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## **1.Introduction**

This report is an outcome of the BEACON (Built Environment Learning for Climate Adaptation) project, a pioneering endeavor funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. The core objective of the BEACON project is to cultivate competencies in climate change adaptation through the development of an innovative, trans-disciplinary, and research-based learning approach. Focused on coastal regions, which face unique challenges due to climate change, this project sets out to identify the specific impact of climate change on the built environment in these vulnerable areas. In doing so, it aims to create a comprehensive framework that seamlessly integrates the requirements of the Paris Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 (SFDRR).

By recognizing the opportunities for climate adaptation within this coherent framework, the BEACON project endeavors to address skills gaps in climate adaptation and foster sustainable practices in the coastal built environment. Through the development of a trans-disciplinary and innovative research-based learning approach, this project seeks to empower communities and professionals to effectively tackle the challenges of climate change and build a resilient future for their coastal environments. The subsequent sections of this report delve into the major objectives and key findings of the BEACON project, presenting valuable insights for advancing climate resilience in coastal regions.

#### 1.1 Introduction to Output 07

This report is titled "A Competency Framework for Built Environment Professionals to Address Climate Change in Coastal Regions". The primary aim of Output 07 is to create a comprehensive competency framework tailored for professionals operating within the built environment sector. With this competency framework as a foundation, the project endeavors to establish an innovative and trans-disciplinary research-based learning platform, focusing on enhancing competencies in climate change adaptation. The development of the competency framework was guided by the following sub-objectives:

- 1. Identifying and defining the essential competencies required for professionals in the built environment sector to effectively address climate change in coastal regions.
- 2. Developing a validated competency framework to ensure its efficacy and relevance in real-world scenarios.

#### **1.2 Methodology**

#### 1.2.1 Types of data

The study utilized both primary and secondary data for its research. Secondary data was obtained from output 3 and 4 of the project, allowing the researchers to identify the specific built environment professionals for whom the report was developed. It also helped in pinpointing key skill and knowledge gaps in the field. Additionally, the secondary data played a crucial role in forming a panel of experts who would later review and validate the draft competency framework.

On the other hand, primary data was collected directly from an expert panel of built environment professionals. The primary data collection also enabled the experts to critique and validate the draft competency framework, ensuring its robustness and effectiveness.

By combining both primary and secondary data, the study was able to develop a comprehensive and validated competency framework tailored to address climate change in coastal regions effectively. The use of expert insights and existing project outputs added depth and credibility to the findings, making the resulting framework a valuable resource for built environment professionals in their efforts to tackle climate change challenges.

#### **1.2.2 Data collection techniques**

#### Secondary data collection techniques:

Secondary data were collected using a systematic review of the key project outputs, closely studying the results from output 3 and 4 to identify the Built Environment professionals and key gaps. Additionally, a literature review was conducted to identify various types of competency development frameworks and determine the most appropriate type of framework for the project.

By integrating the findings from these reviews, the study gathered valuable insights and selected the most suitable approach to develop the competency framework for addressing climate change in coastal regions.

#### Primary data collection techniques:

The study utilized an online questionnaire to collect primary data from the aforementioned panel of experts. The Built Environment experts represented different fields affiliated with the built environment, including academia, management, engineering, architecture, and government officials, among others. The experts were nominated by partner universities of the project.

Nominating University	Expert
1. University of Colombo, Sri Lanka	<ul> <li>Deputy Director General - Sri Lanka Tourism Development Board</li> <li>Assistant Director - Disaster Management Centre</li> <li>Former Scientist - National Building Research Organization</li> <li>Senior Lecturer - Meteorology and Climatology)</li> <li>Senior Lecturer (Bio geography)</li> <li>Civil Engineer</li> <li>Sociologist</li> </ul>
<ol> <li>University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Sustainability Manager</li> <li>Lecturer</li> <li>Technical Specialist</li> <li>Technical Coordinator</li> <li>Project Engineer</li> </ul>
3. University of Malta, Malta	<ul> <li>Engineer</li> <li>Geoscientist</li> <li>Architect</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Renewable Energy and Project Manager</li> <li>Urban Planner</li> </ul>

Table 1: Panel of experts

	• In charge of climate adaptation		
4. University of Lund, Sweden	• Project leader Gothenburg region on climate		
	adaptation		
	• National climate change adaptation in the built		
	environment coordinator		
	• Climate adaptation coordinator, County Admin		
	board		
	• Researcher working on climate adaptation		
	• Climate adaptation officer -holistic long-term		
	solutions		
	• Researcher		
	• Water strategist and planning and building		
	legislation expert		
	Construction Planner and Project Manager		
5. University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka	• Procurement and Logistics specialist.		
	Disaster Management		
	• Architect		
	• Urban Planner		
	Civil Engineer		
	Construction Planner and Project Manager		
6. IHCantabria - Universidad de	• Procurement and Logistics specialist.		
Cantabria, Spain	Disaster Management		
	• Architect		
	• Urban Planner		
	Civil Engineering		

Source: Own data, 2023

The questionnaire provided detailed information about the overall framework, as well as specific details regarding basic, intermediate, and advanced competencies proposed by the draft framework. Additionally, it included inter-connected questions regarding the appropriateness of each tier, each competency, and their components. By gathering feedback and insights from these experts through the questionnaire, the study aimed to rigorously assess and validate the competency framework, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness for addressing climate change in coastal regions.

### **1.3 Data analysis**

The data collected from the online questionnaire was analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS), which facilitated statistical analysis and quantitative interpretation of the responses. On the other hand, the data gathered from secondary sources was analyzed using the thematic analysis method. This qualitative approach involved identifying themes and patterns within the data, providing a deeper understanding of the information obtained from various sources, such as journal articles, research papers, and reports. By employing both quantitative and qualitative analysis methods, the study was able to gain comprehensive insights and draw meaningful conclusions to support the development and validation of the competency framework for climate change adaptation in coastal regions.

# 2. Findings

#### **2.1 Introduction**

This chapter of the report discusses the findings derived from secondary data sources. Firstly, the chapter delineates the key competencies required for Built Environment professionals to effectively counter the impacts of climate change on the coastal regions of Sri Lanka. It thoroughly examines the process of identifying skill and knowledge gaps, drawing insights from project outputs 3,4,5 and 6. Secondly, the chapter illustrates the results obtained from the analysis of different types of competency frameworks and the selection of the most appropriate model for developing competency frameworks.

#### 2.2 Identifying skill and knowledge gaps

In Outputs 3, 4, 5, and 6, significant skill gaps among built environment professionals were identified. According to the report from Output 6, these skill gaps were evident in all partnering countries, and they were duly highlighted within their respective regions. These skills and knowledge gaps are discussed in the Table 2.1 below.

Skill Gaps	Knowledge Gaps
1.Communication skills Negotiation skills, conveying decisions	1. Application of theoretical knowledge and vice versa
2.Technical skills Computer modeling, mapping, programming etc.	<ol> <li>Green building concepts         Radiant floors/Gray water recycling/Solar power/energy efficient window systems/municipal waste management     </li> </ol>
3. Language skills English language proficiency	3. Climate change & Mitigation and adaptation knowledge

Table 2: Skill and knowledge gaps

	Climate financing, Sea Level Rise (SLR), global warming, greenhouse effect, heat island effect, alternation of ocean currents/difference between adaptation and mitigation, etc.	
4.Integrated working skills	4.Research and investigation	
Working as a team/group, team management, decision making etc.	Ethical considerations, research methodology, sample selection, data collection methods and techniques, data analysis, analytical tools, data presentation, academic writing, etc.	
	5.Localization of mitigation and adaptation measures and strategies	
	6.Legislation, policies, national plans on climate change	

Source: Output 6, 2022

#### **2.3 Developing Competencies**

Based on the identified skills and knowledge gaps, the research team developed a comprehensive series of competencies. These competencies were carefully crafted to address the specific needs and challenges faced by Built Environment professionals in tackling climate change impacts on coastal regions.

#### 1. Improved communication - negotiation, dissemination

Improved communication is a vital competency for Built Environment professionals in the context of climate change adaptation. It denotes the ability to effectively convey ideas, information, and knowledge to various stakeholders, both within and outside the profession. This competency involves clear and concise articulation of complex concepts related to climate change impacts, mitigation strategies, and adaptation measures, ensuring that the intended message is comprehensible to diverse audiences. Key components or elements of improved communication encompass strong verbal and written communication skills, active listening, and the capacity to adapt the communication style to suit the audience. It also involves utilizing various communication channels, such as presentations, reports, visual aids, and digital platforms, to disseminate information efficiently. Moreover, the competency extends to fostering constructive dialogue and encouraging open discussions among team members, clients, policymakers, and communities to build collaboration and understanding.

The usefulness of improved communication cannot be overstated. Effective communication facilitates knowledge sharing and exchange of best practices among professionals, enabling them to stay updated with the latest advancements in climate change adaptation. It empowers Built Environment professionals to engage with stakeholders, including local communities and government authorities, in a way that garners support for sustainable initiatives and builds trust in climate resilience measures. Additionally, improved communication contributes to more robust decision-making processes, as it allows professionals to present data, evidence, and recommendations clearly and persuasively, ensuring that climate change adaptation efforts are well-informed and effective. Overall, this competency plays a crucial role in enhancing collaboration, fostering resilience, and promoting positive change in the face of climate challenges within coastal regions.

#### 2. Advance digital literacy - computer modeling, mapping, programming

The competency of advanced digital literacy, encompassing computer modeling, mapping, and programming, holds significant importance for Built Environment professionals in the realm of climate change adaptation. This competency involves proficiency in utilizing advanced digital tools and technologies to analyze, model, and map various aspects related to climate change impacts and adaptation strategies. It empowers professionals to leverage data-driven insights and simulations to make informed decisions and devise effective climate resilience measures.

Its key components or elements include expertise in computer modeling software, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), data analysis tools, and programming languages. Proficient use of these tools allows professionals to simulate and visualize potential climate scenarios, analyze spatial data, and develop data-driven solutions for climate adaptation in coastal regions.

Additionally, it enables the integration of complex datasets, fostering a holistic understanding of the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change.

As a competency it equips Built Environment professionals with the capability to create sophisticated climate models and predictive simulations, enabling them to assess the potential impacts of climate change on coastal areas accurately. Through advanced mapping techniques, professionals can identify vulnerable regions, assess risks, and design targeted adaptation strategies to mitigate climate-related risks effectively. Moreover, the competency enables professionals to develop innovative technological solutions, such as smart infrastructure and real-time monitoring systems, which contribute to building climate-resilient coastal environments.

#### 3. Fluency in global languages – English language proficiency

The competency of English language literacy is an essential skill for Built Environment professionals, particularly when dealing with computer modeling, mapping, and programming in the context of climate change adaptation. Improved communication through English language proficiency denotes the ability to articulate complex ideas, technical concepts, and data insights effectively in written and verbal forms, using English as the medium of communication. This competency ensures that professionals can communicate with colleagues, stakeholders, and international partners, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange in a global context.

Key components of English language literacy encompass strong language comprehension, accurate grammar and vocabulary usage, and the capacity to convey information concisely and coherently. This proficiency enables Built Environment professionals to write detailed reports, research papers, and proposals that are clear and easily understandable by diverse audiences, including international peers and funding agencies. Additionally, effective verbal communication skills empower professionals to present their findings confidently and participate in discussions, conferences, and meetings on climate change adaptation, enhancing their influence and impact on the global stage.

In a world interconnected by digital platforms and global collaborations, English serves as a common language for knowledge sharing and dissemination. Professionals proficient in English can access a vast pool of research, resources, and best practices, keeping abreast of the latest advancements in computer modeling, mapping, and programming for climate change adaptation.

Furthermore, it facilitates cross-cultural exchanges, enabling professionals to collaborate with experts from diverse backgrounds and learn from different perspectives, thus enriching their climate resilience efforts in coastal regions worldwide.

#### 4. Integrated working skills - teamwork, team management etc.

The competency of integrated working skills, encompassing teamwork and team management, in conjunction with computer modeling, mapping, and programming, is indispensable for Built Environment professionals engaged in climate change adaptation. Improved communication within this competency denotes the ability to foster seamless collaboration and effective coordination within multidisciplinary teams working on climate resilience projects. It involves clear and open communication channels, facilitating the exchange of ideas, sharing of data insights, and addressing challenges collectively.

Key components of integrated working skills include the capacity to promote teamwork, build strong interpersonal relationships, and manage diverse teams efficiently. Professionals adept at team management can create a collaborative and inclusive work environment, encouraging each team member to contribute their expertise and unique perspectives. Effective communication within the team ensures that information flows smoothly, leading to streamlined decision-making processes and the timely implementation of climate adaptation strategies.

In complex climate change adaptation projects, teamwork is essential for harnessing diverse skill sets and knowledge to develop comprehensive solutions. With improved communication and team management, professionals can effectively integrate computer modeling, mapping, and programming expertise into their collective efforts. This seamless collaboration enhances the accuracy and precision of climate impact assessments and empowers professionals to design innovative and data-driven adaptation measures for coastal regions.

#### 5. Comprehensive knowledge on climate change

The competency of Comprehensive Knowledge on Climate Change is crucial for Built Environment professionals engaged in climate change adaptation efforts. Improved communication within this competency denotes the ability to effectively convey and share in-depth knowledge and insights about climate change and its impacts on coastal regions. It involves the skill of presenting complex scientific concepts in a clear and accessible manner, making the information understandable to various stakeholders, including policymakers, communities, and other professionals.

Key components of Improved Communication within the context of Comprehensive Knowledge on Climate Change include the capacity to translate scientific research and data into practical applications. Professionals with this competency can communicate the latest findings and best practices related to climate change adaptation, helping stakeholders grasp the urgency and importance of resilience measures in coastal areas. Moreover, the ability to engage in informative and persuasive communication fosters a shared understanding of climate change challenges, leading to better-informed decisions and a more concerted effort towards sustainable solutions.

Built Environment professionals equipped with comprehensive knowledge on climate change can act as effective advocates for climate resilience, championing innovative strategies to address environmental challenges. By communicating effectively, they can raise awareness, build consensus, and mobilize support for initiatives that promote climate adaptation and mitigation. Furthermore, the competency empowers professionals to engage in evidence-based dialogue, collaborating with stakeholders to design adaptive measures tailored to the specific needs of coastal regions.

