Climate Change Cell
Theme: Integrate climate change concerns in various Sectoral policies and programs

Project Background

Climate change caused due to increased anthropogenic activities and resultant emissions of greenhouse gases, is now widely recognized as the major environmental problem facing the globe which has the potential to harm societies and ecosystems. In particular, agriculture, forestry, water resources, human health, and natural ecosystems will need to adapt to a changing climate.

The changing climate patterns, especially the increased frequency and/or severity of extreme events, will increase vulnerability to natural disasters such as drought, flood and cyclones. The poor and rural communities which are comparatively more dependent on ecosystem services are therefore likely to be more affected by deteriorating environmental conditions and factors limiting resource availability.

Project Objectives

The objectives of the project are:
- Developing MP Climate Change Cell into a Knowledge Management Centre to effectively manage and disseminate the knowledge related to climate change.
- Development of State Climate Change Action Plan with “Integrating Concerns—Converging Possibilities”
- Mainstreaming of climate change concern into policy and programmes

Results and Achievements (to date)

- Constitution of three tier: Project Steering Committee under Chief Secretary, Project Implementation Committee under Principal Secretary Housing & Environment Department, and Project Management Unit under State Project Director
- Conducted Launch Workshop in April 2010 and Networking Workshop in July 2010 at State Level, Bhopal
- Organized 11 Departmental Stakeholder Consultations Workshops at Bhopal
- 13 Regional Stakeholder Consultations workshops were conducted at selected 11 Agro Climatic Zones district headquarters
- Preparation of Departmental and ACZs Stakeholder Consultations Workshops Reports
- Drafted Madhya Pradesh State Action Plan on Climate Change (MPSAPCC), Draft copy shared with MoEF
- Shared the Draft MPSAPCC Chapters to Departmental Nodal Officers and Sectoral/Subject Experts for their review and comments
- Uploaded the Draft MPSAPCC on EPCO’s website for comments/suggestions
- Preparation of Detailed Project Report on State Climate Change Knowledge Management Centre (SCCKMC)

Looking to the Future

- State Action Plan on Climate Change will be the guiding document for the Government Departments
- SAPCC Monitoring and evaluation in coordination with GoMP Climate Change Cell
- Creation of Climate Change Cells in Government Departments
- Developing of Climate Change Cell into a full fledged State Climate Change Knowledge Management Centre
- Climate Change Knowledge portal/bank of the state
- Mainstreaming the Climate Change Concerns and building capacity of the concerned stakeholders