

Seminar on Capacity Building on Climate Adaptation

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The role of private-public-partnerships and networks in CC adaptation

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Introduction: Change together

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

I am here because:

- ❖ I can say something about things to keep in mind when wanting to handle impacts
- ❖ I am a political economist – theoretical input
- ❖ www.globalweirding.is

I am going to talk about

- ❖ Networks between and within municipalities
- ❖ Stakeholders and their agendas
- ❖ Policy process and access
- ❖ The need for the private sector
- ❖ Summing up – balancing pitfalls and benefits

Networks – horizontally

- ❖ Inter-municipal: Municipalities can learn from others
- ❖ Intra-municipal: Different sectors have to work together
- ❖ Keep in mind
 - Not the same challenges
 - Before drawing on others, you need to know your own vulnerability
 - Failure – admitting, communicating and overcoming

Stakeholders – horizontally

- ❖ Changes → varying effects on different groups. Who?
- ❖ Do a stakeholder analysis:
 - Who are stakeholders?
 - What do we know about them?
 - How will changes affect them?
 - How are they likely to react?
- ❖ Stakeholder analysis → better equipped to say something about the effect of a policy

Policy process – access

- ❖ Regulation – who has the most to lose from stricter regulation?
 - Private developers
- ❖ Potential win?
 - Current and future citizens
- ❖ Use of experts to create legitimacy for policy “...this policy is backed by the LATEST findings in research”

Partnering with the private sector

- ❖ Market failure – government intervention
- ❖ A low-carbon society will have to come about through cooperation between public and private
- ❖ Again, understand your stakeholders and invite them into the process
- ❖ Oslo – new climate strategy



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One thread

- ❖ Use experts – but with caution
- ❖ Include a broad set of stakeholders – but be aware of their agendas
- ❖ “Damn if you do, damn if you don’t”