#### 6. Comprehensive knowledge on research and investigation

Comprehensive knowledge on research and investigation is a vital competency for built environment professionals, encompassing a broad range of skills and expertise. This competency denotes the ability to conduct thorough and systematic research and investigation related to various aspects of the built environment, including architecture, construction, urban planning, and environmental sustainability. It goes beyond surface-level understanding and requires professionals to delve into complex issues, analyze data, and draw meaningful conclusions.

The key components or elements of this competency involve proficiency in various research methodologies, data collection techniques, data analysis, and critical thinking. Built environment professionals must possess the capability to identify research gaps, formulate research questions, and design appropriate methodologies to address these questions effectively. Moreover, they

should be adept at using both quantitative and qualitative research approaches, as well as having an understanding of how to interpret and present research findings accurately.

This competency directly impacts the quality and sustainability of the built environment. Through comprehensive research and investigation, professionals can gain valuable insights into the latest trends, best practices, and innovative solutions within the industry. They can identify potential challenges and risks, allowing for informed decision-making and proactive problem-solving. Moreover, this competency enables professionals to contribute to the advancement of the field through the generation of new knowledge, theories, and practical applications. Ultimately, a comprehensive understanding of research and investigation empowers built environment professionals to create more efficient, safe, and environmentally conscious projects and developments, thus benefiting society as a whole.

By honing these competencies, Built Environment professionals can continue to champion climate resilience, advocate for evidence-based approaches, and spearhead initiatives that ensure a more sustainable and secure future for both current and future generations. As they engage in constructive dialogue, leverage technology, and conduct comprehensive research, these professionals play a vital role in shaping a climate-resilient built environment that can withstand the challenges posed by climate change in the years to come.

#### 2.4 Reviewing existing frameworks

As discussed previously, another objective of the outcome is to explore the existing competency frameworks for built environmental professionals. This exploration aimed to gain a comprehensive understanding of the various competency models currently available within the field of climate change adaptation and its relevance to the built environment. By delving into these frameworks in detail, the researchers achieved;

 Identification of sub competencies: An expectation was to identify and extract relevant sub-competencies that are specifically tailored to the challenges of climate change adaptation within the built environment sector. By analyzing different frameworks, it was expected to pinpoint the sub skills and expertise required for professionals to effectively address climate-related issues and develop sustainable solutions.

- Identification of the suitability for the current Project: Another key expectation was to assess the suitability of each framework for the objectives and scope of the current project. It was crucial to determine whether the identified competency models aligned with the project's focus on coastal regions and the unique challenges they face in adapting to climate change.
- 3. Identification of a holistic approach: The exploration of competency frameworks aimed to seek a comprehensive and well-rounded approach that covers a broad range of competencies. The expectation was to find frameworks that encompass various dimensions, including technical, communication, leadership, teamwork, and research skills, providing a holistic view of the required expertise for climate change adaptation in the built environment.
- 4. Attain clarity and applicability: It was expected that the explored frameworks would provide clear and practical descriptions of each competency. The aim was to find frameworks that are easy to understand, implement, and apply within the context of the current project's objectives and the broader field of climate change adaptation.
- 5. Proven Efficacy: The exploration sought to identify competency frameworks that have been successfully utilized and validated in real-world scenarios by built environmental professionals. This expectation aimed to ensure that the chosen framework has a track record of enhancing professionals' capabilities and contributing to tangible and sustainable outcomes in climate change adaptation efforts.

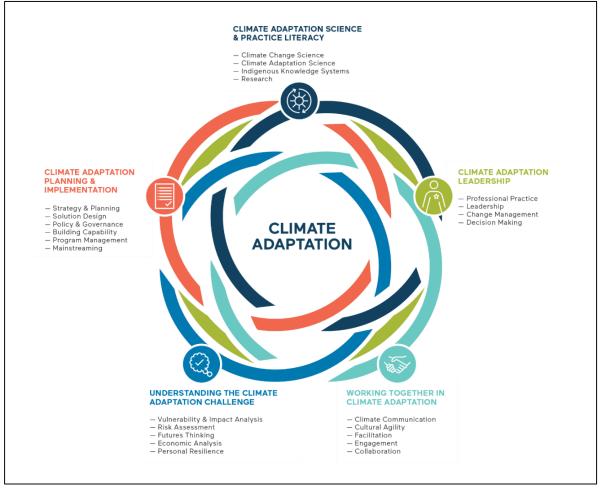
#### 2.4.1 Climate Change Adaptation Competency Framework

The Adaptation Learning Network Project, led by Dr. Robin Cox and the Resilience by Design (RbD) Lab of Royal Roads University developed this competency framework. It was funded by Natural Resources Canada and the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. The design and development process of the Climate Adaptation Competency Framework has involved the contributions and insights of many subject matter experts and practitioners of climate adaptation, as well as other parties with a vested interest in the use of such a framework.

#### **Objectives of The Competency Framework**

The Climate Adaptation Competency Framework attempts to illustrate the different breadth of competencies necessary to deal with and prepare for a climate change-altered present and future. It details the central competencies required by professional adaptation specialists and individuals working in a profession or field in which climate concerns and climate adaptation are being integrated. It provides individuals, managers, and teams with a shared understanding of what competencies are necessary for leading, delivering, and implementing climate adaptation plans, strategies, policies, programs, and projects.

Figure 1: Climate Change Adaptation Competency Framework



Source: Adaptation learning network, 2021

#### **Domains of The Framework**

#### 1. Climate Adaptation Science & Practice Literacy

Climate adaptation requires a foundation of knowledge or literacy in a number of scientific areas and from diverse worldviews and perspectives. These include understanding and being able to bridge, and apply knowledge drawn from both Western climate science and climate models and Indigenous knowledge systems. It requires understanding and an ability to apply systems thinking and climate adaptation science to a range of issues and opportunities.

#### 2. Climate Adaptation Leadership

Effective leadership in the context of climate adaptation is adaptive, flexible, emotionally intelligent and culturally informed. This orientation to leadership recognizes the need for collaboration and cooperation amongst diverse rights-holders and stakeholders and is guided by principles and practices of culturally appropriate engagement, reconciliation, change management and adaptive decision-making processes.

#### 3. Working Together in Climate Adaptation

Problem-solving in the context of complex or wicked problems such as climate change is fundamentally collaborative, relying on the insights and wisdom of multiple rights-holders and stakeholders, and generative, culturally safe dialogue and learning. Working in this space requires strong science-communication skills (Indigenous and Western science); the ability to engage diverse parties; and to foster a sense of commitment and ownership of the problem that translates into shared understanding and action.

#### 4. Understanding the Climate Adaptation Challenge

Understanding a climate adaptation challenge requires an orientation to problem-solving that is grounded in the understanding of the uncertainty, unpredictability and the complexity of climate change and its impact on human (social, built, economic) and ecological systems. This approach to climate challenges understands that there is no single, definitive solution, rather that there are solutions that are better or worse or more or less adaptive or even maladaptive. Each solution may result in new, sometimes unanticipated consequences. Working with this kind of complexity

requires a systematic and holistic analysis of the risks and impacts of both the problem and the solutions; assessing who and what is, or will be, most vulnerable; and iterating and learning from adaptation measures that are implemented.

#### 5. Climate Adaptation Planning & Implementation

As with unpacking the problem, the generation and implementation of climate adaptation measures relies on a systematic, holistic, and inclusive approach that is guided by an appreciation of the goal of maximizing long-term social and ecological resilience, biodiversity, economic and financial viability and, finally, mainstreaming adaptation. Climate adaptation planning and implementation require being responsive to recognized policies, standards, regulations and agreements and applying a collaborative and outcomes-based approach that supports ongoing learning and iteration of ideas and strategies that flow from systematic monitoring and evaluation.

The framework carries information on the steps involved with implementing the project and developing proficiency scale and role descriptions. The report is available for download at;

https://adaptationlearningnetwork.com/sites/weadapt.org/files/aln-competencyframework\_2021\_1.pdf

#### 2.4.2 Advanced Manufacturing Competency Model

This model was developed by the United States Department of Labour for the manufacturing sector. This competency model is descriptive, rather than process-oriented, and shows the relationship between distinctly different attributes, or competencies, that are necessary to ensure professional success.

The Advanced Manufacturing Competency Model is depicted in a pyramid graph with nine tiers. This shape illustrates how occupational and industry competencies are built on the foundation of personal effectiveness, academic, and workplace competencies. Each tier is comprised of blocks representing the skills, knowledge, and abilities essential for successful performance in the Advanced Manufacturing industry. The competencies at the base of the model apply to many industries and as a user moves up the model, the competencies become industry and occupation specific. However, the graph is not intended to represent a sequence of competency attainment or to suggest that certain competencies are of greater value than others. The graph is accompanied by a table which contains definitions and associated key behaviors for each competency block.

#### Tiers

#### 1. Tier 1 – Personal Effectiveness Competencies

This tier represents personal attributes or "soft skills" essential for all roles of life. Personal effectiveness competencies generally are learned in the home or community and reinforced at the school or workplace.

#### 2. Tier 2 - Academic Competencies

Academic competencies are critical competencies primarily learned in a school setting. They include cognitive functions and thinking styles that are likely to apply to most industries and occupations.

#### 3. Tier 3 - Workplace Competencies

Workplace Competencies represent motives and traits, as well as interpersonal and selfmanagement styles. They generally apply to many occupations and industries.

#### 4. Tier 4 - Industry-Wide Technical Competencies

Wide Technical Competencies represent the knowledge and skills that are common across sectors within an industry. These technical competencies build on, but are more specific than, the competencies represented on lower tiers.

#### 5. Tier 5 - Industry- Sector Technical Competencies

Technical Competencies represent a sub-set of industry technical competencies that are specific to an industry sector.

#### 6. Tiers 6 through 9

These represent the specializations that occur within specific occupations within of an industry. Information on occupational competencies is available at <a href="https://www.onetonline.org/">https://www.onetonline.org/</a> The framework is available for download at:

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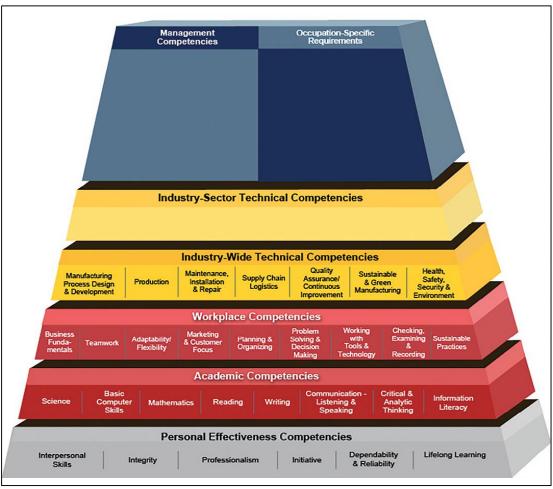


Figure 2: Advance manufacturing competency model

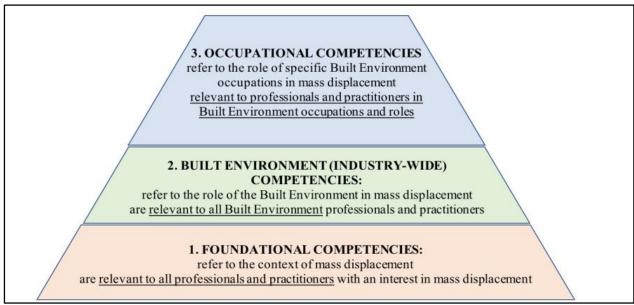
Source: United States Department of Labour, 2022

#### 2.4.3 REGARD Competency Framework for Built Environment Professionals

This competency framework was developed under the project called REGARD, which stands for Rebuilding After Displacement. The target group of the competency framework was Built Environment professionals, and this was aimed at addressing the needs of the host and the displaced communities. The REGARD framework adopted the Missouri Green Industry Competency model in developing the Regard competency framework.

This framework consists of three tiers, which address the foundational competencies, industrywide competencies, and occupational competencies. The 1<sup>st</sup> tier refers to the context of mass displacement while the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier refers to the role of the built environment professionals. Furthermore, the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier refers to the role of certain built environment professions in mass displacement, relevant to the professionals in specific built environment occupations. The structure of the competency framework is as follows.

Figure 3:Regard Competency Framework



Source: Regard Output 4 report, 2023

#### Tier 1

Tier 1 of the competency framework comprises foundational knowledge and skills necessary for professionals addressing displacement. It encompasses understanding the causes, contexts, and dynamics of mass displacement, and familiarizing oneself with legal, policy, and institutional frameworks governing displacement. Professionals must grasp the societal impacts on displaced populations and engage with diverse stakeholders involved. Additionally, they should address specific challenges such as language barriers, healthcare access, and discrimination. Social cohesion, cultural awareness, and integration play a crucial role in facilitating successful interventions. Moreover, cross-cutting issues like resilience and sustainable development are emphasized to ensure long-term solutions. By drawing lessons from past case studies, professionals can continuously improve their approaches to support and integrate displaced populations effectively. This foundational tier equips them with the necessary groundwork to navigate the complexities of mass displacement and work towards sustainable and inclusive solutions.

#### Tier 2

Tier 2 of the competency framework for mass displacement centers on integrating competencies to address the challenges posed by displacement. Professionals need to understand the contextual differences in displacement causes, scales, and dynamics between industrialized and developing countries. Additionally, they must navigate the relevant policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks, including land issues, building codes, and regional strategies. Cross-cutting issues are emphasized in the second tier, encompassing disaster resilience, green and sustainable solutions, and inclusivity for vulnerable groups in the Built Environment. Managing interventions involves economic and financial considerations, stakeholder engagement, and adherence to ethical and professional standards. Housing and infrastructure components cover various housing types and stages, the significance of housing for social cohesion and inclusivity, and the importance of essential services such as water, sanitation, energy, and waste management. Lessons from past intervention cases aid in refining strategies for creating resilient and sustainable built environments for displaced populations. Tier 2 equips professionals with specialized knowledge and skills to design and implement effective and inclusive interventions, fostering resilient and supportive built environments amidst mass displacement challenges.

