Enhancing Stakeholder Collaboration for Climate Resilience in Willemstad's Inner City

Willemstad & Climate Resilience

Willemstad’s Inner City is increasingly vulnerable to climate risks like heat stress and flooding. Efforts to improve climate resilience in Willemstad’s Inner City remain fragmented due to the absence of structured collaboration.

The project research findings show that poor communication, limited coordination, and diverging interests are major barriers to collaboration. Without a clear structure for engagement, collaboration stays isolated and depends on individual efforts, which limits its long-term impact and potential for growth.

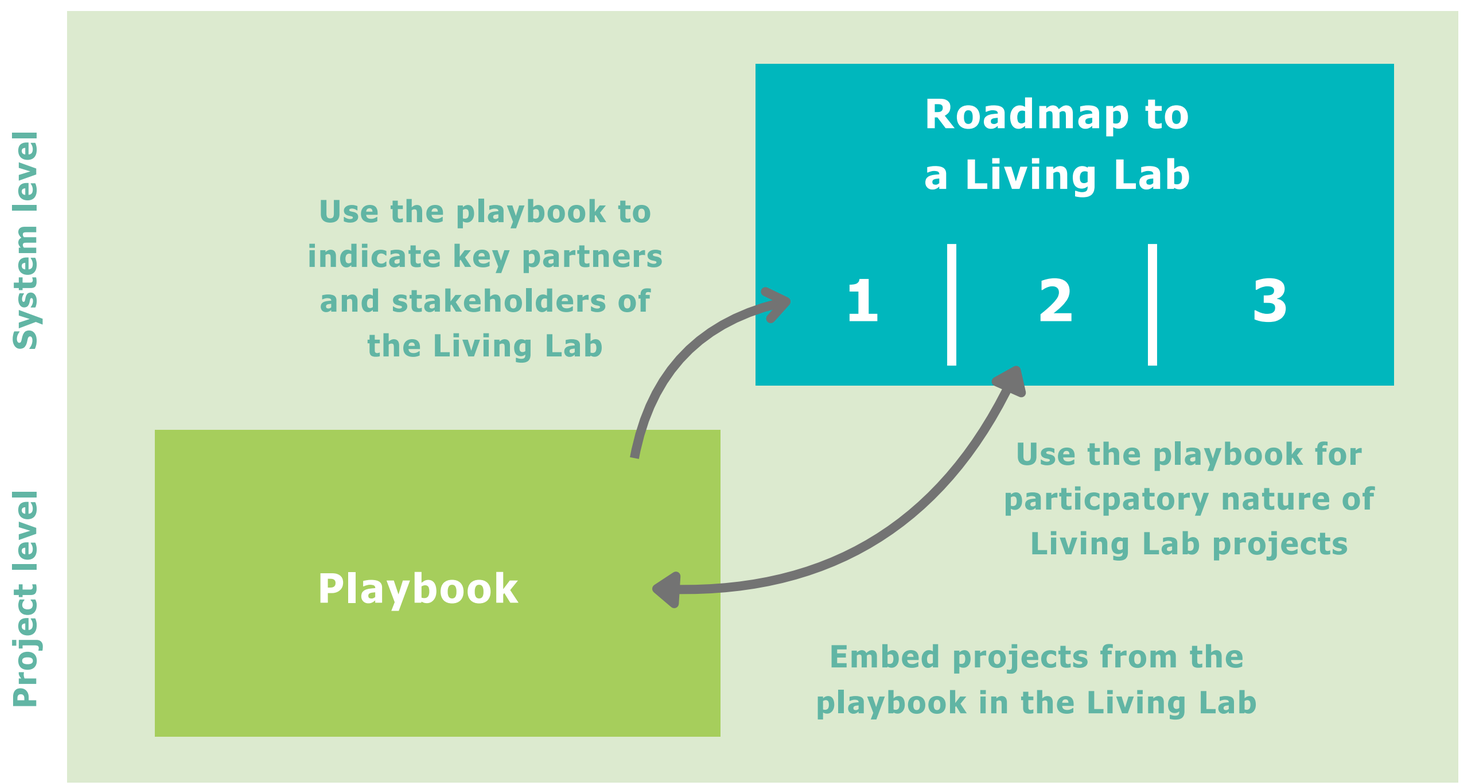
Design Response: From Barriers to Collaboration

