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1. Executive summary:

This report describes the process carried out for the creation of the Climate Knowledge Hub in Latin America (Clik Hub) in the framework of the Knowledge Accelerator Programme being developed by CDKN II. As part of the KBPs (Knowledge-Basis Projects) engagement process foreseen within the Programme, FFLA as the Latin America Coordinator of CDKN, took forward the idea of integrating this Hub as a means to convene different climate networks in the region to potentiate knowledge sharing and brokering for climate action. In this framework, IDRC supported the development of a Regional Event for the conformation of the Clik Hub.

2. The objectives:

The project pursued three main objectives:

- To create a concrete opportunity for collaboration among climate change research and brokering projects in the Latin America region.
- To foster buy-in and create the Latin America Climate Knowledge Hub (Clik Hub).
- To identify key partnerships and impact-oriented activities for the CDKN Knowledge Accelerator to pursue in the region.

To achieve them, a Regional Event for the conformation of the Clik Hub took place in Quito-Ecuador from 18 to 20 June, 2019. The results are described in the sections below.

3. The development of the process:

For the integration of the Clik Hub, FFLA followed the following process:

- 1. Coordination with "AccionandoRedes" (initiative from AVINA and CAN-Climate Action Network) who provided background information collected in a survey they conducted in 2018 in the region about climate change networks and organizations.
- 2. Integration of a core group for the coordination and definition of actions. The group is currently integrated by CDKN, AVINA, CAN, FLACSO and LEDS LAC.
- 3. Definition of criteria for the selection of networks:
 - They are operating for at least two years ago now.
 - They work actively on climate change on issues related to: cities; climate finance; nexus water, energy, food; gender and social inclusion (not exclusively).
 - They have an institutional central coordination that fulfills a secretariat function (there is staff specifically dedicated to the management of the network).
 - They articulate their work with other actors or sectors and have open channels of communication with decision makers.
 - They are located in Latin America or have a representation there.

- They produce and disseminate knowledge about climate change, either through their own research, or adaptation of existing material; they implement or fund specific projects.
- 4. Mapping of networks: based on the results of the Accionando Redes survey and other data bases, we identified around 20 networks in the region working in climate issues that fulfilled our criteria and to whom we deemed relevant to invite.
- 5. Selection and invitation: we prepared the invitations and circulated them to the different identified networks and convened them to become part of the Clik Hub.
- 6. Integration of Clik Hub: we received positive answers from 17 networks which were very enthusiastic with the initiative and eager to participate. These are the 18 networks (including CDKN) that currently integrate the Clik Hub:
 - o Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)
 - Action Lac AVINA
 - Climate Action Network (CAN)
 - o CITE-FLACSO
 - o Climate Action Network Latin America (CAN-LA)
 - Conexión COP
 - Engajamundo
 - o GFLAC
 - o ICLEI América del Sur
 - o Latin Clima
 - LEDS LAC
 - Oficina Regional para América del Sur de UICN
 - Plataforma de Ciudades Sostenibles y Resilientes de Perú MICIUDAD
 - o Practical Action América Latina
 - o Red Argentina de Municipios frente al Cambio Climático
 - o Red Chilena de Municipios ante el Cambio Climático
 - o Red Latinoamericana de Inventarios Nacionales de Gases de Efecto Invernadero
 - o Red Regional de Cambio Climático y Toma de Decisiones
- 7. Virtual meeting: with that confirmation, we organized a first virtual meeting in April which was a space to present in a more detailed way the purpose of creating Clik Hub as a space for coordination, linkage and exchange of information and knowledge among networks in the region in order to promote concrete and effective actions that contribute to limit the impacts of climate change. It was also an opportunity for the networks to know each other and the work they are doing in the region. A second virtual meeting took place in May in which the networks agreed on the value of having a face to face co-creation working meeting.
- 8. Face to face meeting: it took place in Quito from 18 to 20 June, 2019 with the purpose of formally integrating the Clik Hub. Four were the specific objectives of this meeting:
 - To know each other and reflect on the challenges that the networks face around knowledge sharing to promote climate action in the region.