#### Tier 3

Tier 3 of the competency framework focuses on the occupational competencies needed in planning and design to tackle mass displacement challenges. Professionals must comprehend how planning and design can alleviate displacement complexities and create resilient built environments. They must consider repair, rebuild, or resettle decisions, disaster resilience, environmental sustainability, and the policy framework. Addressing infrastructure and service needs, housing planning and design, and public building inclusivity are essential. Stakeholder engagement, life cycle considerations, and learning from past cases aid in developing innovative and sustainable solutions. Equipped with these competencies, planning and design professionals can effectively contribute to creating inclusive and resilient built environments that meet the needs of displaced populations.

The full description of the competency framework is available at <a href="https://regardproject.com/portal/images/Downloads/REGARD\_Output\_04\_-">https://regardproject.com/portal/images/Downloads/REGARD\_Output\_04\_-</a>
Competency Framework Report - Draft final version V21 - October 2021.pdf

# **3.** Developing the competency framework

#### **3.1 Introduction**

The chapter outlines each crucial step, from the initial development of the framework to the establishment of key tiers, the inclusion of relevant information, the rigorous process of revising and validating, and ultimately, the finalization of the framework. This systematic approach ensures that the competency model is robust, effective, and tailor-made to tackle the unique demands of mass displacement.

#### 3.2 Selecting a framework model

The competency framework employed in the REGARD project was chosen as the most suitable model for the current study due to several compelling reasons. Firstly, the framework underwent testing and development by a consortium of partner universities, including those involved in the current project. The University of Tallinn, Estonia, played a pivotal role in crafting this framework, specifically addressing the competencies of built professionals in the context of mass displacement, as discussed earlier.

Secondly, the framework's advantage lies in its ability to leverage inputs from the University of Tallinn and other partner institutions within the consortium. This collaborative approach ensures that the competency model benefits from diverse perspectives and expertise, fostering a well-rounded and comprehensive understanding of the challenges presented by climate change in the built environment.

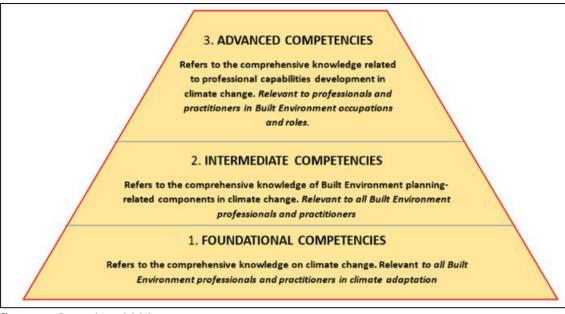
Moreover, the framework's capacity to cater to different categories of built environment professionals is a significant asset. By accommodating various disciplines and expertise, the competency model can effectively complement their respective understandings and awareness, promoting a more holistic and inclusive approach to address climate change and coastal erosion.

#### **3.3 Developing a draft competency framework**

The research team initially developed a draft competency framework comprising three tiers for built environment professionals. The first tier encompasses basic competencies, providing a foundational understanding of the field. Moving to the second tier, intermediate competencies offer a deeper level of expertise in specialized areas. Finally, the third tier encompasses advanced competencies, representing the pinnacle of knowledge and skills. This three-tiered framework offers a systematic and progressive pathway for professionals to excel in their careers, ensuring they are well-prepared to address the diverse and evolving challenges in the built environment related to climate change and coastal resilience.

- Foundational Competencies : Refers to the comprehensive knowledge on climate change. Relevant to all built environment professionals and practitioners in climate adaptation
- Intermediate Competencies : Refers to the comprehensive knowledge on built environment planning related components in climate change. Relevant to all built environment professionals and practitioners in climate adaptation
- Advanced Competencies : Refers to the comprehensive knowledge related to professional capabilities development in climate change. Relevant to all built environment professionals and practitioners in built environment occupations and roles

Figure 4: Initial competency structure



Source: Own data,2023

The following section presents the key competencies promoted in the initial draft of the competency framework.

#### (TIER 01) Foundational Competencies

1.	Ur	nderstand climate change and its impacts on coastal areas and the built
	en	vironment.
	•	Understand climate variability and change.
	•	Identify and understand the causes and impacts of climate change.
	•	Understand the spatial and temporal changes of climate change impacts.
	٠	Assess climate-related disasters and natural disasters, with a disaster risk management
		approach.
	•	Understand the climate change impacts on coastal environments.
2.	Us	e new trends and predictions in climate change adaptation.
	٠	Understand the importance of data in climate change studies, decision-making, and
		planning.
	•	Understand how predictions on SLR and coastal impacts can be used in decision-
		making and planning.

- 3. Understand climate change mitigation and adaptation.
  - Demonstrate the differences between mitigation and adaptation.
  - Identify the importance of Technology in climate mitigation and adaptation.
  - Identify mitigation measures and adaptation strategies.
- 4. Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation and their responsibilities.
  - Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation.
  - Identify their responsibilities, challenges, and suggestions.
- 5. Understand the built environment and its relationship with climate change.
  - Understand the impact of climate change on the built environment and vice versa.
  - Understand the need for mitigation and adaptation in the context of recent climate changes from sectoral and holistic perspectives.

#### (TIER 02) Intermediate Competencies

- 1. Understand the Role of built environment professionals in tackling climate change.
  - Address the need for sociological, environmental, and economic considerations in planning.
  - Understand policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks in the built environment and needs of the locality to move towards Climate Change Adaptation (CCA).
  - Understand the contextual differences (developed vs developing countries)
  - Understand the global frameworks and relationships.
  - Methods to fulfill human needs while conserving nature.
  - Understand the importance of bottom-up and top-down approaches in CCA.
- 2. Understand environmentally friendly planning.
  - Basic Understanding on the Solar cycle in planning
  - Understanding the practical usage of green building concepts.
  - Application of green energies.
  - Use of environmentally friendly building materials and techniques.

• Understand the importance of Analog Forestry as a nature-friendly environment restoration method (an approach to ecological restoration which uses natural forests as guides to create ecologically stable and socio-economically productive landscapes.)

#### 3. Understand DRR in the construction industry.

- Adopt building codes and safety measurements in construction.
- Prioritize Industrial safety and health.
- Explore legal backgrounds related to the environment before construction.

#### 4. Understand Planning in different contexts.

- Understand the importance of climate resilience planning.
- Understand climate related DRR and a multi-hazard approach in planning.
- Application of environmental sustainability in planning.
- Understand integrated land-use planning and construction planning.
- Resettlement and relocation.
- 5. Understand the household approaches in climate change adaptation.
  - Application of household plans and designs in climate change adaptation
  - Understand the sociology of housing.
  - Understand types of housing and specific planning and design considerations.
  - Understand refurbishment of existing housing.
- 6. Use of New trends and technologies in planning and designing, to tackle climate change.
  - Understand and apply climate change-related concepts during planning and designing.
- 7. Understand how construction and facilities management address climate change.
  - Understand the organization and management of construction and maintenance of built environments.
  - Use of green construction materials and resources (green materials/low co2 emission)
  - Create Employment and livelihood opportunities (green job creation)
  - Project management
  - Procurement, contracts, and project delivery
  - Cost estimating cost control, and contract management.
  - Understand the Stakeholder engagement in construction.

- Understand new trends, technologies, and good practices in Construction and facilities management to tackle climate change.
- Housing Construction and maintenance
- Approving plans
- Stakeholder consultation and participation in community engagement with construction and maintenance

#### (TIER 03) Advanced Competencies

- 1. Understand Planning in coastal contexts.
  - Coastal adaptation strategies
  - Identify climate change adaptation strategies in coastal areas.
- 2. Use of research methods in climate research
  - Understand the research techniques.
  - Understanding the methodology of research proposal writing

#### 3. Use technical tools in climate change adaptation.

- Understand the ways of using technical tools in climate adaptation decision-making and planning.
- Understand the different methods used for climate change modeling.
- 4. Understand the environmental, social, financial, and governmental phenomena in climate change adaptation.
  - Application of interdisciplinary approaches in climate change adaptation.
  - Understand Global frameworks and local regulations which address climate change in the planning process.
  - Understand the basics of green financing and climate financing.
- 5. Understand the communication strategies in climate change adaptation.
  - Understanding communication approaches.
  - Understanding negotiation techniques in climate change under different contexts.
- 6. Understand the importance of human resource management in CCA.
  - Understanding the basics of human resources management in CCA.

#### 3.4 Refinement of the competency framework

## **Refinement Round 1**

To refine and validate the competency framework, it was shared with the expert panel of built environment professionals discussed in Chapter Two. The opinions of the experts were gathered using a three-part online questionnaire.

The 1<sup>st</sup> section of the questionnaire consisted of basic questions related to the professionals. According to the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section, 53.8% of the total respondents agreed to the structure without any changes, while 42.3% of the respondents suggested some modifications to the structure. Additionally, 11.5% of the respondents mentioned that the structure was deemed inappropriate. Based on these results, priority was given to the majority responses. However, other suggestions and comments were also taken into consideration during the refinement process of the competency framework. It should be noted that some comments and suggestions were not addressed, and further details can be found in Appendix One, along with the UOC (University of Colombo) responses.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> section, the questionnaire assessed the suitability of each competency mentioned above. The results are depicted in the table below.

Table	3:	Results	
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Competency	Acceptance results
Tier 01	
1.Understand climate change and its impact on the coastal areas and the	e built environment
	Accept=90%
1.1 Understand climate variability and change.	Revise=5%
	Remove=5%
1.2 Identify and understand the causes and impacts of climate change.	Accept=85%
	Revise=15%
	Remove=0
1.3 Understand the Spatial and temporal changes of climate change	Accept=90%
impacts	Revise=0
	Remove=10%
1.4 Understand the Spatial and temporal changes of climate change	Accept=70%
impacts	Revise=30%

	Remove=0	
1.5 Assess climate-related disasters and natural disasters, with a	Accept=80%	
disaster risk management approach.	Revise=15%	
	Remove=5%	
1.6 Understand the climate change impacts on coastal environments	Accept=90%	
	Revise=5%	
	Remove=5%	
2. Use new trends and predictions in climate change adaptation		
2.1 Understand the importance of data in climate change studies,	Accept=90%	
decision-making, and planning.	Revise=10%	
deeloion maxing, and planning.	Remove=0	
2.2 Understand how predictions on sea level rise (SLR) and coastal	Accept=90%	
impacts can be used in decision-making and planning.	Revise=10%	
inipacts can be used in decision making and plaining.	Remove=0	
3. Understand the climate change mitigation and adaptation	Remove-o	
3.1 Demonstrate the differences between mitigation and adaptation	Accept=80%	
5.1 Demonstrate the differences between intigation and adaptation	Revise=15%	
	Remove=5%	
2.2 Identify the importance of Technology in elimeter mitigation and		
3.2 Identify the importance of Technology in climate mitigation and	Accept=75% Revise=20%	
adaptation		
	Remove=5%	
3.3 Identify mitigation measures and adaptation strategies	Accept=75%	
	Revise=20%	
	Remove=5%	
4. Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and responsibilities	d mitigation and their	
4.1 Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and	Accept=95%	
mitigation.	Revise=5%	
	Remove=0	
4.2 Identify their responsibilities, challenges, and suggestions	Accept=90%	
	Revise=10%	
	Remove=0	
5.Understand the built environment and its relationship with climate change		
5.1 Understand the impact of climate change on the built environment	Accept=75%	
and vice versa	Revise=25%	
	Remove=0	
5.2 Understand the need for mitigation and adaptation in the context	Accept=80%	
of recent climate changes from sectoral and holistic perspectives	Revise=15%	
	Remove=5%	

Tier 02	
1. Understand the Role of built environment professionals in tackling c	limate change
1.1 Address the need for sociological, environmental, and economic	Accept=90%
considerations in planning.	Revise=5%
	Remove=5%
1.2 Understand policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks in the built	Accept=90%
environment and needs of the locality to move towards Climate	Revise=5%
Change Adaptation (CCA)	Remove=5%
1.3 Understand the contextual differences (developed vs developing	Accept=80%
countries)	Revise=0
	Remove=20%
1.4 Understand the global frameworks and relations among them.	Accept=75%
	Revise=12.5%
	Remove=12.5%
1.5 Methods related to fulfilling human needs while conserving nature	Accept=80%
	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
1.6 Understand the importance of bottom-up and top-down	Accept=80%
approaches in CCA.	Revise=10%
	Remove=10%
2.Understand the Environment-friendly planning	
2.1 Basic Understanding on the Solar cycle in planning	Accept=80%
	Revise=10%
	Remove=10%
2.2 Understanding the practical usage of green building concepts.	Accept=80%
	Revise=10%
	Remove=10%
2.3 Application of green energies	Accept=80%
	Revise=15%
	Remove=5%
2.4 Use of environmentally friendly building materials, Disaster	Accept=80%
Resilient infrastructure and techniques	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
2.5 Understand the importance of Analog Forestry as a nature-friendly	Accept=80%
environment restoration method (an approach to ecological	Revise=10%
restoration which uses natural forests as guides to create ecologically	Remove=10%
stable and socio-economically productive landscapes.)	
3.Understand DRR in the construction industry	

3.1 Adopt building codes and safety measurements in the	$\Lambda_{acopt} = 75\%$
	Accept=75% Revise=25%
construction.	
	Remove=0
3.2 Prioritize Industrial safety and health	Accept=85%
	Revise=10%
	Remove=5%
3.3 Explore legal backgrounds related to the environment before	Accept=80%
construction.	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
4.Understand Planning in different contexts	
4.1 Understand the importance of climate resilience planning.	Accept=92%
	Revise=8%
	Remove=0
4.2 Understand climate related DRR and a multi hazard approach in	Accept=92%
planning.	Revise=8%
	Remove=0
4.3Application of environmental sustainability in planning	Accept=92%
	Revise=8%
	Remove=0
4.4 Understand integrated land-use planning and construction	Accept=92%
planning.	Revise=8%
	Remove=0
4.5 Resettlement and relocation	Accept=88%
	Revise=8%
	Remove=4%
5.Understand the household approaches in climate change adaptation	
5.1 Application of household plans and designs in climate change	Accept=80%
adaptation	Revise=20%
1	Remove=0
5.2 Understand the sociology of housing	Accept=80%
	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
5.3 Understand types of housing and specific planning and design	Accept=85%
considerations	Revise=15%
Considerations	Remove=0
5.4 Understand refurbishment of existing housing	Accept=80%
5.7 Onderstand returbishment of existing housing	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
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6.Use of new trends and technologies, in planning and designing to tack	kie chimate change

