

Communication tools for knowledge sharing and networking

Input for discussion

Understanding the linkages between
climate change, human health, water and food security:
Research and knowledge sharing for Southern Africa
Cape Town, February 18-20, 2009



Why focus on communication in groups and networks?

Effective communication as a way of ensuring:

- Knowledge sharing and mutual learning
- Coordination of efforts
- Joint activities and projects
- Broad inclusion
- Time effectiveness



Suggested tools for SADC Climate Initiative

External communication

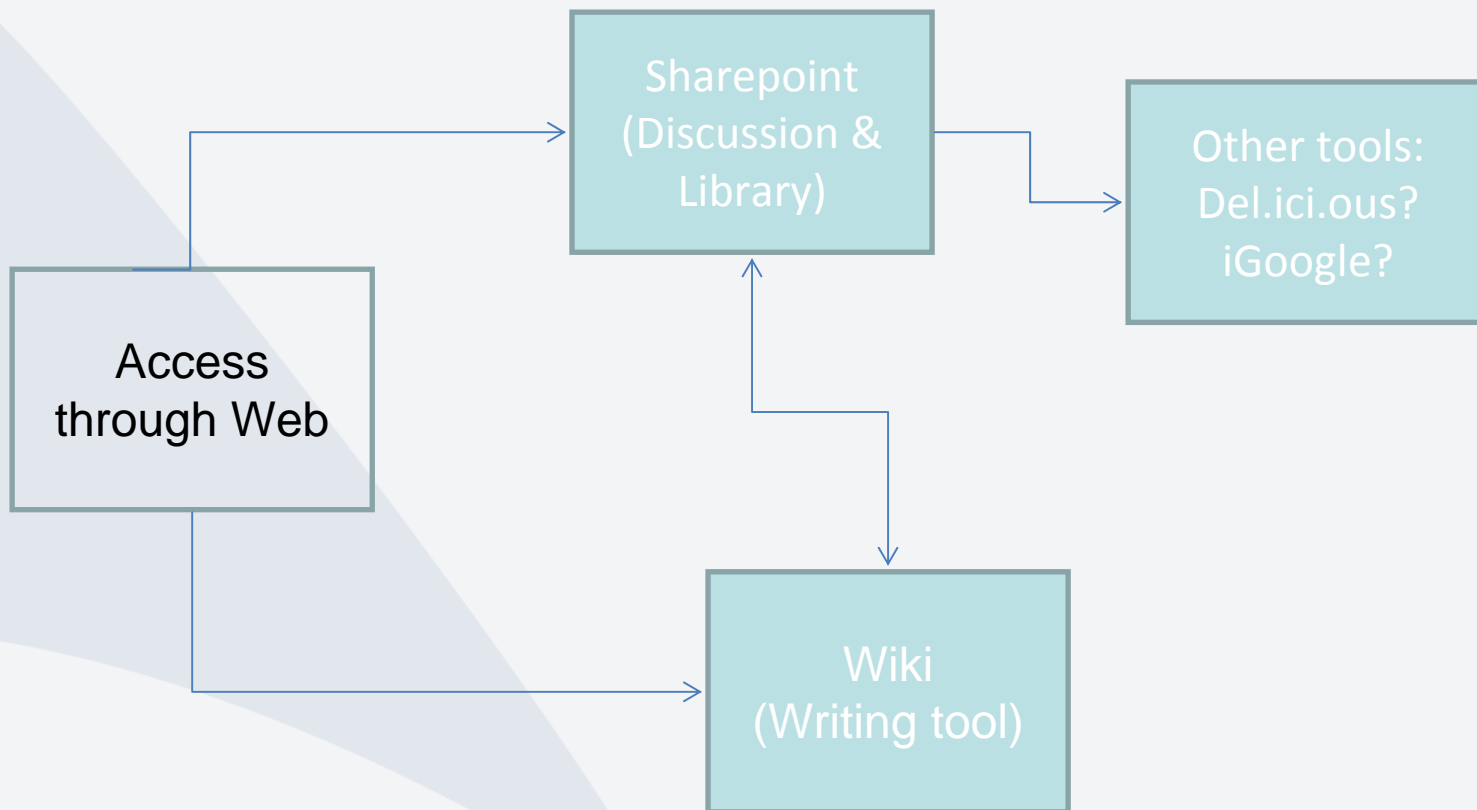
- Website for general information
- Open to all interested stakeholders
- Recruit new network/initiative participants
- Now: **Section on www.ddrn.dk**
- Future: Own website?