- To agree on the objectives of Clik Hub and its modality of work.
- To define an Action Plan.
- To launch a Seed Funding that catalyzes the implementation of the action plan in a collaborative and cooperative manner.

For the achievement of these objectives, a detailed agenda was implemented which consisted of four main sections: 1) knowing the networks, 2) the purpose of Clik Hub, 3) call to action, 4) working on prototypes for the Seed Funding. The Agenda is attached as annex 1 and the list of participants as annex 2.

4. Synthesis of results and outcomes:

After three days of intense and collaborative work, the Clik Hub co-built its objectives, the way in which it will operate and the actions that will guide its work until December at a first stage. We detail here these results and agreements:

4.1 Overall objective of Clik Hub:

Connect and articulate networks in the region to catalyze knowledge towards climate action.

Specific objectives:

- Promote learning and collaboration among Clik Hub members on good practices and lessons learned in knowledge management with impact on climate action.
- Capture, group, visualize, promote and disseminate knowledge, actions, experiences with various actors for advocacy and climate action.

4.2 Modality of work: communication means, membership and representation

- The Core Group will meet in a monthly basis. It is currently integrated by: CDKN, AVINA-Action LAC, CAN, LEDS LAC, CITE-FLACSO.
- All the networks of the Clik Hub will meet virtually every quarter. They will try not to change the person who is currently representing each network.
- There will be an open membership, it means that other networks can be added if they meet
 the criteria originally agreed. The Core Group has the role to analyze the case and make a
 decision.
- A commission will work on the graphic identity of Clik Hub to create a logo that, depending on the circumstances, will be accompanied by the logos of the 18 networks that are currently members of Clik Hub.
- Communications will be maintained via email and WhatsApp to exchange information, events, or make inquiries to the group.

- FFLA/CDKN will have the role of Secretariat until December 2020.
- The Secretariat will prepare and share with all members a biweekly internal newsletter with the information sent by all.

The **Action Plan** and the Terms of Reference for the **Seed Funding** are attached as annexes 3 and 4 respectively.

5. Methodology:

The Regional Event counted with the support of external facilitation. The methodology used during the meeting was based on the Theory U method and adapted to the climate networks context with the aim of co-building collaborative strategies to foster climate action.

The Theory U consists of five steps, as described in the graphic below:



Source: Scharmer, Otto, 2016.

We went through each of them in order to fulfill each of the sections of the agenda. In that sense:

At a first stage, we worked in knowing each other as persons and as networks to identify individual purposes and scale to the purpose of Clik Hub, which allowed us to jointly build the objectives and define how we wanted to work and interact.

Then, we worked in a "call for action" section to identify the actions that we as networks wanted to take forward in order to achieve the objectives of the Clik Hub. It allowed us to generate an action plan which aims at consolidating the functioning of Clik Hub, as well as promoting exchange and learning among its members, and also fostering activities towards COP25.

Finally, there was a space to work in groups and create different prototypes of ideas that could be presented to the Seed Funding Call. Three criteria were taken into account for the construction of the prototypes: innovation, impact and co-creation. Three interesting and innovative ideas were presented, which received some feedback from an Evaluation Committee, as valuable recommendations to consider in preparing the final proposals.

6. Project outputs:

Annex 1: Agenda for the face to face meeting of Clik Hub in Quito

Annex 2: List of participants of the Clik Hub meeting

Annex 3: Action Plan of the Clik Hub

Annex 4: Terms of Reference for the Seed Funding

7. Challenges and way forward:

The main challenge is associated with keeping active the interest and participation of all the ClikHub members. To date, we have been working as a very enthusiastic and committed group and we hope to continue on that dynamic. FFLA as Secretariat is actively promoting the involvement and interaction with the networks by sharing information though the biweekly bulletin and also by following up on the activities they proposed. We are also leading the monthly meetings with the Core Group, and will organize the next quarterly meeting with all the members by September. Additionally, is worth mentioning that we received a total of 5 very innovative proposals for the Seed Funding. We are evaluating them to select the four that will be funded and we trust that will be a relevant way to put in practice the action plan and make valuable contributions. The Clik Hub definitively is a great space to amplify the dissemination and sharing of the climate knowledge to foster climate action.