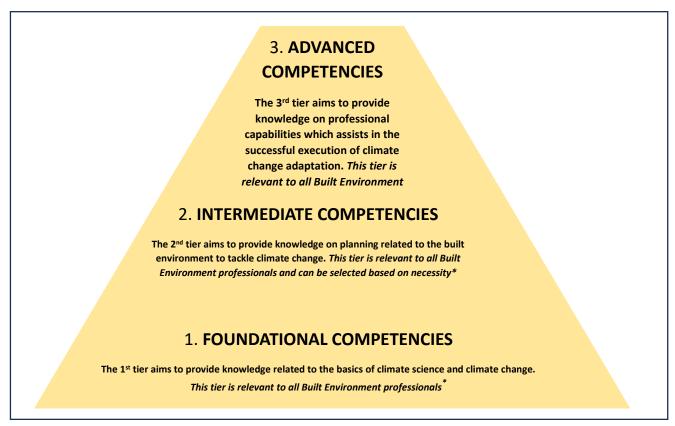
6.1 Understand and apply climate change-related concepts during	-
planning and designing	Revise=15%
	Remove=5%
7. Understand how construction and facilities management address clin	nate change
7.1 Understand the Organization and management of construction	Accept=80%
and maintenance of the built environment.	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
7.2 Use of green construction materials and resources (green	Accept=80%
materials/low co2 emission)	Revise=15%
	Remove=5%
7.3 Create Employment and livelihood opportunities (green job	Accept=85%
creation)	Revise=15%
	Remove=0
7.4 Project management	Accept=80%
	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
7.5 Procurement, contracts, and project delivery	Accept=80%
	Revise=15%
	Remove=5%
7.6 Cost estimating cost control, and contract management	Accept=85%
	Revise=15%
	Remove=0
7.7 Understand the Stakeholder engagement in construction.	Accept=95%
	Revise=5%
	Remove=0
7.8 Housing Construction and maintenance	Accept=80%
	Revise=20%
	Remove=0
7.9 Approving plans	Accept=80%
	Revise=10%
	Remove=10%
7.10 Stakeholder consultation and participation in community	Accept=95%
engagement in construction and maintenance	Revise=5%
	Remove=0
Tier 03	
1.Understand Planning in coastal contexts	
1.1Coastal adaptation strategies	Accept=75%
	Revise=20%
	Revise=20% Remove=5%

	Revise=5%	
	Remove=10%	
2.Use of research methods in climate research		
2.1Understand the research techniques	Accept=70%	
	Revise=25%	
	Remove=0	
2.2Understanding the methodology of research proposal writing	Accept=75%	
	Revise=20%	
	Remove=5%	
3.Use technical tools in climate change adaptation		
3.1Understand the ways of using technical tools, and terminologies in	Accept=85%	
climate adaptation decision-making and planning.	Revise=15%	
	Remove=0	
3.2Understand the different methods used for climate change	Accept=75%	
modeling	Revise=20%	
	Remove=5%	
4.Understand the environmental, social, financial, and governmental change adaptation	phenomena in climate	
4.1Application of interdisciplinary approach in climate change	Accept=80%	
adaptation	Revise=20%	
	Remove=0	
4.2 Understand Global frameworks and local regulations which	Accept=85%	
address climate change in the planning process	Revise=10%	
	Remove=5%	
4.3Understanding the basics of green financing and climate financing.	Accept=85%	
	Revise=10%	
	Remove=5%	
5.Understand the communication strategies in climate change adaptation	on	
5.1Understanding communication approaches	Accept=84%	
	Revise=16%	
	Remove=0	
5.2Understanding negotiation techniques in climate change under	Accept=84%	
different contexts	Revise=12%	
	Remove=4%	
6.Understand the importance of human resource management in CCA		
6.1 Understanding basics of human resources management in CCA	Accept=75%	
	Revise=15%	

Majority of the suggested changes were accepted and incorporated to the framework. Please see the appendix 1 for suggestions. According to the suggestions the framework was further revised and a version two of the framework was developed by the team.

#### 3.4.1 Refined competency framework - version 2

Figure 5: Refined competency framework-version 2



Source: Own data,2023

(TIER 01) Foundational Competencies

1.	Understanding the basics of climate science and climate change.
•	Understand the uncertainties of sea level rise and other climate components.
٠	Understand climate variability and change.
٠	Identify and understand multidisciplinary areas related to climate change, causes and
	effects, and their spatial and temporal changes.
٠	Assess climate-related disasters, with a disaster risk management approach.

- Identify the inter-relationship between environmental sustainability, climate change, growth, development and social and economic issues.
- Understand the impacts of climate change on coastal environments.

2. Using new trends and predictions on climate change adaptation

- Understand the importance of quality control, complete and representative data in climate change studies and decision-making and planning
- Understanding the uncertainties of climate impact predictions and measures to reduce uncertainties.
- Understand how predictions on sea level rise and coastal impacts can be used in decisionmaking and planning.
- Identify global and regional Early Warning (EW) Systems and service providers for EW dissemination, climate change mitigation and adaptations
- 3. Understanding climate change mitigation and adaptation
  - Demonstrate the differences between mitigation and adaptation and Identify mitigation measures and adaptation strategies.
  - Identify the importance of Technology in climate mitigation and adaptation.
  - Nature-based solutions and Ecosystem-based solutions vs grey solutions
  - Understand indigenous knowledge and knowledge of local communities on prevention of climate related impacts.
- 4. Identifying stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation and their responsibilities
  - Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation.
  - Identify their responsibilities, challenges, constraints, and suggestions.
  - Identifying the importance of an integrated disaster risk management plan for all stakeholders
  - Understand thinking and behavioral patterns of people
- 5. Understanding the built environment and its relationship to climate change
  - Understand built environment impacts on climate change and vice versa (impacts to climate change and how the built environment is impacted by climate change)

- Understand the need for mitigation and adaptation in the context of recent climate change from sectoral and holistic perspectives
- Understand indigenous knowledge related to the built environment

# (TIER 02) Intermediate Competencies

# 1. Understanding the Role of built environment professionals to tackle climate change

- Understand policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks in the built environment and local needs to move towards CCA.
- Identify responsibilities, challenges and constraints of built environment professionals and providing suggestions for challenges and constraints.
- Address sociological, environmental, and economic needs in planning.
- Understand contextual differences (Industrialized countries vs. developing countries)
- Trans-disciplinary approaches, integrating knowledge and skills from different stakeholders in design and construction.
- Methods related to fulfilling human needs while conserving nature.
- Understand the importance of bottom-to-top and top to bottom approaches in CCA.
- Understand the functions and components of the natural environment in a particular area before making decisions.

# 2. Understanding Environment-friendly planning

- Basic understanding of the Solar cycle and planning
- Understand and practical usage of green building concepts.
- Application of green energies and energy-related adaptations
- Use of environmental friendly planning, building materials, sustainable construction, disaster resilient infrastructure and techniques
- Understand more design and technical details to achieve energy efficiency during the design and construction period and the building usage period (post occupancy).
- Basic understand of the importance of Analog Forestry as a nature-friendly environment restoration method (an approach to ecological restoration which uses natural forests as guides to create ecologically stable and socio-economically productive landscapes.)
- 3. Understanding DRR in the construction industry

- Understanding key regulations related to the built environment and climate change adaptation
- Understand stakeholder engagement in construction
- Adopt building codes and safety measurements in the construction.
- Prioritize Industrial safety, human rights and health.
- Explore legal backgrounds related to environment before the construction
- Understand institutional disaster management planning and Business continuity management plan
- 4. Understanding development planning in different contexts
  - Understand the importance of climate resilience planning.
  - Adopt climate change adaptation strategies in city planning, integration of environment and climate priorities to development planning
  - Understand climate related DRR and the multi hazard approach in planning.
  - Application of environmental sustainability in planning
  - Understating servitude rights in land use planning together with development activities.
  - Use of new trends and technologies in planning and designing to tackle climate change
  - Good practices in construction and facilities management to tackle climate change
  - Understand integrated land-use planning and construction planning. (Inter-relationships between environmental sustainability, climate change, growth, development, poverty, social and economic issues)
  - Design and Resettlement, relocation criteria
- 5. Understanding household approaches in climate change adaptation
  - Application of household plans and designs in climate change adaptation
  - Understand sociology of housing
  - Understand types of housing and specific planning and design considerations
  - Understand refurbishment of existing housing
  - Understand the importance of having an insurance scheme
- 6. Understanding how construction and facilities management address climate change

- Understand organization and management of construction and maintenance of the built environment.
- Use of green construction materials and resources (green materials/low co2 emission)
- Create employment and livelihood opportunities (green job creation)
- Project management
- Procurement, contracts, and project delivery
- Cost estimating cost control, and contract management
- Risk financing, risk insurance
- Housing construction and maintenance
- Approving plans
- Stakeholder consultation and participation in community engagement in construction and maintenance
- Understand the importance of empowering the media sector to promote community participation and engagement in construction and maintenance

# 7. Understanding Planning in coastal contexts

- Understand coastal zone management planning, coastal resource mapping and coastal risk mapping
- Coastal adaptation strategies
- Identify climate change adaptation strategies in coastal areas
- Case studies and best practices

# (TIER 03) Advanced Competencies

- Using research methods in climate research

   Understanding action research in climate change adaptation
   Understand research techniques.
   Understand location-specific useable research techniques.
   Understanding research proposal writing

   Using technical tools in climate change adaptation
  - Understand the uncertainties of climate change modeling.

- Understand the ways of using technical tools, and terminologies in climate adaptation decision-making and planning.
- Understand different methods used for climate change modeling, climate change impact prediction and risk assessment.

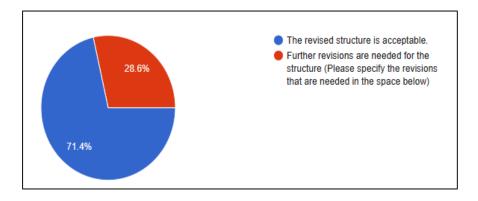
# **3.** Understanding the environmental, social, financial, and governance phenomenon in climate change adaptation

- Application of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches in climate change adaptation
- Understand global frameworks and local regulations which address climate change in the planning process.
- Understanding on marketing mileage the economic value addition that can be given for tourism related built environment
- Environmental regulations, legislation and tools
- Environmental ethics and responsibilities.
- Understanding the basics of green financing and climate financing.
- 4. Understanding the communication strategies in climate change adaptation
  - Understanding communication approaches
  - Understanding negotiation techniques in climate change under different contexts
- 5. Understanding the importance of human resource management in CCA
  - Understanding the basics of human resources management in CCA
  - Knowledge of the administrative system
  - Environmental Management leadership

#### **Refinement Round 2**

Version 1 of the competency framework was subjected to a second refinement round and further refined based on comments. Also, final acceptance for each tier was obtained.

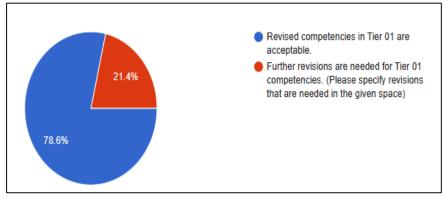
Figure 6: Overall Acceptance of the framework



Source: Own data,2023

Accordingly, the overall structure was accepted by 71.4% of the respondents while another 28.6% suggested further revision (See figure 6).

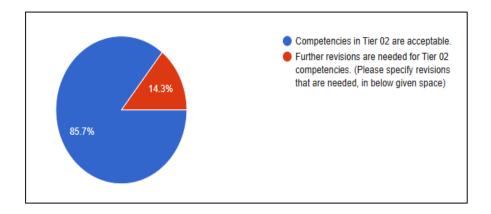
Figure 7	: Acceptance	of the competencie	es in tier 01
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Source: Own data, 2023

On the topic of tier 01, 78.6% of the respondents accepted the contents with 21.4% of respondents voting for further revisions.

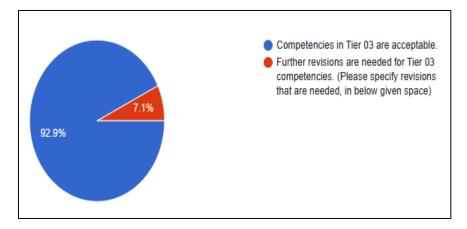
Figure 8: Acceptance of the competencies in tier 02



Source: Own data, 2023

As, for the second tier, 85.7% of the respondents accepted the competencies without any change while 14.3% of respondents recommended further suggestions for the tier.

Figure 9: Acceptance of the competencies in tier 03



Source: Own data, 2023

The third tier of the framework was accepted by 92.9% of the respondents, while 7.1% suggested further revision.

#### **3.4.2** Major changes to the tiers

During the final round of refinement, a significant change was made to the competency framework. Based on the feedback received during the refinement process, the contents of the advanced competency tier were moved to the intermediate tier, and vice versa, in order to better align the framework with the professionals' needs. Additionally, the title of the tier was revised from "foundational competencies" to "basic competencies" to accurately reflect its content and level. These adjustments were made to ensure that the competency framework accurately represents the progressive skill development required for built environment professionals, and to enhance its overall effectiveness and relevance.

After these changes and refinement the second version of the competency framework was adopted as the final version of the framework.

# 4. Competency Framework for Built Environment Professionals to Tackle Climate Change in Coastal Regions

#### **4.1 Introduction**

This chapter presents the finalized competency framework for Built Environment Professionals to Tackle Climate Change in Coastal Regions. It incorporates the comments and opinions of the panel of built environment experts and the inputs from the project partners. The competency framework is organized into three tiers: basic, intermediate, and advanced. Each tier caters to different groups of built environment professionals, offering a progressive pathway for skill development and expertise in addressing climate change challenges in coastal regions.

#### (TIER 01) Basic Competencies

1.	Understand the basics of climate science and climate change
•	Understand the uncertainties of sea level rise and other climate components.

Comprehend climate variability and change.

• Identify and understand multidisciplinary areas related to climate change, causes and effects, and their spatial and temporal changes.

