

# **Break-Out Group 3: Increasing the Usability of the Primer**

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# Scope of Discussion

- Are the tables, boxes, charts and diagrams easy to read and understand?
- Is the information easily accessible?
- Was the link to the text clear?
- Which illustrations were the most clear and which were the least clear? Why?
- How should each of the illustrations be changed to make them more user-friendly?
- How would you improve the overall usability of the Primer?

# Are the tables, boxes, charts and diagrams easy to read and understand?

1. Generally YES.
2. However, need to:
  - include more visuals e.g. maps,pictures,illustrations
  - Schematic diagram/flow chart to guide the user through
  - Accompanying audio visual (plug and play)
  - Matrix to distill the sound practices of problems and corresponding solutions

## Is the information easily accessible?

1. Clearly identify the target clientele/end users of the Primer.
2. Develop a separate and short executive summary for city leaders/managers only
3. Material is very technical and may not facilitate appreciation from city managers outside major cities. **Suggest to simplify** 😊
4. Start the primer with examples/case studies to (i) interest the readers, (ii) increase understanding/hasten appreciation and (iii) convey key messages
5. Sound practices/lessons should be anchored in the development cycle (is it during planning, programming, M&E?) for common reference
6. Link sound practices in the cases with institutional set ups/organizational chart (who are the actors involved) and provide support photos

## Was the link to the text clear?

1. Difficulty in cross referencing
2. No section for abbreviations

## Which illustrations were the most clear and which were the least clear? Why?

Not clear

Page 2 Fig 1: CC, DRM and sustainable dev't. linkages  
(too many arrows!)

*Instead put key ideas and provide textual discussion  
to explain the diagram😊*

## How should each of the illustrations be changed to make them more user-friendly?

1. Suggest to provide quantitative criteria for “hot spots” assessment/analysis and come up with indicators for these criteria
2. Include experts during the hot spots analysis to provide scientific perspective
3. More objective set of criteria
4. No definition of “hot spot” in the glossary of terms

# How would you improve the overall usability of the Primer?

1. A primer is brief, concise and direct to the point!
2. CC and DR not clearly linked in the document
3. Sound practices should focus on East Asia experiences as conditions are similar
4. Include/partner with concerned units for hazard mapping and other relevant national agencies (i.e., PAGASA)
5. Provide section on indicative GHG sources and accounting/baselines
6. Provide section on benefits (econ/financial vs envi) to facilitate decision making
7. The primer should specify the expected result/output/response from the reader
8. Recap at the end of each section to reinforce the intended objective(s)

**Thank you for your  
attention 😊**

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