Learning on Climate Solutions

Knowledge synthesis in the social sciences for climate change assessments | International Workshop: Oct 15-17, 2018 at MCC Berlin, Germany

The IPCC has been successful in understanding much of the physical science basis of anthropogenic climate change, but much less so in understanding solutions to the problems it will cause. This is caused by the structure, organization and scientific practices across the social sciences and humanities that prohibit systematic learning. Above all, there is a lack of a synthetic research culture understood as formal research on research results (meta-analysis; systematic reviews).

This workshop brings together leading social scientists in mitigation and adaptation research including IPCC authors and research synthesis experts from other fields. The aim is to initiate a series of systematic reviews for an enhanced understanding of mitigation and adaptation options, i.e. what mitigation and adaptation policies and measures work well under what conditions and why. The workshop will be the starting point for building a climate solutions network that organizes research synthesis for science-policy exchanges. Suitable reviews will be considered for a focus issue of Environmental Research Letters.

Website: mcc-berlin.net/solutions

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