

## Top Tips for National Climate Change Strategies

1. Tailor climate change learning strategies to the national policy and planning context, so that they support the effective implementation of higher level national climate and development related goals.
2. Make sure key government sectors are involved from the start. For example, finance and planning authorities, as well as local government, should be engaged.
3. Involve other stakeholders including civil society, academia and the private sector. Time, effort and good communication are needed to secure this involvement.
4. Mobilise high-level political support for the national climate change learning strategy. For example, Ministers and Members of Parliament are important at national planning and launch events. There is also a need for a well-positioned lead institution and personal commitment of key personalities.
5. Engage UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and other development partners from the start. This helps to ensure joined up approaches which are in line with the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and compliant with the Paris Declaration principles.
6. Historically the education sector has often been marginalised from the mainstream debate on climate change. Make sure that it is on board right from the start. Educational institutions, both public and private, have a central and strategic role to play in mainstreaming climate change learning in general education, helping countries to address the medium and long term challenges of climate change.
7. Strengthen the capacity of local training institutions in implementing national climate change learning strategies so that countries begin to build the means of ensuring that they can sustain climate related learning in the long term.
8. Start resource mobilization efforts at an early stage. Countries have encountered challenges in mobilising resources beyond UN CC:Learn, to ensure strategy implementation in the long term. In particular, countries need more support in understanding and navigating the climate change financing architecture (international and domestic).
9. Provide an initial injection of funds to get things moving. Early implementation of visible projects will catch the imagination of other stakeholders.
10. Make the climate change learning strategy a living document and process. Strategies set goals and objectives, but there should flexibility at the activity level, notably for new partners to get involved.
11. Make sure key partners continue supporting the climate change learning strategy throughout its implementation, by promoting the organization of high level ministerial

meetings, maintaining a national implementation mechanism with a clear monitoring system, and building and strengthening coalition with relevant stakeholders.

12. Support the implementation of the strategies by raising public awareness on climate change. This could be done for instance through cultural means (e.g. drama, music) and the identification of climate change champions (e.g. traditional/religious leaders, vulnerable groups).
13. Increase visibility of the climate change learning actions through the involvement of the media. This is very helpful to share information with a broad audience and to reach out to other interested actors as well as possible new partners.