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- Need to adapt to **new knowledge**.
 - Climate Information changes, adaptation needs always evolve:
 - **Transparency**
 - Reporting requirements, Mandated scrutiny by local stakeholders.
 - **Participatory environment**
 - Adaptation measures apply to local needs and conditions

- Implementation with a long-term outlook
 - Allocate resources among various sectors
 - Mediate among stakeholders
 - Create and maintain key relationships.
- **Participatory environment**
- **National strategies:** "bottom-up" input

Participation is more than Consultation



- Participation:
 - Stakeholders at all levels of the social structure have an impact on decisions at the different levels of management.
- **Consultative mechanisms** designed to allow stakeholders to (1) participate in the decision making, (2) question, and (3) potentially change previous decisions.
- Stakeholder meetings: **consensus is not a focus**
 - Conflict resolution mechanisms such as arbitration.
- **Participatory capacity:** created and nurtured,
 - Seeking out marginalized groups.
 - Extends beyond simple awareness raising, confidence building and education:
 - Establishment of reliable information channels,
 - Provision of the necessary resources to facilitate participation

Local coordination:

- Leveraged effectively towards ensuring a good implementation of adaptation measures

1. Transparency and accountability
2. Institutions that have managerial competence and technical capacity
3. Reliability and predictability of the rule of law