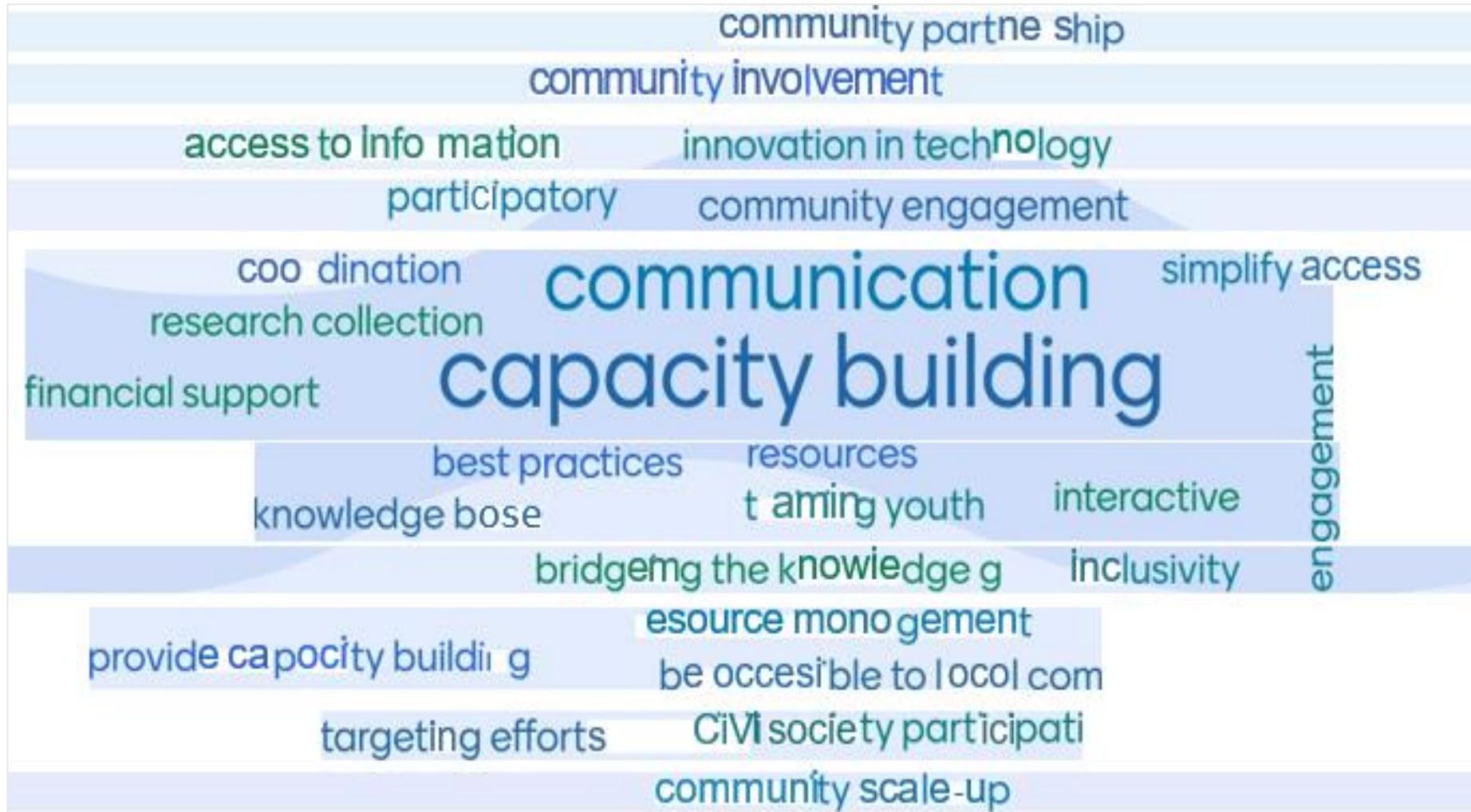
- Use existing partnerships, and build from current knowledge platforms.
- Map stakeholders and track thematic working groups
- Explore emerging business aspects of adaptation.

Key Findings: Main Approaches



- **Inclusive approaches:** Embedding gender, disability, and social inclusion principles, supporting participatory research, and strengthening community capacity.
- **Two-way functionality:** Amplifying local stories to global audiences while bringing global resources and policies back to communities.
- **Ecosystem understanding:** Leveraging insights from interactive engagements to map the current landscape of adaptation platforms and identify gaps.
- **Relationship building:** Facilitating connections and collaboration among stakeholders to enhance coordination and impact.

Key Findings: Pathways for Effective Network



Key Findings: Objectives Identified for the Network



Multilateralism

Strengthen multilateral coordination and collaboration



Evidence & Knowledge Sharing

Amplify South-based evidence, practices and insights bridge local-global policies



Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement

Facilitating inclusive consultations for & enabling involvement of diverse groups i.e. including indigenous peoples and youths in global processes



Policy Influence

Linking local adaptation insights with national decision-making through capacity building of emerging adaptation negotiators

Key Findings: Designing the Network



GEDSI and Adaptation



Adaptation focused
local and indigenous
evidence generation



Featuring Research, Stories
and Case studies of
marginalized communities



Capacity development of
youths and negotiators



Thank You

