

WHAT PRIORITIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO WORK TOWARDS MORE EQUITABLE URBAN CLIMATE ADAPTATION?

SECURITY OF LAND TENURE, AFFORDABLE (RENT-CONTROLLED) HOUSING, QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO WORK OPPORTUNITIES AND TO STRENGTHEN POLITICAL REPRESENTATION

– Anna

SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN AS THE CUSTODIANS OF THE HOUSEHOLD AND EMPOWERING THEM TO BE PART OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESSES

– Chipso

BETTER MEL (MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING) SYSTEMS THAT ENSURE THAT WE LEARN QUICKER AND DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES OVER & OVER

– Meggan

UTILISING THE INFORMATION AGE TO INFLUENCE OR EDUCATE CITIZEN RESPONSE TO IMPACT AND RISK

– Jonathan

DESIGNING PEOPLE CENTRIC ADAPTATION RESPONSES

– Mpfunzeni

SOME OF THE TOP MENTIONED THEMES:

Differentiated impacts and responses

Climate finance instruments and mobilising resources

Meaningful inclusion

Local and people-centred adaptation

Focusing on informal settlements/low-income housing

Institutional support / enabling environment

Adaptive governance

Private sector involvement

Education and access to information

Equitable access to public services

EXAMPLES OF RESPONSES THAT UNPACK DIFFERENTIATED IMPACTS

Putting the vulnerable groups and individuals first, especially those living in informal settlements. **Their voices count.** In relation climate adaptation decision making and processes.

Focus adaptation on equitable climate transitions. **This needs to focus on vulnerabilities** faced by slum dwellers, marginal populations such as migrants, single mothers, trans-gender people, etc.

After identifying climate vulnerabilities in terms of exposed areas, sensitive populations and adaptive capacity (or lack thereof), work towards ensuring the most exposed and least able to cope are taken care of. This includes extensive funding and aid for home insulation and reinforcements to withstand extreme weather and improve the energy efficiency of houses and buildings, focusing on lower-income communities. At the same time, work on progressive policies to address inequalities, with an intersectional justice and social equity perspective.

Finding effective mechanisms, that are scalable and sensitive to context, that would give those in power fit for purpose modalities to **include vulnerable/ marginalised communities in the decision making process.**

Heat risks, flooding, and fire **disproportionately affect vulnerable groups,** and are priority work areas when viewed through an equity lens. Delivery of basic services and access to shelter will create a significant amount of climate resilience, particularly if done in a way that actively takes into account climate adaptation, and should therefore been seen as a priority.

