



ACC DAR Adapting to Climate Change in Coastal Dar es Salaam

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Project information

Title: Adapting to Climate Change in Coastal Dar es Salaam

Time: 3 years - from Feb 2011 to Jan 2014

Funding entity: European Commission, DEVCO (grant)

Applicant: Sapienza University of Rome

Partner: ARDHI University, Dar es Salaam

Associate: Dar es Salaam City Council

The project involves around **20 researchers (seniors & juniors)**. As such, it represents a golden opportunity for junior training in both partner universities and for establishing relations with other universities.

Project **results** available for downloading at www.planning4adaptation.eu

Project OBJECTIVES

Overall objective:

to contribute to implementation of the National Adaptation Programme of Action of the United Republic of Tanzania - Priority sectors: human settlements, coastal and marine resources.

Specific objective:

to enhance the capacity of Dar es Salaam LGAs to support peri-urban population in their effort to cope with environmental changes.

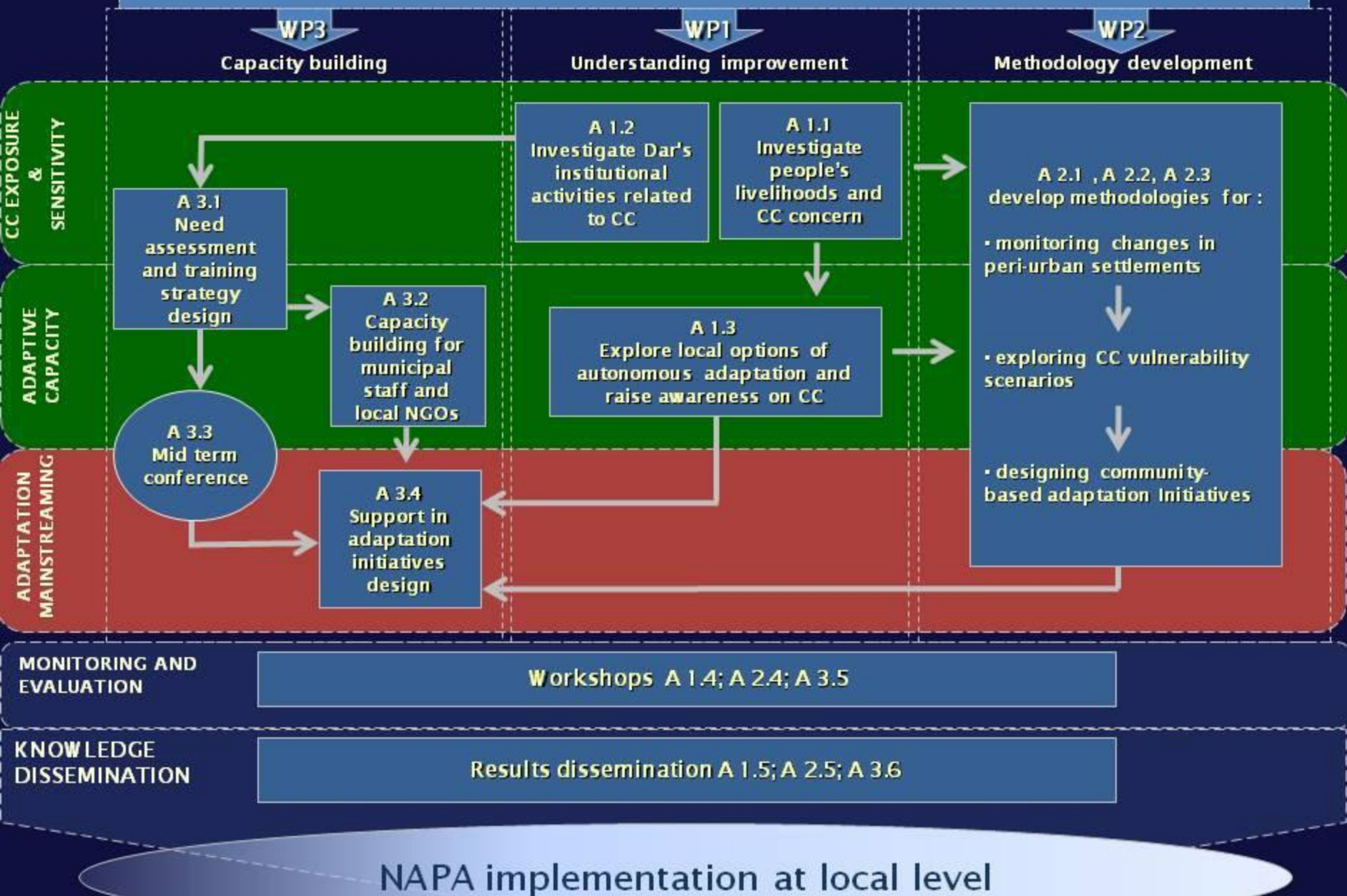
At least 4 institutional adaption initiatives will be identified to be undertaken by Dar's LGAs

Project RESULTS

By the end of the project

- R1 Knowledge on current and future livelihood strategies of women and men from Dar's peri-urban areas will be increased
- R2 Methodologies at the disposal of Dar's LGAs for the design of initiatives to supporting people adaptation efforts will be improved
- R3 Dar's municipal personnel trained to understand CC issues, identify adaptation objectives and integrate them into existing UDEM strategies and plans will be augmented

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Challenges we faced

- EU financial regulations are not well-known by African Universities, and not always compatible with their own regulations
- Research training faces a number of problems (e.g. poor research commitment, excessive teaching duties)
- No interest and capacity in result dissemination
- Competition rather than collaboration among similar projects
- Success of the action dependent on individual willingness / poor support from Universities

Activities ensuring sustainability

RESEARCH NETWORKING initiatives

- Project international workshops (06/12, 04/13, 12/13)
- Junior researchers mobility within the project
- Application to the Urban Studies seminar series (leader: Royal Holloway, University of London) 06/12
- Application to Erasmus Mundus (leader: Compostela University) 03/13
- Application to Sapienza for a PhD scholarship reserved to educated abroad 05/13
- Application to EuropeAid (next call)