

TOPIC 7: INTEGRATION AND COHERENCE ACROSS CAPS

Increasing integration and coherence across CAPs can help achieve greater individual and collective impact as platforms can focus on activities and content that complement and enhance activities rather than duplicate effort. Integrating CAPs to link relevant knowledge and data helps users to find the various resources, services, and support they are looking for more easily which is especially important for enabling (peer) learning across boundaries and geographies. Working closely together also provides opportunities for consolidation, validation and innovation.

KEY MESSAGES

Current practices

Enhancing integration and coherence is taking place in various directions:

- **Vertical integration.** There are a number of examples of connecting national platforms to regional and local platforms domestically, and an increasing awareness of the value of working together at the transnational level by connecting national CAPs to international platforms.
- **Horizontal integration** when integrating across societal sectors, for instance when connections are established with knowledge infrastructure for health or with the financial sector, or, increasingly, when connecting with platforms in other domains, e.g., DRR.
- **Content integration** through targeted sharing of specific data and tools.

Selected innovations

The Dutch platform exhibits vertical (alignment with regional and local platforms), horizontal (multi-sector, inter-ministerial approach) and content integration (incorporation of the national climate impact atlas). The national climate impact atlas is also used as a common basis for developing subsidiary (connected) custom-made platforms for sector and government organisations.

A new feature of Climate-ADAPT is the European Climate Data Explorer which is an interface connecting to the EU Copernicus Climate Change Programme and allows users to select data based on relevant climate indices, time frames, regions etc.

The weADAPT team have developed a taxonomy for tagging knowledge on CCA and DRR, and a search and discovery tool – the Connectivity Hub - that demonstrates how such a tagging system can be used to connect related knowledge across multiple platforms.

Shared challenges

- Developing the networks of people critical to establishing platform connections. This is especially true for connections across regions and scales. Networks of people also underlie efforts to standardize information, further deepening connections across platforms.
- Recognizing and working across the diversity of platforms in terms of the differing levels of development, national interests, politics, cultures, and languages e.g, in the Asia-Pacific region, in Europe, and even within the borders for some countries. New or enhanced governance arrangements may be needed.
- Improving data interoperability.
- Enhancing integration and coherence in a coordinated way including establishing overarching coordination processes and allocating the resources required. Comprehensively evaluating datasets for instance takes skill and is time-consuming.