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Many participants have already emphasized the need for us to link theory, practice and climate policy if we are to advance the adaptation agenda. This speaks for adaptation practitioners working in close partnership at multiple levels and across the North/South divide. The Linking Climate Change Project, funded by DFID, aims to create several kinds of linkages and also to result in research outputs that advance the climate adaptation agenda. The linkages are:

- ? global science (formal/impacts/model driven) with local knowledge (informal, development and embedded in practices)
- ? international policy with local action
- ? local communities with each other – as adaptation will take place in geographically dispersed regions and communities can't communicate easily
- ? environmental policy makers (who don't have money or control many development processes) with financial institutions and those with the money

The LCA projects will involve mapping out a conceptual framework to link these and also involve six studies of community adaptation. It will also result in the creation of a network to make sharing of information and experiences among communities, practitioners, policy makers and scientists involved in adaptation much easier than now. Details of the LCA project and the Network are provided in the leaflets and everyone is encouraged to join the Network by simple sending of email. The project results will be available in time for COP-11 and COP/MOP 1 in the form of an IDS Bulletin on adaptation with also examples of other case studies. For more information go to IDS website: www.ids.ac.uk/climatechange