

Linking researchers with adaptation policy spaces: a framework

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Challenges for adaptation

- ❑ Adaptation is about understanding social complexities and social differentiation
- ❑ Key challenge: How to bring research findings to bear on adaptation related policies
- ❑ Ongoing and emerging policy processes (PRSP, NAPA, other)
- ❑ Policy as manifest through complex and incremental processes

Analytical areas



Policy spaces: areas of policy influence

“opportunities, moments and channels where citizens can act to potentially affect policies, discourses and decisions and relationships that affect their lives and interests”

(Gaventa, 2006: 26)

Application for adaptation

- Helps raising key questions
- Assists in “unpacking” policy processes
- Helps engage actors’ own experience
- Focus on processes

Further questions

- How are research and policy narratives framed?
- What networks, organisations, norms, individuals and champions are involved?
- What are the power dynamics and incentives for policy, by key actors?
- Which are the policy spaces you can access?
What are the gaps?