- Understand the compound effects of climate change, and importance of risk and vulnerability assessment.
- Assess climate-related disasters, with a disaster risk management approach.
- Identify the inter-relationship between environmental sustainability, climate change, growth, development and social and economic issues.
- Understand the impacts of climate change on coastal environments
- 2. Comprehend new trends and predictions on climate change adaptation
- Understand the importance of quality control, complete and representative data in climate change studies and decision-making and planning
- Understand the uncertainties of climate impact predictions and measures to reduce uncertainties.
- Incorporate how predictions on sea level rise and coastal impacts can be used in decisionmaking and planning.
- Identify global and regional Early Warning(EW) Systems and service providers for EW dissemination, climate change mitigation and adaptations
- 3. Understand climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Demonstrate the differences between mitigation and adaptation
- Identify mitigation measures and adaptation strategies.
- Identify the importance of technology in climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Identify nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based solutions vs. grey solutions
- Understand indigenous knowledge and knowledge of local communities on prevention of climate related impacts (knowledge and experiences of local people on adaptation to CC and their applicability.)
- 4. Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation and their responsibilities
- Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Comprehend their responsibilities, challenges, constraints, and suggestions.
- Understand the importance of an integrated disaster risk management plan for all stakeholders
- Realize about the thinking and behavioral patterns of people

- 5. Understand the built environment and its relationship to climate change
- Identify built environment impacts on climate change and vice versa (impacts to climate change and how the built environment is impacted by climate change)
- Comprehend the need for mitigation and adaptation in the context of recent climate change from sectorial and holistic perspectives
- Understand indigenous knowledge related to the built environment

# (TIER02) Intermediate Competencies

- 1. Use research methods in climate research
- Understand action research in climate change adaptation
- Comprehend research techniques.
- Comprehend location-specific useable research techniques
- Understand research proposal writing
- 2. Use technical tools in climate change adaptation
- Understand the uncertainties of climate change modeling
- Comprehend the ways of using technical tools, and terminologies in climate adaptation decision-making and planning.
- Understand different methods used for climate change modeling, climate change impact prediction, and risk assessment.
- 3. Comprehend the environmental, social, financial, and governance phenomenon in climate change adaptation
- Application of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches in climate change adaptation
- Identify global frameworks and local regulations which address climate change in the planning process.
- Understand marketing mileage that economic value addition that can be given for tourism-related built environment.
- Environmental regulations, legislation, and tools
- Environmental ethics and responsibilities.
- Comprehend the basics of green financing and climate financing.

- 4. Understand the communication strategies in climate change adaptation
- Identify communication approaches
- Understand negotiation techniques of climate change in different contexts
- 5. Understand the importance of human resource management in Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
- Understand the basics of human resources management in CCA
- Knowledge of the administrative system
- Environmental Management leadership

# (TIER 03) Advanced Competencies

# 1. Incorporate the Role of built environment professionals to tackle climate change

- Incorporate policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks in the built environment and local needs to move towards CCA.
- Identify responsibilities, challenges and constraints of built environment professionals and providing suggestions for challenges and constraints.
- Address sociological, environmental, and economic needs in planning.
- Understand contextual differences (Industrialized countries vs. developing countries)
- Trans-disciplinary approaches, integrating knowledge and skills from different stakeholders in design and construction.
- Methods related to fulfilling human needs while conserving nature.
- Understand the importance of bottom-to-top and top to bottom approaches in CCA.
- Understand the functions and components of the natural environment in a particular area before making decisions.

# 2. Understand Environment-friendly planning

- Basic understanding of the solar cycle and planning
- Understand and practical usage of green building concepts.
- Application of green energies and energy-related adaptations
- Use of environmental friendly planning, building materials, sustainable construction, disaster resilient infrastructure and techniques

- Understand design and technical details to achieve energy efficiency during the design and construction period and the building usage period (post occupancy).
- Basic understanding of the importance of Analog Forestry as a nature-friendly environment restoration method (an approach to ecological restoration which uses natural forests as guides to create ecologically stable and socio-economically productive landscapes.)

# 3. Incorporate DRR in the construction industry

- Understand key regulations related to the built environment and climate change adaptation
- Understand stakeholder engagement in construction
- Adopt building codes and safety measurements in construction.
- Prioritize industrial safety, human rights and health.
- Embrace legal backgrounds related to the environment before the construction
- Understand institutional disaster management planning and business continuity management plan
- 4. Incorporate development planning in different contexts
  - Understand the importance of climate resilience planning.
  - Adopt climate change adaptation strategies in city planning, integration of environment and climate priorities to development planning
  - Understand climate related DRR and the multi hazard approach in planning.
  - Application of environmental sustainability in planning
  - Incorporate servitude rights in land use planning together with development activities.
  - Use of new trends and technologies in planning and designing to tackle climate change
  - Good practices in construction and facilities management to tackle climate change
  - Understand integrated land-use planning and construction planning. (Inter-relationships between environmental sustainability, climate change, growth, development, poverty, social and economic issues)
  - Understand design and resettlement, relocation criteria
- 5. Incorporate household approaches in climate change adaptation
  - Application of household plans and designs in climate change adaptation

- Understand the sociology of housing
- Identify types of housing and specific planning and design considerations
- Understand refurbishment of existing housing
- Understand the importance of having an insurance scheme

6. Incorporate how construction and facilities management address climate change

- Understand organization and management of construction and maintenance of the built environment.
- Use of green construction materials and resources (green materials/low co2 emission)
- Create employment and livelihood opportunities (green job creation)
- Project management
- Procurement, contracts, and project delivery
- Cost estimating, cost control, and contract management
- Risk financing, risk insurance
- Housing construction and maintenance
- Approving plans
- Stakeholder consultation and participation in community engagement in construction and maintenance
- Understand the importance of empowering the media sector to promote community participation and engagement in construction and maintenance
- 7. Incorporate Planning in coastal contexts
  - Understand coastal zone management planning, coastal resource mapping and coastal risk mapping
  - Coastal adaptation strategies
  - Identify climate change adaptation strategies in coastal areas
  - Case studies and best practices

# 4.2 Target group

The framework targets architects, engineers, contractors, town planners, designers, distributors, service providers, property managers, policymakers, administrative officers,

developers, planners, landscape architects, designers, facilities (water and sewage ways, infrastructure, parks), building permit officers, social scientists, property managers, project managers, architects, property owners, physicians, environmentalist, professional social workers, experts in various fields such as climate adaptation, sociology, ecology, geography, geology, cultural environment conservation, construction, coastal zone managers, individuals working in human and animal health, supervisory functions, civil society, technical in biologist employees of insurance companies and banks, etc. Additionally, professionals not specifically mentioned but who have any role or responsibility related to the built environment could be identified as built environment professionals.

# **5.** Conclusion

Based on the findings from the output 6 report and the outcomes of outputs 3, 4, and 5, it has been confirmed that there exists a skill and knowledge gap among built environment professionals concerning climate change adaptation in coastal built environments. Consequently, output 7 of the project aimed to address these identified gaps by developing a competency framework. To create this framework, the REGARD competency framework on Mass Displacement was utilized as a reference model. The BEACON competency framework was then structured into three hierarchical tiers and underwent validation through structured online questionnaires. Built environment experts and practitioners participated as respondents in two rounds of questionnaires, providing valuable feedback to refine the initial competency framework. During the second round, the refined framework received approval from the majority of respondents. This finalized competency framework serves as the foundation for the development of the MOOC platform in the 8th output of the BEACON project.

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Section	Comments	Response of UOC
Overall Structure	Agree without changes (50%) Agree with some revisions (40%) Inappropriate (10%)	The major structure was not changed, but other revisions were done according to the suggestions.
	Advanced competencies must be focusing on the implementation phase. (1 <sup>st</sup> Phase will be learning about climate changes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase to understating the impact of the climate change on the built environment hence the 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase should be discussing about the	The wording and the descriptions of tiers were changed as follows. The 1 <sup>st</sup> tier aims to provide the basics of climate science and climate change
	initiation of thought process on mitigations measures, approaches, possible ways of implementations for different professionals, etc.)	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier aims to provide knowledge on planning in the built environments to tackle the climate change
		The 3 <sup>rd</sup> tier aims to provide knowledge on professional capabilities which helps successful climate change adaptation
	The first level is described as relevant to all built environment professionals and practitioners, but limited to "in climate adaptation", while the second level seems to be of broader relevance (without the limitation). The definition of	The wording and the descriptions of tiers were changed as follows. The 1 <sup>st</sup> tier aims to provide the basics of climate science and climate change
	"occupations and roles" of the third level, compared to "professionals and practitioners" of all levels is not clear to me. But I do agree with the conclusion that different stakeholders need different kind	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier aims to provide knowledge on planning in the built environment in order to tackle <del>the</del> climate change The 3 <sup>rd</sup> tier aims to
	of competencies.	provide knowledge on professional capabilities

**Appendix 01:** Revisions made to framework in each round -1<sup>st</sup> round)

	which helps successful climate change adaptation
my opinion is in climate change not only adaptation there is mitigation aspect also, and also competencies should address disaster-resilient infrastructures	Since the project mainly focused on CCA, mitigation was not highlighted in the structure. However, Mitigation is addressed in sections of the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Disaster-resilient infrastructure is added to the framework.
Better to define climate change (Natural or manmade as present) because the climate is always changed, based on the Milankovitch cycle. Always there should be continuous assessments to do predictions which cannot be done easily. However, the global climate is a function of planetary geometry which has not yet been understood by present-day Western scientists (better look for Eastern knowledge for a solution). Need to address the causes, not the results as many have grabbed.	The facts mentioned here are discussed under tier one as an introduction to climate science.
Given details on the different levels of the structure in the paragraph above the figure is clear and well explained. However, I find that the idea hasn't been properly summarized/presented in the figure.	The wording and the descriptions of tiers were changed as follows. <i>The 1<sup>st</sup> tier aims to</i> <i>provide the basics of</i> <i>climate science and</i> <i>climate change</i> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> tier aims to</i> <i>provide knowledge on</i>
	provide knowledge on planning in the built environment to tackle climate change

	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> tier aims to provide the knowledge on professional capabilities which helps successful climate change adaptation
Several problems: 1) Define competence: It seems that competence here has (at least) two meanings, partly knowledge and skill, partly educational category/label	Both skills and knowledge are addressed.
<ul> <li>educational category/label.</li> <li>2) Define built environment. It</li> <li>can be anything or a concept</li> <li>linked to physical planning and -</li> <li>in Sweden - to the Planning and</li> <li>Building Act. EX According to</li> <li>PBL, kind of green structure and</li> <li>certain green areas is included</li> <li>(which with a more modern</li> <li>concept today is often called</li> <li>"blue-green infrastructure"). The</li> <li>Built Environment covers not</li> <li>only buildings and</li> <li>developments, including smaller</li> <li>property-related facilities, but</li> <li>also all infrastructure such as</li> <li>roads and wind turbines, nuclear</li> <li>power plants.</li> <li>3) Demarcation: Relevance to</li> <li>coastal areas (often specific risks</li> <li>and issues and solutions) has</li> </ul>	Built environment is defined.
4) What is the context and context: Is there purpose and societal goals to relate to? For example, in Sweden today we see an increased need to work with total defense and the security of civil society. Here maybe there is a need, motive, relevance for synergies?	Specific points related to coastal areas were added.

Suggestion: Turn the funnel upside down. Many people need basic knowledge about climate change, understand and accept its relevance in terms of effects and risks. But it is not a matter of competence.	Did not change the attire of the structure.
It is necessary to define more accurately the proposed competences, including the task and jobs that have to develop these responsibilities. Not only the comprehensive knowledge on climate change but also the comprehensive knowledge on climate is needed. It is somewhat unclear what is meant by the different levels of competence proposed in the framework. The framework would benefit from a little more	Since this framework just develop to address the skills and knowledge gaps, we are not able to do this. Yes. Added this section. Yes. Definitions were added for the built environment, built environment professionals, and
specific description. The focus of the framework is built environment professionals and practitioners, and it usually encompasses much more than just the buildings. The built environment consists of all the structures that build a society. The concept of built environment professionals is very broad and	Yes. Agreed. The mentioned categories can
encompasses a wide range of skills that include developers, planners, architects, landscape architects, experts (in various fields such as climate adaptation, ecology, cultural environment conservation), designers, facilities (water and sewage, infrastructure, parks), building	be included as applicable professionals.

permit officers, engineers,	
construction, supervisory	
functions, property managers etc.	
I think the framework needs to	
be a little more specific regarding	
what kind of built environment	
professionals and practitioners	
that are the target group in the	
different levels of competence.	
It is a very good start if all these	Through the course
functions have foundational	modules competence will
competence in climate change	be given
	be given
and climate adaptation, but it is	
nevertheless doubtful whether it	
is possible to assume that	
everyone should be able to reach	
that level of competence.	
It is suitable to assume that the	Accepted and
functions and roles involved in	comprehensive plans and
planning (comprehensive plan	detailed development
and detailed development plans)	plans were added.
should be included in the second	
level, intermediate competence.	
On this level it is assumed that	
there must be an ability to	
acquire the knowledge required	
to plan new buildings, for the	
unique location, as suitable and	
long-term sustainable as	
possible. Even at this stage,	
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many different roles are involved	
and contribute their part	
The third and last level,	Added example
advanced competence, is	professionals in the list.
possessed by a smaller number of	
professionals, a few people who	
are experts in the subject.	
	Yes. Accepted.
are experts in the subject.	Yes. Accepted.
are experts in the subject. Competency framework seems to	Yes. Accepted.
are experts in the subject. Competency framework seems to have a sensible progression from Foundational to Advanced.	-
are experts in the subject. Competency framework seems to have a sensible progression from Foundational to Advanced. However, I suggest that the	The wording and the
are experts in the subject. Competency framework seems to have a sensible progression from Foundational to Advanced. However, I suggest that the content of three tiers could be	The wording and the descriptions of tiers were
are experts in the subject. Competency framework seems to have a sensible progression from Foundational to Advanced. However, I suggest that the content of three tiers could be better worded enabling for a	The wording and the descriptions of tiers were changed as follows.
are experts in the subject. Competency framework seems to have a sensible progression from Foundational to Advanced. However, I suggest that the content of three tiers could be better worded enabling for a clearer understanding. To be	The wording and the descriptions of tiers were changed as follows. <i>The 1st tier aims to</i>
are experts in the subject. Competency framework seems to have a sensible progression from Foundational to Advanced. However, I suggest that the content of three tiers could be better worded enabling for a	The wording and the descriptions of tiers were changed as follows.

