

Evaluate, learn and set intentions

Stage 3: Advance

Who is this question set for? This question set is designed for groups who are a well established adaptation partnership actively implementing adaptation initiatives for their place - maturity stage 3 of the Capability Maturity Model. It can be used to help groups reflect on progress and identify strengths and weaknesses.

When should the questions be used? The questions will help you assess progress as you work towards expanding your partnership and implementing adaptation actions - represented by stage 3 of the CMM. You should feel free to use the questions whenever you feel they would be most helpful, although it would be helpful to discuss some of the ideas with others in advance of completing them. You can also use the survey a couple of times to track progress as work progresses.

How should the questions be used? The questions can be issued as a survey to both new and established members involved in the partnership. The results can then be collated to show how the group has responded. Responding individually and anonymously can limit bias and encourage openness, particularly where there is disagreement or an imbalance of power among the group that might prevent group members from sharing freely during group discussions. As an alternative to a survey you could also consider using an interactive digital tool such as slido.com to post the questions in a group setting where people have access to the internet allowing for instant, anonymous feedback.

The questions can also be used as a tool for group discussion and reflection where appropriate. You could also ask the questions in survey form and follow up with a group discussion to reflect on key messages and discuss next steps.

You can add to or alter the questions to meet the unique needs of your group and context.

How will the questions help us?

The questions explore different aspects of partnership working including:

- The overall health of the partnership – covering diversity, inclusion, power, decision making and shared vision.
- Progress with tackling climate adaptation challenges – for example; developing a shared evidence based, agreeing the purpose and priorities to be addressed and resources required.

Feedback from the questions will help pinpoint weaknesses in your current approach to developing the partnership and will also identify where good progress is being made.

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Questions

Question 1: Is the partnership made up of diverse and capable partners who inspire others?

- We have a range of partners in different sectors, and from local to national level governance

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- We actively engage and collaborate with the wider community to progress adaptation

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- Partners overcome and learn from setbacks to strengthen the partnership and progress adaptation actions in the community

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Question 2: How does the partnership respond to changes?

- We regularly review our operating principles to reflect changing values and priorities

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- The partnership vision for the future is evolving with input from partners

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- Partners are happy to move into and step back from leadership roles, and share influence

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- There is a supportive learning culture of trial and error and innovative thinking is encouraged

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Question 3: Does the partnership provide equal opportunities for all?

- We encourage and support new/less experienced partners to step into decision-making roles

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- Adaptation actions that champion climate justice and equity are prioritised

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- All partners have some role or ownership in one or more adaptation actions

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Question 4: Does the partnership have a robust evidence base that is used in decision-making?

- Adaptation activities are prioritised based on learning from monitoring and evaluation

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- The evidence base is routinely updated to reflect new knowledge and insights

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- All partners have access to the evidence base to support decision-making

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Question 5: How has the partnership benefited society?

- The adaptation actions that we are implementing are reducing climate risks and optimising opportunities in line with agreed targets and priorities

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- Our adaptation actions address barriers to equality

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- We are a trusted source of knowledge and resource who can support others

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- We feed into the development of national and sub-national adaptation priorities

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Question 6: Are there resources in place to maintain and grow partnership actions long-term?

- We commit substantial resources to enable learnership, management and development of the partnership over minimum three year intervals

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- We develop successful business cases and secure finance for implementing adaptation actions

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We secure resources from a wide range of sources – for example, public, private and philanthropic finance

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Use the space below to reflect on your responses above:

- What areas do you need to develop to strengthen the partnership approach to climate adaptation?
- What can you contribute and what is needed from others?