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Introduction

Why am I here?



- National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment (NCSA, 2005)
 - Lack of trained staff
 - Lack of capacity building
- Africa Adaptation Programme

Mauritius second national communication to UNFCCC

- Climate Change Action Plan developed in 1998 but implementation undermined by:
 - Limited climate change knowledge
 - Lack of impact studies
 - Resource limitations
 - Lack of incorporation into national planning

The challenge

*“... development of new, comprehensive, and strategic policies and guidelines which will ensure that all future development in coastal areas has the **maximum possible chance of resilience under the worst possible conditions**”*

Source: Climate Change Adaptation Programme in the Coastal Zone of Mauritius, Project Proposal



The challenge of mainstreaming

- A narrow and uncertain window of opportunity
- Adaptive capacity will not necessarily translate to action
- There is already a lot of maladaptation
- The measurement of adaptation success is very complex

Source: Adger and Brown, 2009



The challenge for Mauritius



- Limited land area
- High population density
- Changing land use
- Growing tourism industry
- Changing climate
- Rising sea levels

Pacific Island experience

- 1997/98, development and delivery of a 6-month V&A training course to 20 Pacific Island trainees
- Trainees prepared draft V&A reports for their countries
- 1999, travelled to participating countries to support preparation of V&A statements for UNFCCC reporting
- Numerous climate change projects in the Pacific since then
- 2011, on-going lack of capacity



Key objectives

- Capacity building on climate change and climate resilient policy development
- A Road Map on policy change
- An Action Plan towards some climate resilient policies



My approach & expectations

- I am a climate change expert but I am not an expert in everything
- You are all experts in your respective areas
- My focus
 - Share my expertise
 - Facilitate the sharing of your expertise
- Keep things as simple and doable as possible