Internal communication

- Tool for sharing knowledge (thematic and about each other) + discussing online:
Sharepoint
- Tool for writing together (e.g. project proposals, briefs, etc.):
Wiki
- Many other possibilities, depending on needs



Suggested tools for SADC Climate Initiative



Suggested tools for SADC Climate Initiative – DDRN Website

Access through web at
http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=219

Functions:

- Information on background
- Documentation from workshop
- Information on follow up and progress
- Links to contact persons and internal tools

Maintained by DDRN,
with your contributions



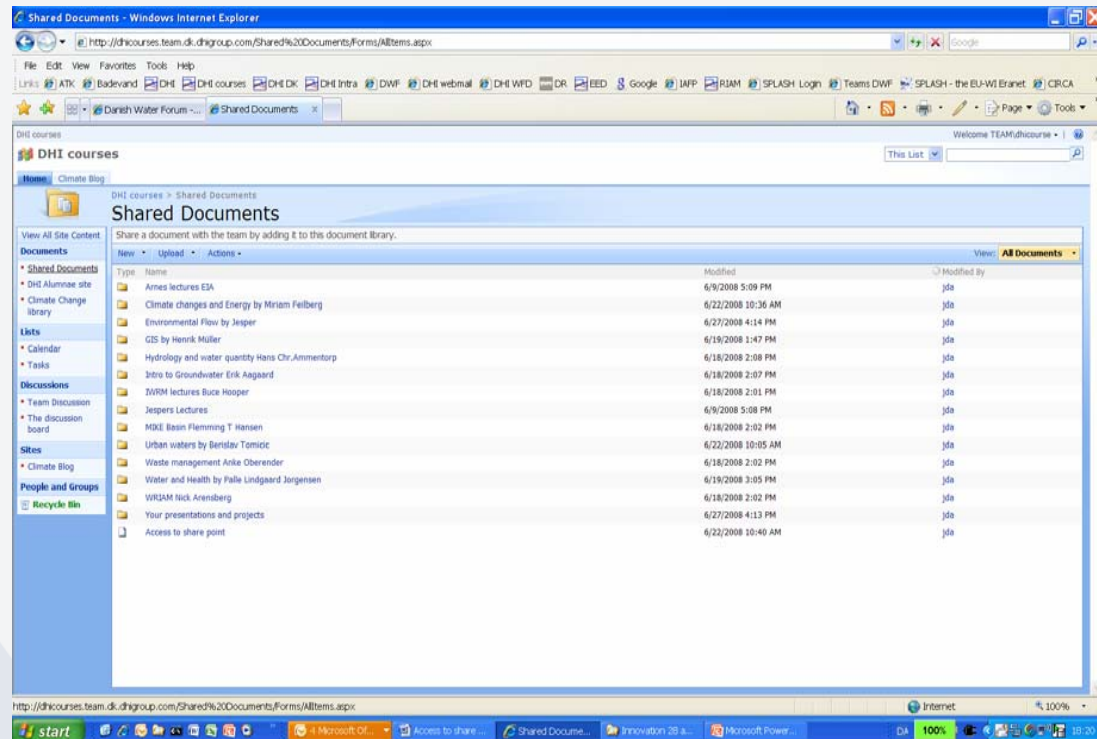
Suggested tools for SADC Climate Initiative - Sharepoint

