Deliverable Factsheet – 'All you need to know about D1.5'

Effective Engagement in Overcoming Knowledge Fragmentation in Water and Climate Actions

What is it about?

Climate change is a complex matter and as such requires coordinated efforts for stakeholders to understand, work together and take action. The deliverable was part of AfriAlliance Work Package 1, Task 1.1, and aimed to generate a greater understanding of the fragmentation of water and climate actions in Africa and between Africa and the EU through a stakeholder analysis of how people, groups, organisations and networks, influence, interact and show potential interest within the African and Africa-EU context. The deliverable provides insights into how knowledge fragmentation is perceived by different stakeholders and how AfriAlliance can contribute to overcoming this through effective engagement.

In the context of AfriAlliance, the knowledge shared, or indeed in some instances not shared, focuses on water-related activities and climate change effects. It is crucial to understand what **knowledge fragmentation** means for different stakeholders involved in these water-related processes in Africa and the EU, in order for AfriAlliance to best tackle the identified issues. The problem of knowledge fragmentation within Africa and Africa-EU is complex, particularly when comparing different points of view from target groups of the two continents.

The **AfriAlliance Stakeholders** are defined as those organisations that can affect or be affected by water and climate actions within Africa or between Africa and the EU and have interest in the AfriAlliance activities and results.

The AfriAlliance stakeholders' categories are:

- Academia/education (research centres, universities, etc.)
- Local/regional authorities
- National authorities (governments, ministries)
- Implementing agencies (utilities, public agencies, etc.)
- Business/private sector (SME's, companies, industry, etc.)
- Finance (donors, funding agencies, Banks, philanthropists, etc.)
- Civil society (CSO's, consumer's/users' associations, NGOs, etc.)
- Women's groups
- Children and Youth groups
- Indigenous people groups
- Farmers associations

Based on a combination of social science approaches, a total of **15 interviews**, **5 focus groups** and **4 social observations** covering all stakeholders' categories were conducted as primary research to obtain evidence to understand the efforts to overcome knowledge fragmentation in water and climate actions from the variety of AfriAlliance target groups.

What's new?

The deliverable provides the following new information:

✓ Recommendations and guidance on how AfriAlliance activities can be shaped to overcome the fragmentation of knowledge

✓ Insights into the types of bottom-up approaches that can be established to alter the way people share and receive knowledge.

Key Recommendations Identified Towards Knowledge Integration for the AfriAlliance Project Activities

AfriAlliance Activity	Recommendations

Task 1.2 Launching of a new set of Action Groups (work package 1)	- Build in a process of **capturing and sharing local knowledge** and experience, through sharing stories, visuals, and field visits that better show lessons learned through experiences.
	- Establish a **process of feedback** after Action Group events to provide information on how contributions have been used in the context of your project.
	- **Involvement of the media** in the current Action Group activities (local/regional TV and radio): develop capacity of the media, about related water and climate activities.
	- **Foster coordination and synergies** on existing similar activities:
	  ▪ Identify Action Groups actions with related projects/initiatives/programmes.
	  ▪ Identify opportunities for resource mobilisation and address long-term actions after the end of the project.

Task 1.3 Managing Current Action Groups	- Explain how other initiatives of the Action Groups are converging through **networking**. - Explain how activities form the Action Groups have generated the **mobilisation of resources** from other initiatives (economical and technical resources). - Explain how **local knowledge** from the Action Groups activities has been addressed, shared and used. - Create **promotional material** with relevant findings from the Action Groups and share them with local media.
Tasks, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 - Activities enhancing knowledge sharing and Technology transfer	- Run sessions within knowledge sharing activities to identify synergies between similar actions/initiatives seeking **coordination and resource mobilisation.** - Strive for **representativeness of local stakeholders**. - After each intervention, provide **feedback o**n how contributions by the participants have been taken up. - Promote sessions with the aim of **capturing local knowledge** and experience, providing the opportunity to share stories, use visual aids and field visits that will help to show in a visual way the lessons learnt through experiences. - **Involve local media** in the activities in order to share the knowledge to a wider audience. - Arrange joint activities through the 1st and 2nd set of Action Groups to share knowledge, experiences and lessons learned.

Why does it matter? Outcomes and the Impact Pathway

This work and resulting deliverable shines greater light on how progress can be made when it comes to building a network of stakeholders and partners involved in this project. Furthermore, a wider understanding of what knowledge fragmentation is, the barriers it creates and how this can be tackled through effective engagement was gained.

The expected users of the outcomes and results of this deliverable are principally the AfriAlliance stakeholders and the AfriAlliance project partners.

The impact pathway and the long term expected results of these activities contribute to minimising the fragmentation among the broader water sector community in Africa and the EU. Stakeholders are better identified, characterised and engaged thanks to the Stakeholder Mapping and Analysis process.

Linkages to other AfriAlliance work

This deliverable relates directly to D1.2, concerning the Social Network Analysis, by providing a qualitative analysis of why and how connections between key stakeholders (do not) take place. The results aim at providing insights into task 1.2, task 1.3, into WP2 and into WP3.

What is its relation/interaction with other Deliverables?

WP# or Deliverable #	Relevant Task(s)	AfriAlliance Partner(s) involved in the task(s)	Relation/interaction with this Deliverable
D1.2	Initial report on stakeholder and networking mapping	WE&B, IHE, OIEAU	The D1.2 deals with the first inventory of Stakeholders and it is based on Social Network Analysis resulting in the first map of the AfriAlliance Network.
D2.1	Classification of stakeholders' categories	OIEau, IHE, WE&B	The 2.1 deals with the Database on social innovation needs. The target group categories identified were used to structure the Database.

General information

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