	the difference in the 3 tiers. The	climate science and
	intro in this section explains the	climate change.
	3 tier in a simpler manner that	
	could be understood by anybody.	The 2nd tier aims to
		provide knowledge on
		planning in the built
		environment to tackle
		climate change
		The 3rd tier aims to
		provide knowledge on
		professional capabilities
		which helps successful
		climate change
		adaptation
	Project Managers, Architect,	Added to the list
	Engineers, QS and Planners at	
	least	
	The structure is fine and ideal as	Competencies related to
	it requires communication with	communication are
	all stake-holders.	added.
Foundational Competencies	Overall Comments	
	Should able to answer the	It was already mentioned
	question of why we need worry	in tier one (Under the 1 <sup>st</sup>
	about the climate changes as we	competency).
	are not suffering from it at the	
	moment in out day to day life.	
	You may out line other typical	
	aspects on climate changes.	
	Climate change and impacts on	It was already mentioned
	society. Principles of adaptation	in tier one.
	(justice, climate-resilient	
	development, risk handling	
	strategies, etc.)	
	climate change impacts and	It was already mentioned
	anthropogenic impacts on the	in the tier one and tier
	environment, international	three
	frameworks, and conventions	
	No competencies can be	Climate change basics
	developed without a proper and	were already mentioned
	correct understanding of climate	in tier one.
	change basics	
	Focus on the mitigation as well.	It was already mentioned
		in the tier one

	TTI 6 :
Everyone who works with	These professions were
human and animal health,	added
everyone in healthcare. National	
economists. Politicians and	
decision-makers. Contractors,	
Social scientists, and engineers.	
Civil society, property owners,	
employees of insurance	
companies, and banks	
Physicians, environmentalists,	These professions were
technical biologist and earth, etc.	added
Main effects of climate change:	Already mentioned in tier
SLR, extreme weather events,	one.
changes in temperature	
Fundamental and evidence-based	Already mentioned in tier
knowledge of climate changes	one.
related impacts	
÷	Included in the advanced
Climate change modeling and scenarios	
Uncertainties of sea level rise	tier. Included in the
and other climate components	foundational tier.
Comprehensive knowledge of the	It was added as new
climate in the particular area is	competency under the
needed to understand the climate	foundational tier.
change in the area.	
FOUNDATIONAL	This was added to
competencies across all built	advanced competencies
environment professionals and	which discusses
practitioners should be as	international
follows: (1) Environmental	environmental
Regulations and Legislation, (2)	frameworks.
Environmental Ethics and	
Responsibilities.	
Climate resilient environment	Already added to the
	intermediate tier.
Difference between climate	Already added to the
adaptation and mitigation	foundational tier.
Environmental sustainability	Already added to the in
Inter-relationships between	the intermediate tier
environmental sustainability,	
climate change, growth,	
development, poverty, social and	
economic issues	Commente
In terms of designing of	Comments were
sustainable buildings, which is	accepted. Yet we intend

	part of my expertise, the	to give more emphasis on
	foundational competencies will	climate change-related
	be skills and knowledge on how	phenomena only.
	to design with sustainable	
	strategies, such as considering	Planning-related
	orientations of the buildings,	components are
	maximizing natural ventilation	mentioned at the
	and lighting to create a	intermediate level.
	comfortable interior environment	
	and design for energy efficiency	
	in general.	
	Understand the functions and	Added to the intermediate
	components of the natural	level.
	environment in a particular area	
	before making decisions.	
	A clear definition and	The things mentioned in
	understanding of 'climate change'	the first section are
	and what is climate change	covered in the
	adaptation. How it is related to	foundational tier.
	the Built environment and why it	
	is important.	
	Who are the stakeholders who	
	could be impacted?	
	From a tourism perspective, there	
	needs to be a globally applicable	The things mentioned in
	common understanding of these	the second section are
	concepts and the importance of	covered in the advanced
	those targeting an effective	competencies.
	impact.	
Intermediate Competencies	*	
-	No competencies can be	Added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.
	developed without a proper and	
	correct understanding of climate	
	change basics	
	Knowledge of the administrative	Added to the advanced
	system	level.
	Disaster Resilient infrastructure	Added as sub-
		competency in the
		intermediate tier.
	You may provide detailed	
	information on the rapid aging of	
	the built environment and the	
	cost needed for restoration works	
	if not addressed immediately.	
	Possible climate adaptation	These components were
	measures, including potential co-	already added.
	measures, menuting potential co-	aneauy auueu.

benefits and risks of	
maladaptation (green cities,	
i c	
sustainable physical planning, etc.).	
,	These components were
Political economy and	These components were
governance of climate	already added.
change/environment	
Links between global, regional,	
and local environment and	
development issues related to	
climate change	
Modeling of actions and	Added as advanced
parameters (sea level rise,	competency.
relevant wave heights, and	
directions, flood levels,	
rainfalls)	
Promoting sustainable building	Added for sustainable
construction at the grassroots	planning in 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier.
level	
Adaptation and Mitigation	Added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.
approaches	
As for sustainable building	Added in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier.
design, experts at this level will	
understand more design details	
and technical details to achieve	
energy efficiency in both the	
design and construction period	
and the building usage period	
(post-occupancy).	
Need to consider the biodiversity	Concerned
	Concerned
and other abiotic components in	
planning	All I'd ord d
The importance of planning the	Added in the $2^{nd}$ tier.
Built environment for a better	
adaptation to climate change.	
Understanding of key regulations	
related to the built environment	
and climate change adaptation. A	
deeper understanding of how	
each regulation and	
implementation measure can	
impact each stakeholder base	
across the tourism value chain.	
INTERMEDIATE competencies	Added to the professional
across all built environment	list.
professionals and practitioners	
Protossionais and practitioners	1

	should be as follows: (1)	
	should be as follows: (1)	
	Environmental Design and	
	Management, (2) Lean	
	Engineering Processes (to	
	Improve Environmental	
	Regulatory Alignment.	
	Territorial and urban planners,	Added to the professional
	coastal zone managers,	list.
	administrative and professional	
	end users of the effects of	
	climate change	
Advanced Competencies	Should discuss the	Concerned
-	implementation of the code of	
	practices and other means of	
	applying the understanding on	
	the field.	
	Specific climate adaptation	Concerned
	measures depending on the role	
	(how to plan, how to build).	
	Legal issues, cost-benefits of	
	different kinds of measures.	
	Coalition of disaster-resilient	Already added the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Already added the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	infrastructures	tier.
	No competencies can be	Acknowledged. Climate
	developed without a proper and	basics were added in the
	correct understanding of climate	1 <sup>st</sup> tier.
	change basics.	
	Risk assessment and access to	Risk assessment is added
	good data in the form of maps	to the advanced
	1 .1 .1	
	with risk areas etc.	competencies and data-
	with risk areas etc.	related components were
		-
	A scientific team composed of	related components were
		related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.
	A scientific team composed of	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects.	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects."
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects.	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects. Specific measures to adapt/mitigate the effects of	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects."
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects. Specific measures to adapt/mitigate the effects of climate change. Nature-based	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects."
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects. Specific measures to adapt/mitigate the effects of climate change. Nature-based solutions and Ecosystem-based	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects."
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects. Specific measures to adapt/mitigate the effects of climate change. Nature-based solutions and Ecosystem-based solutions vs grey solutions	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects." Added to the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects. Specific measures to adapt/mitigate the effects of climate change. Nature-based solutions and Ecosystem-based solutions vs grey solutions Exploring evidence-based	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects."
	A scientific team composed of multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects. Specific measures to adapt/mitigate the effects of climate change. Nature-based solutions and Ecosystem-based solutions vs grey solutions	related components were added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Changed the wording in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier and replaced it with "multidisciplinary areas related to climate change causes and effects." Added to the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.

Design and valuesting suitari-	Initial monding related to
Design and relocation criteria	Initial wording related to
	this in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier was
	changed as the "design
	and relocation criteria"
Knowledge of responsibility for	
implemented measures	
ADVANCED competencies	Environmental
across all built environment	management leadership is
professionals and practitioners	added to the advanced
should be as follows: (1)	competencies.
Environmental Management	Environmental
Leadership, (2) Environmental	management
Management Implementation.	implementation is not
	added, because its
	components are added in
	other areas.
Urban Planning- Climate change	"Climate change
adaptation strategies in city	adaptation strategies in
planning, integration of	city planning, integration
environment and climate	of environment and
priorities to development	climate priorities to
planning	development planning" is
Urban Design- Urban design	added to the $2^{nd}$ tier.
interventions for climate change	
adaptation	"Understanding of
Architecture- Architectural	environmental
solutions for climate change	management systems and
adaptation	tools e.g. EIA and SEA"
BE Professionals- Understanding	is added to the section on
of environmental management	advanced competencies.
systems and tools e.g. EIA and	1
SEA	
Apart from the skills and	This is added to the
knowledge mentioned above,	intermediate tier.
advanced competencies include	
trans-disciplinary approaches and	
integrate knowledge and skills	
from different stakeholders in the	
design and construction.	
Research should be carried out	Included.
related to considering the biotic	moradou.
factors in the selected area	
How the specific policies and	Aspects related to
guidelines could be applicable	policies and guidelines
when planning and implementing	were included.
	were included.
them. In-depth understanding of	

	practical implementation	
	targeting a specific impact.	
Tier 01		
1. Understand climate change and its impact on the coastal areas and the built environment	I think that the causes of climate change should only be handled briefly. However, it is important in the context of adaptation measures, i.e. that they should not increase emissions of greenhouse gases. That is part of the maladaptation issues that	The contents mentioned are addressed 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> tiers.
	needs to be addressed.	
a. Understand climate variability and change.	This item (item 5) should be moved to item 4	It was moved.
Accept=90%		
Revise=5%		
Remove=5%		
b. Identify and	here, only discussed on the	Since our sole objective
understand the causes and impacts of climate change. Accept=85% Revise=15%	climate change impact, my opinion is to include manmade impacts on the coastal and the built environment. e.g.: constructing harbors, hotels, factories, removing sand dunes	is to address climate change, we did not include the aspects mentioned here.
Remove=0	and mangrove, oil spills, etc.	
c. Understand the Spatial and temporal changes of climate change impacts Accept=90% Revise=0 Remove=10%	<ol> <li>Second must be first</li> <li>Climate change must be defined properly referring to the present-day CC??</li> <li>No such term as natural disaster since disasters are neither natural nor man-made.</li> <li>Coastal built environment???</li> </ol>	Addressed 1 and 3 points. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> points are already addressed.
d. Understand the	Understanding the uncertainties	Added to the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Spatial and temporal changes of climate change impacts Accept=70% Revise=30% Remove=0	of climate impact predictions is of prime importance. Also, making appropriate measures to reduce uncertainties is also important.	competency of 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.

e. Assess climate- related disasters, and natural disasters, with a disaster risk management approach. Accept=80% Revise=15% Remove=5%	Natural disasters are a thing (normality). The effects of climate change are another matter (new).	Word natural disaster was removed.
f. Understand the climate change impacts on coastal environments Accept=90% Revise=5% Remove=5%	This includes understanding the causes of climate change in order to prevent them and the impacts in order to mitigate them.	Already added.
	Assess climate-related disasters on coastal environments, and natural disasters, with a disaster risk management approach.	Already added with change of some wording.
	Relevant professionals should have knowledge on climate in particular coastal areas.	Concerned
	Move revised sub-competency to intermediate competencies	It is difficult to move because the 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier discusses planning- related competencies
	Framework TIER 1 competencies and sub- competencies all seem suitable for inclusion.	Considered.
	Causes and impacts of climate change needs to be identified sector-wise. Most importantly, it is good to cover "the inter- relationships between environmental sustainability, climate change, growth, development, social and economic issues", as a sub- component. To me, the assessment level	Added as new sub- competency.
	could be more suitable for	

	experts in the intermediate	
	competence rather than the	
	foundational level.	
2. Use new trends and		
predictions on climate		
change adaptation		
g. Understand the	Addressing uncertainties is of	It is added.
importance of	major importance.	
data in climate		
change studies,		
decision-		
making, and		
planning.		
Accept=90%		
Revise=10%		
Remove=0		
h. Understand	"uncertainty" should be explicitly	It is addressed.
how	addressed in item 2 ( Understand	
predictions on	how predictions on sea level rise	
sea level rise	and coastal impacts can be used	
and coastal	in decision-making and	
impacts can be	planning.)	
used in	<b>r 8</b> 7	
decision-		
making and		
planning.		
Accept=90%		
Revise=10%		
Remove=0		
	there are global and regional	It is added as new sub-
	Early Warning Systems and	competency.
	service providers for EW	competency.
	dissemination, climate change	
	mitigation, and adaptations	
	If the climate is continuously	Concerned.
	changing, how do we define or	
	propose adaptations??	It is added as some sub
	Understand the importance of	It is added as new sub-
	quality control, complete and	competency.
	representative data in climate	
	change studies, and decision-	
	making and planning.	
	Sea level rise is only a single	
	issue. Need to address the	
	compound effects.	