Functions:

- Library
- Discussion groups
- Calendar
- Contact details
- Links

Closed forum

YOU can all upload
and contribute



Suggested tools for SADC Climate Initiative - Wiki

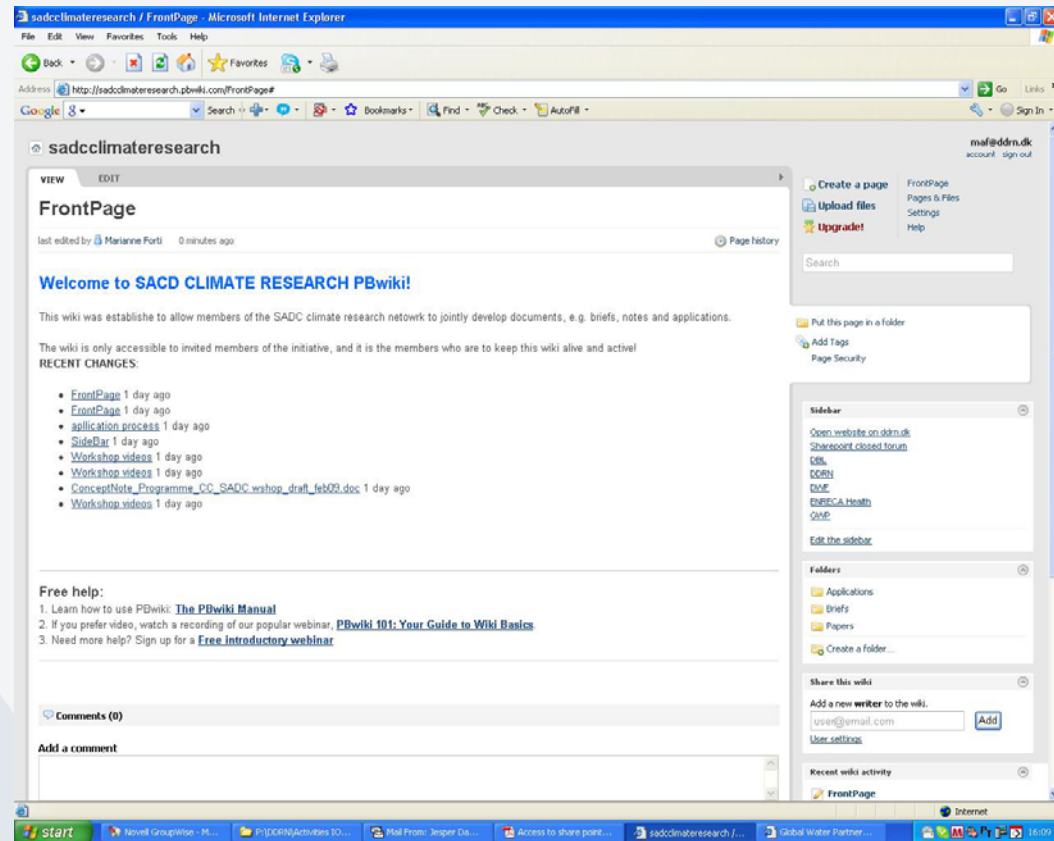
Established at at
<https://sadclimateresearch.pbwiki.com/>

Functions:

- Develop joint documents
- Coordination of processes (Status, to do lists. etc)

Closed forum – by invitation

YOU can all edit and contribute



Other information sources:

DDRN website NEW sections on:

- Climate change
- Food security
- Research communication

(Will) include information on:

- Events
- Papers and reports
- Briefs
- Funding sources
- Links
- Other news



Issues for discussion

- Goals of communicating?
- Who is to be included / targeted?
- Kinds of information / contents?
- Most appropriate channels?
- Codes for interaction?
- Who is responsible for maintenance?
- Practical constraints?
- Timeframe?

