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Executive Summary

The second knowledge exchange workshop and associated report was designed to build on the activities of the first workshop where the key knowledge gaps were identified and an overview of the KADI project activities were given to address these. A key outcome of the first meeting was that the KADI work plan was at an early stage and as such the first workshop was held with the wider project team. The second workshop was scheduled to take place within three months of the first and a decision was made by the team to delay the next knowledge exchange meeting until more of the work had been undertaken in order to make the best use of wider stakeholder engagement.

This deliverable is submitted as it is as a state of play and an updated plan of execution pending later submission of the full deliverable.

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Introduction

The knowledge exchange platform is designed to maximise the dissemination and discussion of information regarding the climate services needed in Africa between European and African stakeholders. In the first of these meetings (D4.1) an approach to define the climate services required building on previous experience and stakeholder engagement was outlined and used to inform the activities of the climate pilots to further address the knowledge gaps identified. The second knowledge exchange meeting was due to be held three months after the first meeting, however a key output from the first meeting was that the project was at an early stage of development and the wider project team agreed that it would be of greater benefit to develop a series of more focused workshops to assess climate services and climate pilot activities in greater detail to better inform the development of the observational network as part of WP3. Further details on the proposed series of workshops is given below.

Knowledge exchange meetings

It is proposed that the second knowledge exchange workshop will be sub-divided into two parts (Figure 1). The first will represent a series of targeted stakeholder workshops held primarily in Q1 of 2024 to engage focused groups of stakeholders to discuss the key climate services required

and activities undertaken in each of the climate pilots. This will be undertaken with members of the KADI project from WPs 1, 2, 3 and 4 and will ultimately aid the development of the African observation network, a key output of WP3. Once developed this will be presented and discussed with a broader selection of stakeholders as part of the annual meeting in 2024 to solicit further feedback on the network design. The outputs of this meeting will be used to further refine the network design which can then be passed onto other WPs in KADI (e. g. WP5) and will provide iterative feedback to the WPs associated with the design of the network in the first instance (WPs 1, 2 and 3).

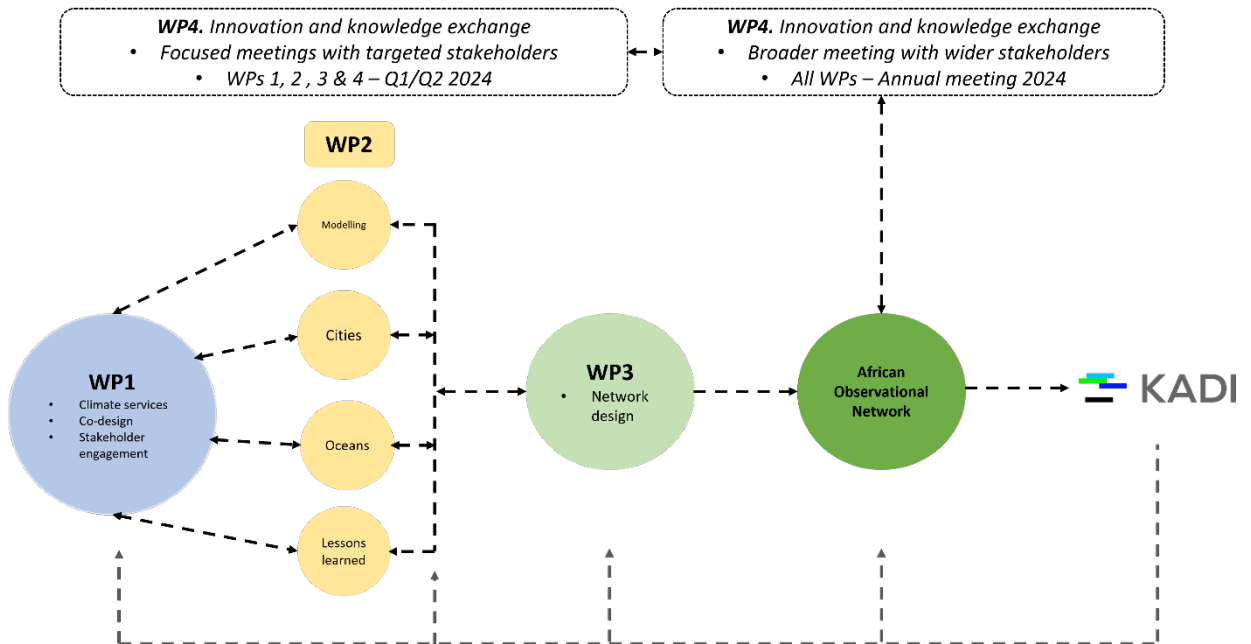


Figure 1. Proposed structure and timing of the second knowledge exchange workshops.

Summary

The second knowledge exchange meeting have been revised in structure to address focused and more general stakeholder groups, and these activities have been re-scheduled for Q1-Q3 of 2024 to allow for wider engagement of key stakeholder groups as the KADI activities progress. This will provide greater support for the development of the framework for the proposed African Observational Network.