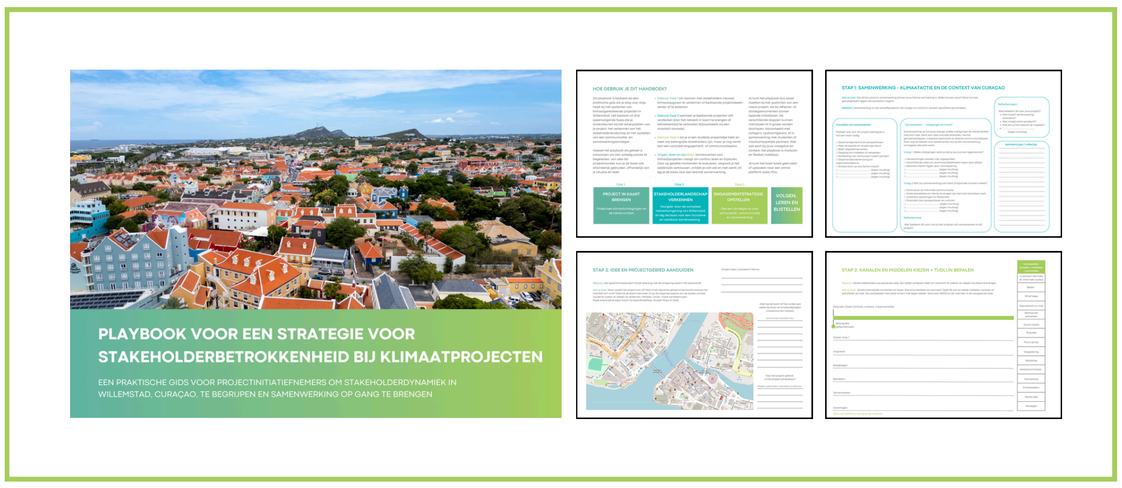
The project shows that collaboration can be strengthened by combining structured engagement with a shared long-term vision. To support this, two tools were designed:

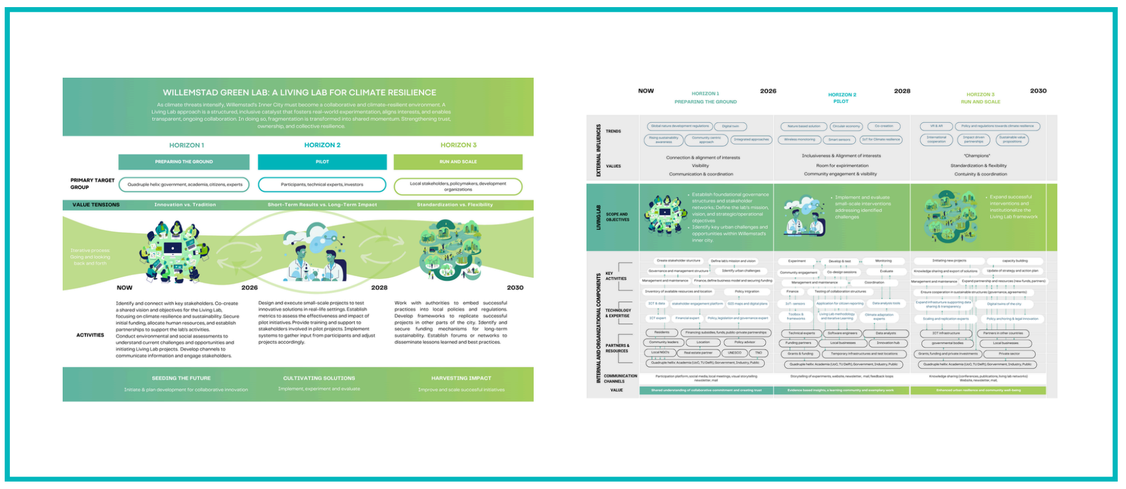
A Playbook for stakeholder engagement - A step-by-step guide for project initiators for initiating local climate projects and engaging stakeholders. Supports project-level action by clarifying roles, mapping actors, and enabling early alignment.

A Roadmap towards a Living Lab - A timeline-based strategy for institutional actors to guide the development of a Living Lab. Supports institutional coordination, long-term planning, and shared visioning.

Bridging short-term action with long-term vision







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