

Capacity Enhancement and Financing for Regional Air Pollution in Asia, Africa and Latin America

Discussion Session

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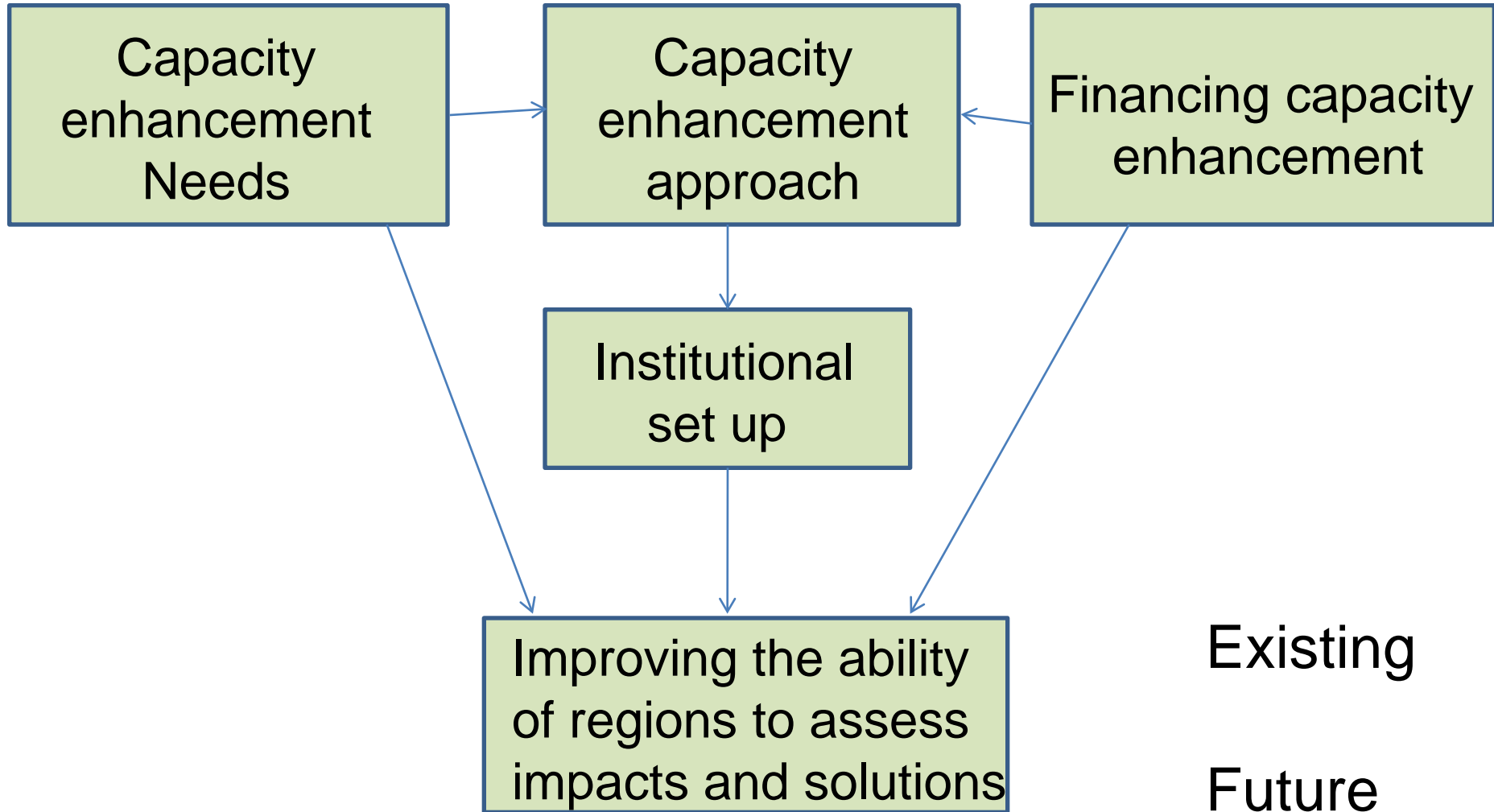
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Main aims

1. Discuss opportunities and problems to realising capacity enhancement needs in Asia, Africa and Latin America
2. To discuss financial systems that can contribute to strengthening hemispheric and global cooperation on atmospheric issues
3. Determine the extent to which LRTAP / HTAP can contribute to this effort
4. Discuss wider institutional and financing mechanisms
5. Developing a consensus on some key propositions to take forward in the short / medium term

Capacity Building in Asia, Africa and Latin America – framing the discussion

- Colleagues are from different countries but here concentrate on regional approaches to atmospheric assessment and networking
- The atmospheric issues range from local to regional, to hemispheric and global
- The discussion of needs, institutions and financing will focus on regional approaches to enhancing capacity in different countries as this allows:
 - Bringing in poorer countries
 - The development of communities where stronger countries can help poorer neighbours
 - where strong regional institutions can be built and used to participate globally at the highest level



Existing

Future

Capacity Enhancement – Needs and Issues

Capacity Enhancement Needs

- Need to enhance capacity of people in countries of a region – policy makers, scientists, specific stakeholders
- Need to enhance capacity of institutions to:
 - undertake scientific activity (strong scientific institutions in regions)
 - coordinate capacity in the regions
 - build capacity in national government structures

Capacity Building – Needs and Issues

Capacity
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- Atmospheric issues are not embedded in development concerns
- Donors and policy makers do not understand the linkages
- Long-term financing for capacity enhancement is lacking in many regions
- Atmospheric issues are cross-cutting and fall between priorities of different government ministries
- Need to build in sustainability of capacity enhancement efforts

Capacity Enhancement – Main Questions

1. How can existing institutions be used to better provide capacity enhancement and financing responding to needs in Africa, Asia and Latin America?
2. Are there existing funding mechanisms that could be better utilised?
3. What new institutions or mechanisms are needed to meet capacity enhancement and financing needs?
4. What are useful near-term actions versus long-term goals?