We're all in this together

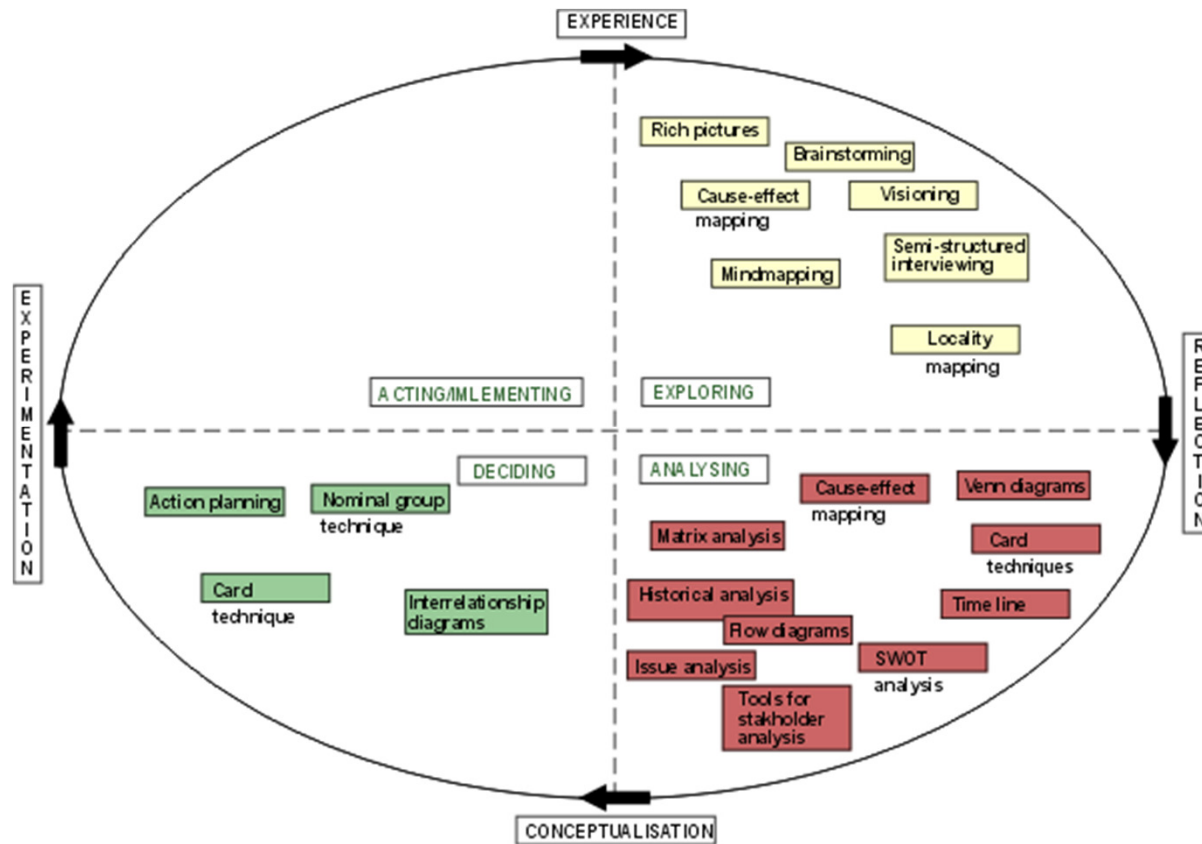


More on my approach

- Key presentations
 - Climate change science
 - Impacts, vulnerability & adaptation
 - Resilience
 - Planning for climate resilience
 - Case studies
- Facilitation of group work



Multi-stakeholder (participatory) approaches



Source: <http://portals.wi.wur.nl/msp/?page=1211>

Really it's about people ...



and their environment



Outcomes

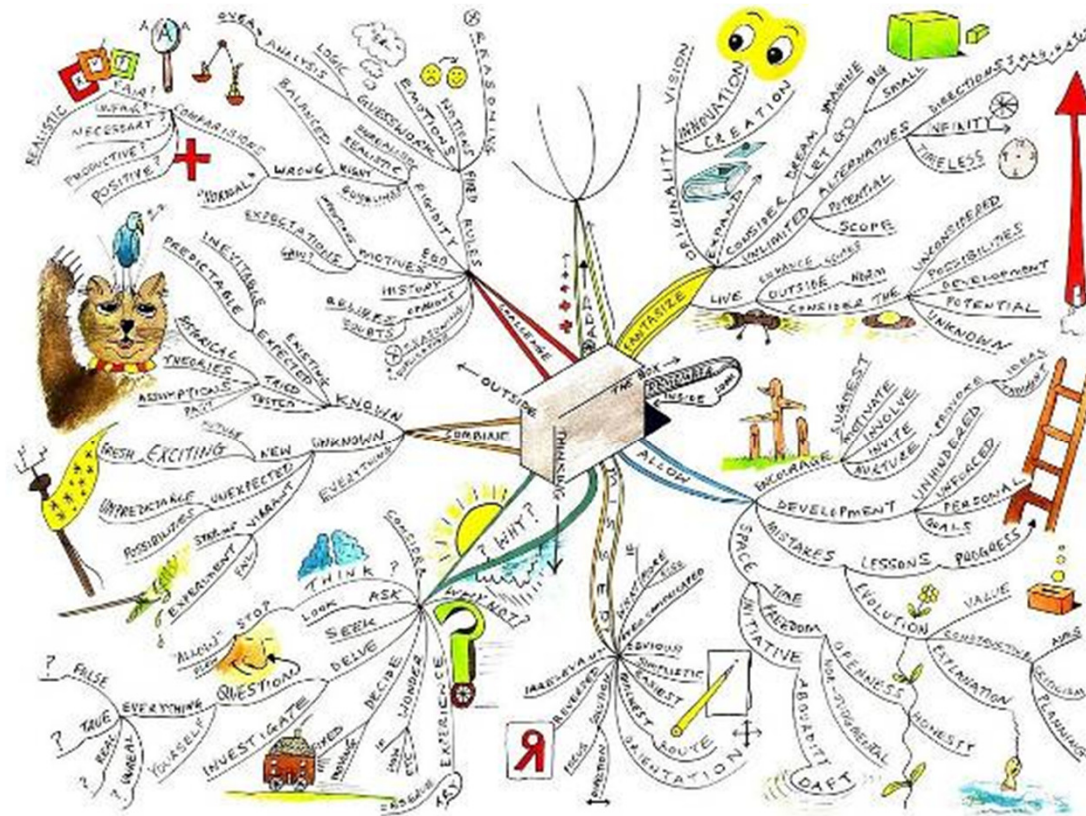
- Greater understanding of climate change science, impacts, vulnerability, adaptation, resilience
- Greater appreciation of the need for integration of top down and bottom up approaches ... and how to achieve this
- Enhanced understanding of the importance of empowering people

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Thinking outside the box



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A 'Business-As-Usual' response won't work

Today's programme

- 0900 Climate change science and what it means for Mauritius
- 1000 Impacts, vulnerability, resilience
- 1100 Tea/coffee
- 1130 Climate resilient policy, challenges and opportunities
- 1230 Outcomes from capacity building workshops
- 1330 Close