

CAPACITY 2015 INFORMATION AND LEARNING NETWORK (ILN)

CONTEXT

The Capacity2015 platform includes the development of an Information and Learning Network (ILN). This is in line with its identified need to create an environment that would encourage and enable local communities, the private sector, and civil society in general, to come together and actively participate in the process of sustainable development.

BASIC PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES

The Capacity2015 ILN is designed to be the “network of networks,” with heavy emphasis on local level implementation, but with adaptability for cross-learning between regional and global entities. The network adheres to the following principles and approaches:

- Direct support to community and local initiatives through “learning partnerships”
- A “learning by doing” process approach
- Flexibility to adapt to local environment
- Local-global linkages
- Stakeholder ownership
- Experimentation; testing; piloting
- Decentralized management: regional facilitation
- Participatory monitoring and evaluation

FOCUS AREAS

ILN has four focus areas:

- Information and knowledge management involves integrated data and information management; knowledge generation, identification and codification; knowledge filtering and comparative analyses; and the creation of knowledge products.
- Learning and capacity development pertains to knowledge management with a focus on application/adaptation; continued learning from good practices and experience exchange; “learning partnerships,” work with academic institutions, NGOs, etc; and participatory monitoring and evaluation.
- Networking and discovery promotes peer-to-peer learning; cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary dialogues; “real life,” face-to-face experience sharing and networking; partnership and coalition building and self-/mutual discovery.
- Advocacy and outreach includes global processes rooted in “on the ground” experiences and needs; and South-South, East-East, local-local and local-global partnerships.

OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

An important feature of the Capacity2015 ILN is its decentralized structure, starting initially with seven nodes: five regional, one central, plus a redesigned SIDSnet. Capacity2015’s regional steering committee members and stakeholders shape regional and global ILN strategies. The ILN will partner with existing networks and where possible “, operate out of a recognized institution of learning”.

For more information please go to the website - www.undp.org/capacity2015