



SESSION DESCRIPTION

Session description as of 9 May 2012

E5 Reality check: Adaptation on the ground Copenhagen, Denmark

Workshop Part 1

Date: Monday, May 14, 2012

Time: 14:30-16:00

Rooms: S25 and S26

Language: English

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OBJECTIVE

The first part of the workshop introduces the challenges the city of Copenhagen is facing, and the way this has informed political commitment and stakeholder involvement. Next, the city delegates introduce the overall climate Adaptation Plan of Copenhagen, followed by a detailed look of some of the climate adaptation projects that implement this overall plan. The audience will be invited to comment on these projects, and engage in a discussion with the city delegates. This will set the scene for the breakout session in part 2.

Climate change challenges: Presentations

Introduction: *David Dodman, Senior Researcher, IIED, United Kingdom*

Welcome and introduction to the session (10 minutes)

The facilitator introduces the members of the Reality Check Workshop.

Introduction: *Lykke Leonardsen, Head of Department, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Welcome to the session by the delegation leader. Outline of the program for the session. **(5 minutes)**

Presentation: *Jan Rasmussen, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Short introduction to Copenhagen and its climate change challenges (10 minutes)

Presentation: *Lykke Leonardsen, Head of Department, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

After the 2nd of July 2011: The cloudburst that changed the view on climate change (10 minutes)

This presentation talks about political commitment, media attention and local stakeholder involvement.

Response strategy and actions: Presentations and discussion

Presentation: *Jan Rasmussen, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

The Climate Adaptation Plan of Copenhagen (10 minutes)

Presentations: *Palle Dannemand Sørensen, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Arne Bernt Hasling, Senior Specialist, COWI A/S, Denmark

The cloudburst plan (15 minutes)

Presentations: *Jan Rasmussen, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Palle Dannemand Sørensen, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen, Denmark

Henriette Berggreen, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen, Denmark

Stefan Werner, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen

Climate adaptation projects in Copenhagen (20 minutes)

A summary of the projects that are currently being implemented in Copenhagen including:

- 2012 cloudburst projects
- Skt Kjelds – a climate robust and attractive neighborhood in the making
- Protecting Copenhagen from the sea

Discussion: *David Dodman, Senior Researcher, IIED, United Kingdom*

Questions and Answers (10 minutes)

The facilitator will ask questions to the presenters, and invite the participants in the session to comments and dialogue with the presenters.

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Workshop Part 2

Date: Monday, May 14, 2012

Time: 16:30-18:00

Rooms: S25 and S26

Language: English

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OBJECTIVE

The second part of the workshop will start with breakout sessions on the topics that were addressed in the first part. The themes discussed will focus on the finer points of implementing the adaptation projects. Finally, the theme of financing adaptation measures is discussed through a set of presentations, outlining the case of Copenhagen. A final discussion on the finance aspect will conclude the workshop.

Response strategy and actions: workshop

Workshop **Breakout sessions (30 minutes)**

Themes:

- Adaptation and environment, conflict or cooperation?
- Large scale projects – or smaller local initiatives?
- The need for demonstration areas and knowledge sharing
- Experiences with private funding and other stakeholders

Reporting *David Dodman, Senior Researcher, IIED, United Kingdom*

The facilitator reports back from the groups. **(10 minutes)**

Financing climate change adaptation: Presentations and discussion

Presentation: *Jeppe Tolstrup, Project Manager, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Can climate change be an opportunity for green growth as well as a challenge? (10 minutes)

Presentation: *Lykke Leonardsen, Head of Department, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Financing climate change adaptation in Denmark (15 minutes)

This presentation will discuss the challenge of insufficient legislation and the challenge of private involvement for financing climate change adaptation.

Presentation: *Arne Bernt Hasling, Senior Specialist, COWI A/S, Denmark*

Is it economically worthwhile to adapt? – The case of Copenhagen (15 minutes)

Discussion: *David Dodman, Senior Researcher, IIED, United Kingdom*

The facilitator will lead a discussion and questions from the audience regarding financing. Other cities and participants will bring their own examples to the table. **(10 minutes)**