	Concerned.
and many people refer to the	
knowledge of others, so it is	
important to keep up.	
<u> </u>	It was added.
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	Added.
	Added.
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Understand the importance of	Added in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> tier.
conducting innovative	
experimental research in climate	
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Framework TIER 1	Concerned.
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	Nature-based solutions
-	are added.
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possible solution. Analytical,	
informative and	
steering/organizational measures	
also have to be addressed. And of	
	Added to the advanced
•	tier.
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Same as the above	
	important to keep up. To analyze the present data and apply new technologies to make approaches to the climate changes predictions would add a new competency regarding "understand the uncertainties associated with predictions" Understand the importance of conducting innovative experimental research in climate change adaptation. Framework TIER 1 competencies and sub- competencies all seem suitable for inclusion. See comment above, not too much focus on mitigation. Technology is part of the solution, but not the only possible solution. Analytical, informative and steering/organizational measures

Accept=75%		
Revise=20%		
Remove=5%		
	Identify the importance of	Best practices were
	responsibilities, obligations, best	included in the advanced
	practices, and Technology in	tier.
	climate mitigation and adaptation	
	Yes, good, but here it is about	Concerned.
	prioritizing and highlighting the	
	climate adaptation aspect.	
	Finding synergies with emission	
	limitations is no more important	
	than finding synergies with the	
	designed living environment,	
	biological diversity, etc if it	
	does not increase the total	
	funding!	
	It is important in the	Accepted. But here we
	implementation of climate	are trying to give
	change strategies for dealing	knowledge related to this.
	with it.	
	I would review the first	The first and last ones are
	competency, so that it could be	added
	integrated with the last one	
	(identification measures and	
	adaptation strategies). In my	
	point of view, the last one must	
	be the first one.	
	Understand what are the	Need help on this.
	prevention mechanisms to	
	respond to sea level rise-related	
	impacts.	
	Technology is a tool that should	Concerned.
	not be overestimated as a	
	definitive solution.	
	Not so important to show the	Concerned.
	differences between	
	Mitigation(M) and	
	Adaptation(A). It can be more	
	important to show measures	
	which can be a solution of both	
	for example restoration of	
	wetlands. Land-use mostly affect	
	both M and A at the same time.	
	Behavior change is more	
	important than technology	

	Need to consider the knowledge	Added.
	of local communities.	
	Move revised sub competency to intermediate competencies	Intermediate competencies consist of major planning-related competencies. Therefore, it is difficult to add this to the intermediate section.
	Framework TIER 1 competencies and sub- competencies all seem suitable for inclusion	Concerned.
4. Identify stakeholders ( Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation and their responsibilities		
1.Identify stakeholders (Actors) in climate change adaptation and mitigation.Accept=95% Revise=5% Remove=0	confusing question	NA.
m. Identify their responsibilities, challenges, and suggestions. Accept=90% Revise=10% Remove=0	not only roles and responsibilities but also their SOPs(Standard operating procedure)(Can be added, but need advice)	Need advice on this.
	See above, focus on adaptation rather than mitigation.	Concerned.
	Empower stakeholders in climate change adaptation and mitigation and their responsibilities in diversifying manner.	Already added.
	stakeholders' constraints should also be identified	Added.
	Identify actors that can influence adaptation not emission limitations - distinguish between these	This is discussed in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.

	Identify the gaps and weaknesses in the existing system to corporate among different stakeholders. Framework TIER 1 competencies and sub- competencies all seem suitable for inclusion. There are the actor in this scenario, it is necessary to identify them and define their responsibilities. All these structures can help the planners	There is an emphasis on gaps and weaknesses under challenges. Concerned. Addressed.
	to define the strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation	
5. Understand the built environment and its relationship with climate change	B	
n. Understand built environment impacts on climate change and vice versa Accept=75% Revise=25% Remove=0	Are you sure we may make an impact on the environment??	Concerned.
o. Understand the need for mitigation and adaptation in the context of recent climate change from sectoral and holistic perspectives Accept=80% Revise=15% Remove=5%	here, my opinion is to include historical practices and indigenous knowledge on kingdoms (ancient built environment)	Added as a sub competency.
Kemove=576	Mitigation is mainly a global aspect, therefore, at the more local level, the analysis should be emphasized on how the built	Concerned.

	environment is impacted by	
	climate change.	
	The competency about the need	Concerned.
		Concerned.
	for mitigation and adaptation	
	should have already been	
	acquired in the previous sections	
	Risk of sub-optimization if you	
	have to do both adaptation and	
	emission restrictions	
	Climate Change impacts on the	Addressed.
	built environment and the	
	contribution from the built	
	environment to the climate	
	change	
	Framework TIER 1	Concerned.
	competencies and sub-	
	competencies all seem suitable	
	for inclusion	
	Both are cause and effect at the	Addressed.
	same time. It is necessary to	
	understand the role of each one	
	for implement climate changes	
	strategies	
	Move revised sub-competency to	Concerned.
	intermediate competencies	
Overall comments on Tier	An important fact of a built	
01	environment is the safety of the	
	citizens, maximin utilization of	
	resources, critical infrastructures,	
	availability of services and	
	disaster resilience	
	Awareness is the key to work on	
	t HR I protection of the	
	environment.	
	Need to rethink and redesign,	Concerned.
	poorly studied.	Concerned.
	Please work on wording	Edited the words.
		Included for built
	Group 1 includes everyone who	
	works with climate adaptation	environmental
	and effects of climate change and forms the broad base. This	professionals
	includes consultants, contractors,	
	procurers, project managers,	
	community planners, decision	
	makers, local politicians, etc.	
	Most have different educational	

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	skills and backgrounds as well as	
	experiences.	
	A comprehensive understanding	Already included.
	of climate changes includes the	
	analysis of causes and effects,	
	stake holders, adaptation and	
	mitigation, and built environment	
	I think that this Tier is very	Concerned.
	ambitious	
	The aforementioned factors	Concerned.
	should be critically analyzed and	
	evaluated by the relevant	
	professional bodies of the	
	stakeholders.	
	All Framework TIER 1	Concerned.
	suggested competencies and sub-	
	competencies seem perfectly	
	suitable for inclusion.	
	The indicators in Tier 1 are	Concerned.
		Concerned.
1. Understand the Role of	comprehensive and appropriate	
built environment		
professionals to tackle		
climate change		
1.1 Address sociological,	The global frameworks (an	The global competency
environmental, and	overview) could be addressed on	framework was removed
economic needs in	the first level. I do not	since it is discussed in the
planning.	understand the meaning of	3 <sup>rd</sup> tier.
Accept=90%	"importance of bottom-to-top and	
Revise=5%	top to bottom approaches".	Top-down and bottom-up
Remove=5%	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	approaches are kept
		without any change
1.2 Understand the policy,	I do not understand the relevance	Since the report
legal, and regulatory	of item 1 in "Understand the	commonly discusses built
frameworks in the built	Role of built environment	environment
environment and local		professionals, their role
	professionals to tackle climate	-
needs to move towards	change"	and its importance should
CCA		be understood by all
Accept=90%		stakeholders.
Revise=5%		
Remove=5%		
1.3 Understand the contextual	Impact based Early warnings	Concerned.
differences (Industrialized		
countries vs. developing		
countries)		
Accept=80%		
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Revise=0		
Remove=20%		
1.4 Understand the global frameworks and relations among them. Accept=75% Revise=12.5% Remove=12.5%	What we must understand is that nature is the first to be considered. Cultures or societies are highly dependent on the climate of a particular area. Hence different climates have different cultures and societies. There is no top to bottom or bottom to up approaches when it is dealt with environment, but it is totally cyclic.	Concerned.
1.5 Methods related to fulfilling human needs while conserving nature Accept=80% Revise=20% Remove=0	Understand why the current system among the government authorities is not working.	Added.
1.6 Understand the importance of bottom-to- top and top to bottom approaches in CCA. Accept=80% Revise=10% Remove=10%	Built environment professionals are the key of tackle climate change. The acknowledgment, understanding and implementation programs, rules, and projects are important for implementing climate change strategies	Concerned.
	I think that "Understand policies and regulatory frameworks" must be the first one. "Global frameworks and relations among them" must include the previous competency ("Contextual differences"), so I would remove it.	The placement of "Understand policies and regulatory frameworks" in the list was changed as per recommendation.
	Formation of bottom-to-top and top-to-bottom mechanisms in order to encourage active participation in Climate change. It would be desirable to find new ways to satisfy human needs that were more neutral than the current ones with respect to emissions and consumption of natural resources.	Already addressed. Concerned.

	Framework TIER 2 competencies and sub-	Concerned.
	competencies all seem suitable for inclusion.	
	Considering the knowledge of natural scientist also important	Concerned.
2. Understand the Environment-friendly planning		
2.1 Basic Understanding on the Solar cycle and planning Accept=80% Revise=10% Remove=10%	I'm not sure that it is of relevance to go deep into a certain kind of measure to adapt forests to climate change or green energy. However, it would be useful to give examples of measures that can led to climate resilient development and multifunctional measures. Detailed descriptions of some of the topics above might be more relevant for level 3?	Added This cannot be added to the third tier as it primarily addresses the components related to professional development.
2.2 Understand and practical usage of green building concepts. Accept=80% Revise=10% Remove=10%	role of local authorities and risk governance	This is covered in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.
2.3 Application of green energies Accept=80% Revise=15% Remove=5%	Now time to think about using of the term called environmentally friendly. avoiding is much appreciated and if it is there, no one cares about conserving the nature. it should be stressed that we are part of the nature.	Concerned.
2.4 Use of environmentally friendly building materials, Disaster Resilient infrastructure and techniques Accept=80% Revise=20% Remove=0	Making renewable energy more portable and affordable. For example, instead of focusing on a single source, improve the technology to harvest both solar and wind at the household level.	Energy is addressed here.
2.5 Understand the importance of Analog Forestry as a nature- friendly environment	Understanding Environment- friendly planning is the most important step for dealing with climate change	Concerned.

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more approaches should be	
detailed.	
developing a well-organized Concerned.	
investment platform for investors	
to commence sustainable, eco-	
friendly productions.	
In addition to solutions based on Added.	
new energy generation	
technologies, other forms of	
adaptation should be sought	
(reduction of individual mobility	
and energy consumption).	
Framework TIER 2 Concerned.	
competencies and sub-	
competencies all seem suitable	
for inclusion.	
For an architect/designer, the 1st, Concerned.	
2nd and 4th items would be basic	
requirements, although those	
may be different for other	
subjects.	
Indigenous knowledge Added in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.	
3. Understand DRR in the	
construction industry	
3.1 Adopt building codes and In my understanding, a more In level 3 the frame	work
safety measurements in detailed description of some of intends to provide	
the construction. the topics above might be more knowledge related t	
Accept=75% suitable for level 3? basic competencies	for
Revise=25% professionals. There	efore,
<b>Remove=0</b> these components s	
be kept without cha	

3.2 Prioritize Industrial safety and health Accept=85% Revise=10% Remove=5%	Institutional DM Planning and Business' continuity management	Added as a new sub competency.
3.3 Explore legal backgrounds related to environment before the construction. Accept=80% Revise=20% Remove=0	Modify the building codes to incorporate climate-induced changes	Concerned.
	The analysis of disaster risk can help planners to implement climate change strategies in the construction industry	Concerned.
	I don't agree with the selected competency.	Concerned.
	promoting sustainable construction technology by evidence base experiment.	Added.
	I think the choice of site should be emphasized over construction technology.	Concerned.
	This list of competencies feels small for such a crucial aspect of the framework. I would have expected circa 5 or 6 sub- competencies here.	Concerned.
	Follow-up the activities also important	Concerned.
4. Understand Planning in different contexts		
4.1 Understand the importance of climate resilience planning. Accept=92% Revise=8% Remove=0	buildings codes, policies, by laws, etc	Addressed.
4.2 Understand the climate related DRR and a multi hazard approach in planning. Accept=92% Revise=8% Remove=0	Planning is the key. As Abraham Lincoln said "if we have the key (Vicksburg) in the pocked, we will win the war" (Vickburg battle)	Addressed.

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4.3 Application of	understating servitude rights in	Added.
environmental	the land use planning with the	
sustainability in planning	development activities.	
Accept=92%		
Revise=8%		
Remove=0		
4.4 Understand the integrated	Is 'PLANNING' development	Addressed. Added the
land-use planning and	planning or project planning? I	word development before
construction planning.	think it should be clearer.	planning.
Accept=92%		
Revise=8%		
Remove=0		
4.5 Resettlement and	For an architect/designer, the 3rd	Agreed. However
relocation	item would be basic requirement,	changes were not made
Accept=88%	although those may be different	since this is a general
Revise=8%	for other subjects.	framework aimed at
Remove=4%		different built
		environment
		stakeholders.
	Sustainability is a broad concept,	Concerned.
	which is difficult to implement in	
	the practical situation. Good to	
	identify the important aspect to	
	be address.	
5. Understand household		
approaches in climate		
change adaptation		
5.1 Application of household	I think all practitioners needs to	Concerned.
plans and designs in	have the same base level	
climate change adaptation	knowledge (in order to	
Accept=80%	understand each other).	
Revise=20%	However, more specific	Understood. But the
Remove=0	knowledge (on how for example)	content is related to
	may be more relevant for certain	planning.
	roles and, therefore, as I	r8.
	understood the competence	
	levels, rather an issue for level 3.	
5.2 Understand the sociology	best practice's and case studies	Added in the 1 <sup>st</sup> tier.
of housing	best practice 5 and case studies	reduce in the reduct.
Accept=80%		
Revise=20%		
Remove=0		
5.3 Understand types of	Household approaches is very	Concerned.
housing and specific	important in order to implement	concerned.
planning and design	climate change strategies. Close	
considerations	chinate change strategies. Close	
considerations		

Accept=85% Revise=15% Remove=0	approaches in planning is important	
5.4 Understand refurbishment of existing housing Accept=80% Revise=20% Remove=0	enhancing knowledge of household planning in terms of diversifying and dynamic factors.	Concerned.
	Knowledge of legal operation of insurance is also relevant in this context.	The insurance scheme is added to this.
	Framework TIER 2 competencies and sub- competencies all seem suitable for inclusion.	Concerned.
	For an architect/designer, the 3rd item would be basic requirement, although those may be different for other subjects.	Agreed. However changes were not made since this is a general framework aimed at different built environment stakeholders.
	Understand the thinking and behavioral patterns of the people also will be important	Added as sub competency in Tier 1.
6. Use New trends and technologies, in planning and designing to tackle climate change		
6.1 Understand and apply climate change-related concepts during planning and designing Accept=80% Revise=15% Remove=5%	I do not see the relation between "Understand and apply climate change-related concepts during planning and designing" and the "Use New trends and technologies, in planning and designing to tackle climate change"	Accepted and the competency is removed since it is discussed in other places of the framework. Added to tier 2.
	experience sharing, case studies Since the climates is different in different regions, this is highly local and specific to the local environment	Added in 1 <sup>st</sup> tier. Concerned.
	Planning and design is the main tolls to make proposals in climate change strategies	Concerned.

