

Abstract

SESSION 2:

Accelerating Actions for Sustainable Development and Climate Change

WORKSHOP 2.1:

Scaling up ICM: Innovations and Impacts at Local, National and Regional Levels

Small Grants Programme: from Local to Global Implementation

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Established in 1992, the year of the Rio Earth Summit, the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) embodies the very essence of sustainable development by “thinking globally, and acting locally”. By providing financial and technical support to projects that conserve and restore the environment while enhancing people’s well-being and livelihoods, SGP demonstrates that community action can maintain the fine balance between human needs and environmental imperatives.

This presentation aims to provide good practices in engaging communities as partners in environmental and marine and coastal resources management demonstrated through SGP projects in Da Nang and Quang Nam provinces in Vietnam. It also aims to discuss approaches to promote replication of these good practices in other areas.

Using experiences from various projects, the presentation will highlight:

- The approach of integrated management of natural resources and environment and the coastal zone, and harmonizing benefits sharing among stakeholders particularly communities
- Analysis of ecosystem services to engage stakeholders especially local communities in the management process
- Environmental protection in the World Heritage Sites and livelihood improvement, promoting the pride of the local citizen, and mainstreaming with local socioeconomic development plan (SEDP)
- Strengthening partnerships with local government and mobilizing co-financing

Sharing and replication of good practices and lessons learned from SGP projects can be facilitated by:

- Strengthening strong partnerships with local governments to enable mainstreaming of good practices into local SEDP;
- Strengthening working partnerships with other PEMSEA sites and partners including IUCN/MFF; and
- Enhancing regional sharing of knowledge and information resources.



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