1. Advisory Board – Joint Principles for Adaptation

The objective of the Advisory Board is to provide support and advice for the development and testing of the Joint Principles for Adaptation from key actors in Southern and international civil society. The aim is also to hereby broaden the ownership and relevance of the Joint Adaptation Standards. Members are appointed among individuals who are highly profiled at a regional or global level.

The expectation is that board members will participate pro-bono, but the expenses for participating in rare physical meetings can be refunded, when needed. In exceptional cases, members may be remunerated for specific services such as quality assurance of case studies, etc.

1. Mandate of Advisory Board:

The key role of the advisory board is to provide a link between the SVA – project (of three Danish organisations, and Southern Networks) and the wider civil society community engaged in influencing adaptation policies

**The Advisory board will**

* Provide advice and comments on the JPA, based on expertise in adaptation policies and practice
* Help review and comment on the projects progress reports
* Help provide guidance and advise on contentious issues in the JPA
* Serve as ambassadors of the JPA initiative in the wider NGO landscape

The advisory board will not have authority for taking decisions in the project.

1. Expected qualifications of candidates

* Experience and engagement in civil society adaptation policy making
* Candidates must have knowledge of both local and global context
* Experience in both adaptation policies and on adaptation practice
* A good reputation in the civil society North and South engaged in CC adaptation issues.
* Willingness to engage pro-bono in the JPA initiative

1. Composition:

The board consists of experts from different regions and the global level, to be balanced in terms of north/south; environment/development; gender; development theory, policy and practise.

As of September 2014 – the following experts have been confirmed to be members of the board

* Mr Sosthen Chiotha, Ph.D., Malawi, Regional Programme Director, Southern and Eastern Africa, LEAD
* Ms. Jessica Dator-Bercilla, Philippines, Senior Advocacy and Policy Officer for Asia, Christian Aid
* Mr. Arivudai Nambi, Ph.D, India, Strategy Head Vulnerability and Adaptation, World Resources Institute,
* Ms. Yvette Aguilar, El Salvador, Climate Change Advisor, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
* Mr Koos Neefjes, Policy Advisor Climate Change, UNDP Vietnam, (Dutch nationality)
* Mr. Aarjan Dixit, Nepal, Regional on Climate Change Coordinator for Asia, CARE International
* NN to be indentified preferably from Africa

1. Set-up and work schedule

* Meetings 3 – 4 times a year by teleconference – and if possible physically meetings in the context of CBA or UNFCCC COP Conferences
* Consultation through e-mail with comments on specific issues – some regionally focused.
* The Southern Voices on Adaptation Secretariat at CARE Denmark serves as secretariat for the advisory board.

1. Tentative Activity schedule – to be finalised by board

**Proposed teleconferences:**

**Early Sept 2014: Introductory meeting**

* Intro to the project and the Joint Principles for Adaptation, including status of implementation after inception phase
* Introduction of the Board, its members and discussion of its role and review activity schedule
* How to engage other actors?
* How to structure the process of reviewing and improving the JPA?

**Late October / November 2014:**

* Review early experiences / initial plans of SVA networks in piloting the JPA – based on input from regional facilitators
* Opportunities to promote SVA in context of COP20 in Lima, and in other settings

**March 2015**

* Review of JPA experiences based on summary of progress reports submitted from networks
* Advise for planned workshop for updating and improving the JPA in context of CBA9 in Kenya

**End June 2015**

* Discussing plan ahead for preparing final version of Joint Principles at COP21 in Paris
* Input to sketch of follow up application for SVA Phase 2 (CISU deadline Climate-Environment fund autumn 2015)

**October 2015: Final meeting before COP 21 in Paris**

* The JPA beyond COP21
* Should ownership and governance be widened beyond the SVA project partners, and if so how?
* What have been the mail lessons?