	I don't know how this competency integrates news technologies	Concerned.
	Applying evidence-based lessons learned in planning and designing to tackle climate change	Added.
	This list of competencies feels small for such a crucial aspect of the framework. I would have expected circa 3 or 4 sub- competencies here.	The competency is removed since it is discussed in other places of the framework. Added to tier 2.
	How the technology can be used to disseminate knowledge and information from top to bottom and bottom to top	Concerned.
7. Understand how construction and facilities management address the climate change		
7.1 Understand the Organization and management of construction and maintenance of the built environment. Accept=80% Revise=20% Remove=0	See comments above	Concerned.
7.2 Use of green construction materials and resources (green materials/low co2 emission) Accept=80% Revise=15% Remove=5%	"Understand New trends, technologies, and good practices in Construction and facilities management to tackle climate change" should be part of section 6 "Use of new trends and technologies, in planning and designing to tackle climate change"	Yes, changed it.
7.3 Create Employment and livelihood opportunities (green job creation) Accept=85% Revise=15% Remove=0	risk financing, risk insurance and access to disaster information	Risk financing and risk insurance is added as a sub competency.
7.4 Project management Accept=80%	Point 7 can go to Group 3	Yes, it is moved.

Revise=20%		
Remove=0		
7.5 Procurement, contracts,	It is necessary to implement	Case studies and good
and project delivery	climate change strategies. Pilot	practices are added in the
Accept=80%	projects, case studies and lessons	upper layers.
Revise=15%	learned are important.	
Remove=5%	•	
7.6 Cost estimating cost	Empowering media sector on	Yes, it is added as a sub-
control, and contract	promoting participation in	competency.
management	community engagement in	
Accept=85%	construction and maintenance.	
Revise=15%		
Remove=0		
7.7 Understand the	I think the choice of site should	Concerned.
Stakeholder engagement	be emphasized over construction	
in construction.	technology. From a local point of	
Accept=95%	view, adaptation is more relevant	
Revise=5%	than mitigation.	
Remove=0		
7.8 Housing Construction and	Need for further elaboration.	Concerned.
maintenance		
Accept=80%		
Revise=20%		
Remove=0		
7.9 Approving plans	Framework TIER 2	Concerned.
Accept=80%	competencies and sub-	
Revise=10%	competencies all seem suitable	
Remove=10%	for inclusion.	
7.10 Stakeholder	For architect/designers, project	Concerned. Here the
consultation and	management and cost normally	competency framework
participation in	belong to further stage beyond	addresses the common
community engagement in	intermediate level.	knowledge and skill gaps
construction and		of built environment
maintenance		professionals.
Accept=95%		
Revise=5%		
Remove=0		
Overall comments-Tier 02	good, ensures the citizens human	
	rights, development rights and	
	the safety Skip the whole of Group 2, focus	The professionals
	Skip the whole of Group 2, focus	The professionals mentioned here are
	on the needs of Group 3 and include the issues of Group 2 in	included.
	Group 1 includes everyone who	
	works with climate adaptation	
	and effects of climate change and	
	and effects of chimate change and	

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	forms the broad base. This	
	includes consultants, contractors,	
	procurers, project managers,	
	community planners, decision	
	makers, local politicians, etc.	
	Most have different educational	
	skills and backgrounds as well as	
	experiences.	
	To understand the template of the	Yes accepted. However,
	climate change strategies are	here we try to provide
	really important in order to	knowledge related to
	implement it. It is necessary to	climate change
	move from the ideas to the	adaptation, and observing
	planning and to the projects.	practical implementation
	Only real actions can improve	is difficult.
	climate change strategies	
	Developing strong community	Community-based
	based mechanisms to expand	approach is concerned
	comprehensive knowledge of the	and added.
	built environment.	
	All Framework TIER 2	Concerned.
	suggested competencies and sub-	
	competencies seem perfectly	
	suitable for inclusionsome	
	comments made in Sections 3, 4	
	and 6.	
	Items included in Tier 2 are	Concerned. Necessary
	generally comprehensive and	changes were done.
	appropriate. Some indicators, as	C
	selected, might be moved to	
	either higher or lower levels for	
	architectural requirements	
Tier 03	The only way to protect the	
	environment is to cut down on	
	anything. If not, this is just red	
	tape to increase the number of	
	pollutants in the environment.	
	We lost the game, we only have	
	time to add a couple of years.	
1. Understand Planning in	Might be good to address in level	Yes. Will change.
coastal contexts	2?	
1.1 Coastal adaptation	Bathymetric survey, coastal	"Resilient infrastructures
strategies	hazard zonation mapping, usage	and constructions, EWs"
Accept=75%	of COMIT software, tsunami	were added in other tiers.
Revise=20%	barriers, resilient infrastructures	
Remove=5%	and constructions, EWs.	
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1.2 Identify climate change	Better read the paleo climate to	Concerned.
adaptation strategies in	get an understanding the changes	
coastal areas	in strand lines.	
Accept=85%		
Revise=5%		
Remove=10%		
	It is not comprehensive enough.	Added.
	Focus on compound impacts and	
	suitable adaptation measures	
	This is the fundamental of the	Concerned.
	whole study, isn't it? here you	
	can obtain knowledge from	
	geographically close conditions,	
	even if it is in another country	
	Planning is the best tool for	Added as a sub
	coastal adaptation strategies	competencies.
	taking account climate change	L
	All this competency must be	Yes accepted.
	included in the Tier 2	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
	innovative coastal adaptation	Concerned.
	strategies	
	Need to elaborate further	Accepted and changed.
	(Wordings are not clear).	
	Framework TIER 3	Concerned.
	competencies and sub-	
	competencies all seem suitable	
	for inclusion.	
2. Using research methods in		
climate research		
2.1 Understand the research	I do not think that practitioners	When it comes to BE
techniques	need to know about research	professionals, it includes
Accept=70%	writing. Maybe a little about how	administrators as well.
Revise=25%	to interpret results from	They need to obtain funds
Remove=0	research?	for coastal adaptation
		projects and proposal
		writing is important in
		that context.
		Interpretation is also
		important.
2.2 Understanding the	I do not understand the relevance	Research is the basement
methodology of research	of this item	for applying and
proposal writing		implementing CCA
Accept=75%		measures. Therefore,
Revise=20%		knowledge of research
Remove=5%		methodology is important

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	Coastal exposure assessment,	Concerned.
	risk assessment and impact base	
	EWs for related research. social	
	research on impact based EWs	
	specific to local area of	Addressed.
	concerned	
	Need to understand the problem	Concerned.
	and research need	
	the research must have a material	Concerned.
	If we want to obtain good results,	Concerned.
	we need good basements.	Concerned.
	Research techniques and	
	methodology of research are	
	necessary.	
	Understand the location-specific	Added as a new
	useable research techniques.	competency.
	Second one need to consider as	Concerned.
	the first one. Also, not clear the	
	words "research techniques."	
	What about 'Research	
	Methodology".	
	Framework TIER 3	Concerned.
	competencies and sub-	
	competencies all seem suitable	
	for inclusion.	
	Implementing the findings of the	Concerned.
	research	
3. Use technical tools in		
climate change adaptation		
3.1 Understand the ways of	Practitioners need to understand	Added "uncertainties of
using technical tools, and	the uncertainties of climate	climate change
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terminologies in climate	change modeling. But probably	modeling".
adaptation decision-	not the methods.	
making and planning.		
Accept=85%		
Revise=15%		
Remove=0		
3.2 Understand the different	Based on the research findings	Concerned.
methods used for climate	and the international experiences	
change modeling	study on the best feasible	
Accept=75%	adaptation measures.	
Revise=20%		
Remove=5%		
	specific to local area of	Concerned.
	concerned	

	Climate impact prediction must also included	It is added.
	a list of good examples can be a good tool	Concerned.
	Technical tools are the keys for implement climate change adaption. If we don't have good tools and different methods for climate change modeling, we can't reach our objectives.	Concerned.
	As the section 1 of this Tier 3, I think that all these competencies must be included in Tier 2	Yes, it is added.
	Understanding action research and technical tools in climate change adaptation	Yes, it is added to the research methodology sub competency.
	Second one should be the first one.	Yes, included.
	Framework TIER 3 competencies and sub- competencies all seem suitable for inclusion.	Concerned.
4. Understand the environmental, social, financial, and governance phenomenon in climate change adaptation	Maybe rather level 2?	Since this addresses general facts, we placed it here.
4.1 Application of interdisciplinary approach in climate change adaptation Accept=80% Revise=20% Remove=0	Under the SFDRR, SDG, and COP21 developing systems and SOPs on EW & operations, While developing Institutional DM plans and simulating frequently.	It is included.
4.2 Understand Global frameworks and local regulations which address climate change in the planning process Accept=85% Revise=10% Remove=5%	Specific to the local area of concerned.	Concerned.
4.3Understanding the basics of green financing and climate financing.	well of course but mainly locally where you work if you want to see concrete results	Concerned.

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Accept=85% Revise=10%		
Remove=5%		
	Multidisciplinary knowledge is	Accepted.
	needed.	
	Application of a holistic	Addressed.
	approach to different phenomena	
	in climate change adaptation	
	Framework TIER 3	Concerned.
	competencies and sub-	
	competencies all seem suitable	
	for inclusion.	
	An understanding of the	Concerned.
	marketing mileage and the	
	economic value addition that can	
	be given for a tourism-related	
	built environment.	
5.Understand the	Maybe also competencies needed	Since it belongs to soft
communication strategies in	in level 2?	skills, this competency
climate change adaptation		should remain.
5.1 Understanding	specific to local area of	Concerned.
communication	concerned	
approaches		
Accept=84%		
Revise=16%		
Remove=0		
5.2 Understanding negotiation	Please be more specific	Concerned.
techniques in climate	1	
change under different		
contexts		
Accept=84%		
Revise=12%		
Remove=4%		
	It can be important to tell the	Concerned.
	public what you are doing	
	All we are, are all we can	Concerned.
	communicate.	
	Understanding will simplify	Concerned.
	communication and human-	
	friendly approaches in	
	developing interactions on	
	climate change adaptation.	
	Framework TIER 3	Concerned.
	competencies and sub-	
		1

	competencies all seem suitable	
	for inclusion.	
6. Understand the		
importance of human		
resource management in		
CCA		
6.1 Understanding the basics	Level 2?	Since it belongs to soft
of human resources		skills, this competency
management in CCA		should remain.
Accept=75%		
Revise=15%		
Remove=10%		
	initially coastal resource	Coastal resource mapping
	mapping, then coastal risk	and coastal risk mapping
	mapping and finally community	are added.
	resilience	
	specific to local area of	Concerned.
	concerned	
	Too vague. Please be more	Concerned.
	specific.	
	same as above	Concerned.
	Climate change strategies	Concerned.
	implementation need of human	
	resources. Climate change causes	
	come from humans and climate	
	change adaptation and mitigation	
	is the responsibility of humans.	
	enhancing competence and	Concerned.
	capacity on the basics of human	
	resources management in CCA	
	Framework TIER 3	Concerned.
	competencies and sub-	
	competencies all seem suitable	
	for inclusion.	
	Not very clear about the idea.	Yes, that is the idea.
	what does this imply? Having	
	human resources with the right	
	skills/training etc.? Is it?	
Overall comments	fine	Concerned.
	Need to think something	Concerned.
	innovative.	
	Group 3 includes those who will	Concerned.
	actually make decisions in the	
	short and long term about	
	measures that are important for	

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the relevance of the climate	
adaptation measures.	
It is necessary to understand the	Concerned.
knowledge, multidisciplinary	
teams, communication and	
human resources for	
implementing climate change	
strategies.	
Introducing new policies and	Concerned.
regular training forums on	
comprehensive knowledge of	
research and investigation,	
advanced digital literacy,	
improved communication, and	
integrated working skills.	
All Framework TIER 3	Concerned.
suggested competencies and sub-	
competencies seem perfectly	
suitable for inclusion. The	
overall numbers of sub-	
competencies seems to be a bit	
unbalanced: TIER 1 (14 sub-	
competencies), TIER 2 (29 sub-	
competencies), TIER 3 (12 sub-	
competencies).	
Indicators in Tier 3 are	Concerned.
comprehensive, and well defined	
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## Appendix 02-Memo of round 2

Section	Comments	Responses of UOC
<b>Overall Structure</b>	The revised structure is	
	acceptable (71.4%)	
	Further revisions are needed	
	(28.6%)	
	Maybe also the third tier	*Most of the BE
	should be selected based on	professionals did not have the
	necessity? To clarify that	competencies mentioned in
	competences gets more	the third tier. Therefore, that
	specific the higher the tier.	section should be followed by
	Professional social workers	them as a compulsory section.
	should also be incorporated	*Professional social workers
	into the target groups.	were added.

Tier 1	<ul> <li>1.The definition does not apply with our regulations</li> <li>2.I find the target group far too wide In addition to climate adaptation, is it possible to consider mitigation?</li> <li>Revised competencies in Tier 01 are acceptable (78.6%) Further revisions are needed for Tier 01(21.4%)</li> </ul>	*Including that wide group is necessary, since they are part of the built environment.
	for Tier 01(21.4%) Understanding the importance of introducing new national policies in climate change studies and decision-making processes Identifying the importance of an integrated disaster risk management plan (considering all the relevant stakeholders). Understanding the compound effects of climate change is needed. Also, the risk and vulnerability assessment must be included before the risk management.	Added to the competency framework.
Tier 2	Revised competencies in Tier 01 are acceptable (85.7%) Further revisions are needed for Tier 01(14.3%) Understanding the climate models, scenarios that are used for climate models, and uncertainties of climate models on future predictions. simplify	Already added to the framework. Already added to the framework.
Tier 3	Revised competencies in Tier 01 are acceptable (92.9%) Further revisions are needed for Tier 01(7.1%) This level seems broader and more basic than tier 2. Understanding impacts-based and multi-hazard evidence- based best practices (this	Contents of tier 3(Advanced) were moved to the intermediate tier and the contents of the intermediate

	should be incorporated under number 2). Understanding the knowledge and experiences of local people on adaptation to CC and their applicability.	tier were moved to the Advanced tier.
		Added to indigenous knowledge.
Overall	My input is that this sort of very general framework with belonging questionnaires doesn't contribute to either Sweden's development of dealing with climate adaptation problems or the world's climate adaptation so I'm sorry to say that the results are too general to be useful. All are fine, no further comment.	This is not a country-specific framework and so should be looked at as a general framework. It is well suited for that purpose.

## Appendix 03: Online Questionnaire Round 1

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Appendix 04: Online Questionnaire Round 2

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