



# Ecosystems, Climate Change & Millennium Development Goals(MDGS) - *Scaling up local solutions*

Lessons & experiences of the  
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# Rationale

- Civil societies and communities are the Chief users and custodians of the world's ecosystems
- Manage or administer at least 22% of developing country forests and over half the world's 102,000 Protected Areas
- Vast majority of environmental decisions (including on investment and land use) are made at the local level



# Key messages: lessons & experience

- Local communities, civil society & sub-national corporate bodies (sub counties) are effective development partners because they are embedded in the country social/cultural order & understand local livelihoods strategies centered on ecosystems and services



# Key messages: lessons & experience

- At households level environment, climate change and poverty issues are treated together and are interconnected.
- Households are an important entry point for building vital and viable green economy at a community level



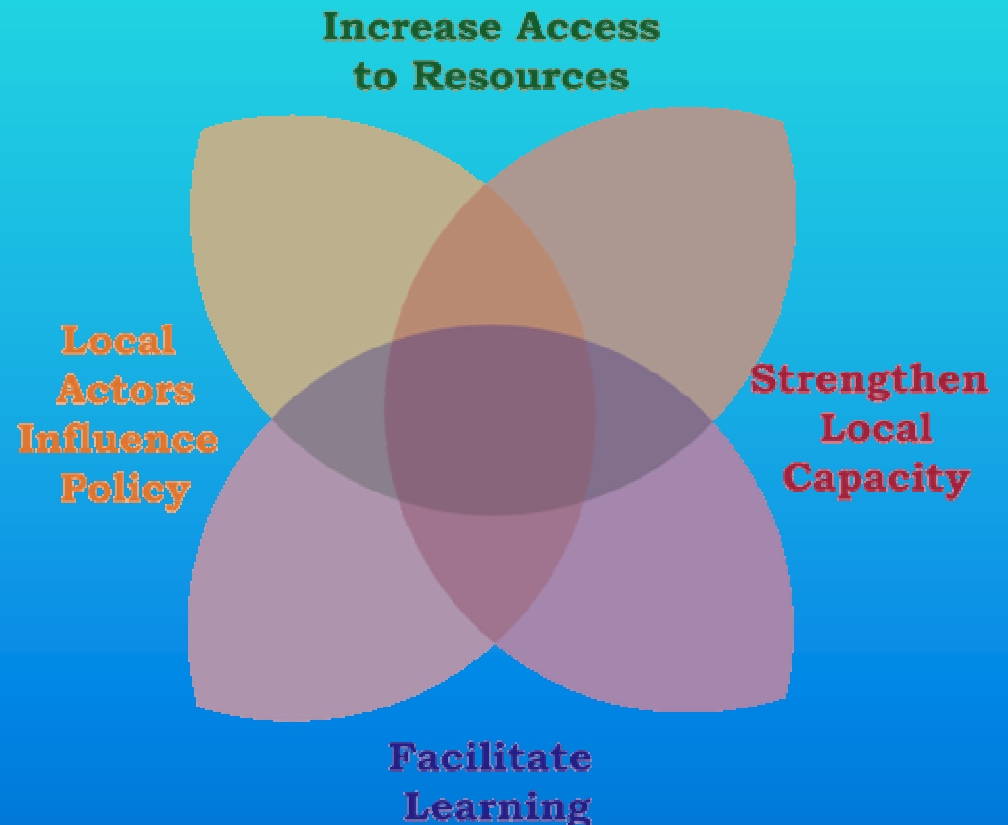
# Key message: lessons and experiences

- Community based adaptation initiatives are key to inform national and sub-national adaptation policy efforts.
- Local capacity/action is integral to an effective local, national, regional & global climate change response
- A PEP initiative without the legitimate empowerment and engagement of local actors (civil society, communities and local authorities) is likely to fail



# Key message: lessons and experiences

Scaling-up local action shall improve the quality and effectiveness of development interventions in environment, climate change, energy, and poverty reduction areas



## Key message: Lessons and experiences

- There is need to strengthen institutional, policy, and legal frameworks to broaden local access to environment, climate change to enable finances to flow to the local level
- Enhance the capacity of local actors (communities, civil societies) and to access environmental finance, plan, implement and monitor environment, climate change, energy efforts as well as service delivery

# Key message: Lessons and experiences

- Use the community initiatives that generate benefits (incomes & employment) as well as fostering green economy at micro level as evidence to inform policy makers to scale up



# Scaling up local actions requires:

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- That national governments and donors have the capacity to successfully recognize & support local level best practice and integrate lessons learned into policy formulation and implementation at micro & macro level.
- That local actors have the capacity to articulate needs, access resources, inform policy, & sustain up scaled initiatives.

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