

Webinar Q&A's

Topic

City Learning Labs for dialogue and decision making

Question Details

#	<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer(s)</u>
1	How do you convey the urgency of acting on climate change given the day-to-day problems?	Others might have different perspectives but our experience is that cities like Lusaka are already experiencing climate impacts year to year so the urgency for action is very much there. The challenge is what to do about it given the huge resource constraints and competition for resources. But urgency to act, at least at the community through to technocrat level is already there. Political will to act is more challenging...
2	Did you encounter challenges with turnover of staff, continuity issues whereby pressures on time mean participants of one learning lab couldn't necessarily attend subsequent ones, etc and how did you navigate them? Related to that, to what extent do you think the dialogue will continue after the end of the project without the facilitation of the FRACTAL team?	We had this challenge in Lusaka, but we addressed it by having institutional support. Institutions bought into the process and even when staff were rotated, we still had representation. Regarding what next, there is a clear local face to the dialogue. The local University and city authority were the lead organisers. In terms of facilitation, little capacity exists locally, but the costed extension has a focus on this. It is continued exploration of ways to build capacity.
3	How to move from 'non-in-my-backyard' discussions of problems to 'not-in-anyone's backyard's movements?	live answered
4	I agree with Bettina's sentiments that the participants need to decide when the learning lab process is finished. But how do you do this if funding runs out before that point?	live answered
5	The importance to know there's no plan B.	live answered
6	My question is the limited scope of concentration of these studies. Can persons from other regions especially west Africa regions participate in this Lab?	live answered
7	Have you developed a specific methodology or guidelines on how to carry out social learning labs? Or alternatively, what methodologies have you got inspiration from? Could you please share these methodologies with us? I would be interested in exploring them for West Africa climate resilience work as well	We are currently finalising a working paper on the City Learning Lab approach and will be able to share this with you within the next few weeks. We can also share some links around participatory action research processes and experiential learning for further inspiration.
8	Sorry I was meaning the concept of City Learning Labs - not just social learning labs.	live answered
9	To translate uncertainty into risk for a given risk appetite, one can look at extreme scenarios at the level of risk specified. This can be done looking at risk from different scenarios and looking at the risk at the given level of risk specified. Is this what you do?	live answered
10	It would be great if Chris could expand on the issue of 'surfacing values and ethics'. What way forward to explicitly address it in a city learning labs setting?	live answered