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# SUCCESS Partners and National Advisory Committee Meeting

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# Agenda

- Introduction – CSNM / SCF / NAC
- Project progress and plans
- Discussion



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# Objective of this meeting

- To collaboratively explore and identify actionable approaches to support bottom-up and inform decision-making and planning processes in urban development, climate actions and disaster preparedness



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# Background



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- One of the key governance challenges in Thailand is inclusive participation in policy and planning processes
  - Too much top-down, little or no bottom-up planning and implementation
- Urgent need to promote and support the civil society to play a critical role in driving urbanisation, climate actions and disaster preparedness
- Need to address urgent and emerging issues of social vulnerabilities and inequalities of marginalised community groups, such as the urban poor, women, disability

# Project outcomes (Nov2019-Oct2024)

- Strengthening urban governance mechanisms and practices
- CSOs to play a critical role in driving inclusive and equitable urban planning and climate actions
- Building evidence-based knowledge to inform decisions and planning
- Tools and sets of indicators for climate actions available and applicable to local context
- Transformation of urban development towards inclusive, equitable, climate resilient and sustainable urban futures



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# Project progress and plans



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- Project Year 1 (Nov 2019 – Oct 2020)
  - Introduction and invitation of CSOs and local multi-stakeholders to participate in the project
  - Capacity building, training activities for CSOs
  - Shared Learning Dialogues
  - Regional platforms



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# Project progress and plans

- Project Year 2 (Nov 2020 – Oct 2021)
  - Vulnerability Assessments
    - Understanding social vulnerabilities in the context of urbanisation and climate change, using people-centred approaches
    - Understanding differential impacts of urbanisation and water-related climate impacts – gender, community groups (e.g. urban poor, marginalised groups)
    - CSOs – capacity building – practical research training
    - Community-based information, data and evidence-based knowledge to inform decisions and planning
    - Practical tools and indicators applicable to the local / regional context

# Project progress and plans – summary

- CSNM – Northeast
- SCF – South



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# Project progress and plans

- Project Year 3
  - Participatory development of urban resilience strategies and community-based climate action plans (based on vulnerability assessments)
  - Development of intervention projects (based on the strategies)
- Project Year 4
  - Implementation of intervention projects
- Project Year 5
  - Refining, integration and mainstreaming of urban resilience strategies and community-based climate action plans



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# Questions for discussion

What can we do collectively (or what can the project do) to make positive impacts and tangible changes?

- How to improve the linkages of national-local policy planning and implementation?
  - How to better promote bottom-up and participatory planning approaches
  - How to support community-based plans to be integrated into local development plans and inform national-level policies



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# Questions for discussion

What can we do collectively (or what can the project do) to make positive impacts and tangible changes?

- Who, what, why and how?
  - Whom to engage? Who are key decision makers, planners?
  - Which government departments or agencies to target? Why?
  - How? Policy dialogue meetings? Policy briefs?



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# Questions for discussion

What can we do collectively (or what can the project do) to make positive impacts and tangible changes?

For example

- ONEP can be invited to participate in Urban Climate Vulnerability Assessment dialogues in Year 3 and in Intervention dialogues in Year 5
- NESDC can be invited to participate in policy dialogues in Years 3 and 5
- NMLT can be invited to participate in Knowledge Dissemination in Year 5