



THE BASIC PROJECT

Brazil – South Africa – India – China

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Building and Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Climate Change

To date international climate policy has tended to be based on top-down approaches advocated in advance of analytical work examining the feasibility of domestic implementation. The adoption of the Kyoto Protocol and Marrakesh Accords marked the end of this phase. The focus in the coming years will be how international negotiations can be based on the domestic implementation of commitments under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol, as well as other initiatives that can contribute to the achievement of Article 2 of the Convention. Countries' experience of implementation and mutual learning about this will help to determine their capacity and willingness to engage constructively in the evolution of future climate policy.

The BASIC Network

The BASIC Project will support the capacity of Brazil, South Africa, India and China to undertake analytical work to determine what kind of climate change actions best fit within their national circumstances, interests and priorities. The Project will create a multi-level network designed to bring together the governments of these countries with domestic and international non-governmental experts in research, policy and implementation.

This project will provide an important starting point for shaping future climate policy, domestically and internationally by:

- Supporting these countries to draw lessons from their implementation experiences
- Providing insights from institutional processes and the implementation of specific climate policies.

The BASIC Project is funded by the European Commission. Additional funding has also been provided by UK, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The Project has established an Advisory Panel comprising policy makers and researchers from across the world. We are also inviting research organisations and policy institutes in these four countries to discuss with us how they can contribute to the Project's objectives.

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Project Activities

The BASIC Project will cover key issues likely to affect the development of the climate change regime at the domestic and international level – mitigation, adaptation, technology and salient legal, institutional and procedural considerations – through three core components:

- Supporting in-country institutional capacity
- Strengthening capacity to analyse and put forward future action proposals and understanding others’
- Strengthening the negotiation skills and expertise base for developing countries relating to climate negotiations

These components will be achieved through a selected mix of activities involving the dissemination of information, training, mentoring, networking and mutual learning-by-doing opportunities. Uniquely, each task will be led by a country task team that cuts across geographical as well as government/non governmental lines.

Key Tasks

Task 1 – Energy, mitigation and sustainable development: linking modelling to policy (China Team)

Task 2 – Adaptation, vulnerability and finance: assessment tools and approaches (India Team)

Task 3 – Policy coherence and institutional coordination: clarifying institutional responsibilities including those for the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) – (South Africa Team)

Task 4 – Designing international climate policy and enhancing negotiations skills (Brazil Team)

Task 5 – Creation of a developing country expert group or other institutional mechanism(s) to bring together developing country representatives and climate policy expertise on a long term basis (IDS and all Teams)

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