

Preparation of State Action Plans on Climate Change – Sikkim

Background: ICSD has played a key role in preparing the State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC) for the North Eastern state Sikkim for GIZ India. The Government of Sikkim had set the priority themes and strategies in a view to allow communities to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change and our role was to translate that to a reality. The task was initiated in July 2010 and was completed by end of 2010.

Goal: Our aim was to provide strategies for a convergent way forward and a platform for the government, the non-government sector (NGO) and private firms to work in an integrated, cohesive manner to avert the impacts of climate change to the climate dependent communities. Our focus areas were Water, Agriculture, horticulture and livestock, Biodiversity, forests, wildlife, and ecotourism, Promotion of energy efficiency, Urban and rural habitats and communities.

Intervention: We could bring various stakeholders including Union Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), state government and donors together in designing the action plan framework based on which the Sikkim sectoral and state action plan was prepared. ICSD could bring in firsthand experience of facilitating such process to this task which helped in shortening the learning curve.

Main Partners: ICSD, GIZ and the State Government of Sikkim

Achievements: The SAPCC of Sikkim has been approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and endorsed by the Government of Sikkim.

Strategies have been developed for each sector and presented in the SAPCC document which are the result of many vigorous rounds of discussions, research and deliberations by each concerned department facilitated ICSD and supported by GIZ, India. The strategies thus identified will pave the way for concrete partnerships for action between various stakeholders and Government Departments towards action to collectively combat climate change in Sikkim. The lessons relating to process facilitation were gainfully utilized to improve the efficacy of the process to the advantage of the state partners as well as GIZ.



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