

# Climate and Development Knowledge Network

Helping developing countries to design and deliver climate compatible development



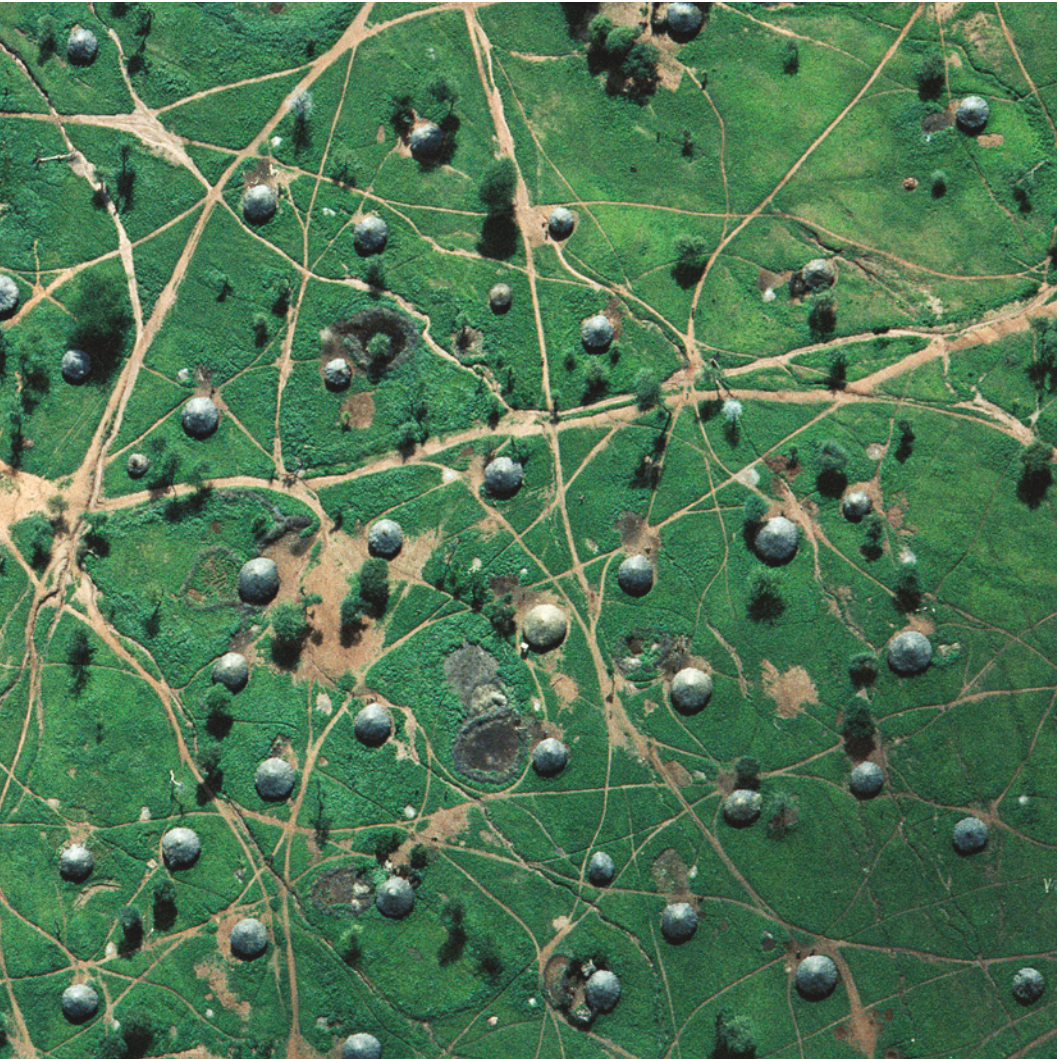
## About CDKN

The Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) supports decision-makers to design and deliver climate compatible development. We do this by combining research, advisory services and knowledge sharing in support of locally owned and managed policy processes. We assist least developed and climate-vulnerable nations to have a meaningful voice in global climate talks.

We are South and North-led, with regional leadership and hubs in Cape Town, Quito, Islamabad and London. The CDKN alliance is PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano, SouthSouthNorth, LEAD (International and Pakistan) and INTRAC. This combination of leading non-governmental organisations, a think tank and a large private sector firm provides unprecedented breadth and depth of expertise on climate change and development.

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## How we work

CDKN works to change the quality of life for people most challenged by the effects of climate change. We aim to bridge climate change and development policy: enabling developing countries to achieve a low-carbon and climate-resilient future along with poverty reduction and human development.

CDKN's approach is distinctive:

- **We are demand-led.** We respond to requests for climate compatible development expertise from national governments, and also from regional and global networks. We build relationships and work with partners to define what's needed and design programmes together. Our success depends on the ownership and buy-in of developing country decision-makers.
- **We mobilise the best talent to meet today's challenges.** Many of CDKN's services are provided by collaborating organisations and individuals from around the globe. We source the best expertise wherever it is found: our Roster of Experts has more than 400 individuals from 80 countries.
- **We aim to build capacity.** We seek to build the expertise of developing country organisations and to foster South-South learning.
- **We take a rounded view.** We provide high quality, evidence-based research to inform national debates and policy decisions, and we support knowledge sharing and partnerships to strengthen broad stakeholder engagement on climate compatible development.

- **We are flexible and offer a quick response.** We have a quick contracting mechanism that means we can respond to urgent requests for assistance from developing country governments – and we are flexible in shaping our programmes as needs evolve.
- **We work in partnership with others.** We work to coordinate efforts among donors and climate knowledge initiatives, so that we build upon and do not duplicate efforts. We want to leave a legacy of long-term, collaborative relationships among governments, civil society groups, businesses and individuals who are as passionate about climate compatible development as we are.



## CDKN's priority themes

Within the broad scope of climate compatible development, we work across four strategic themes:

- climate compatible development strategies and plans;
- improving developing countries' access to climate finance;
- strengthening resilience through climate-related disaster risk management;
- supporting climate negotiators from the least developed and most climate-vulnerable countries.



## Highlights from our programme

CDKN has been in operation for just two years and is already working in more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean with the public and private sector, civil society and international institutions. We currently disburse £20 million per year.

CDKN has a proven record of delivering change. We have supported policy change in 23 countries so far, including:

- **Moving the climate change debate from being an ‘environment’ issue to a core economic planning issue.** In countries such as Rwanda, Kenya, Peru and Colombia, we have fostered collaboration among many government agencies and supporting groups around this common vision.

■ **Promoting sustainable solutions that can be replicated.**

For example, in Bangladesh we are supporting the Government to address loss and damages associated with climate change impacts. This programme will be used as a model for other Least Developed Countries.

■ **Strengthening the voices of climate-vulnerable countries in the climate negotiations.**

We support the Legal Response Initiative to give pro bono advice to developing country negotiators at United Nations climate talks, via a network of lawyers. As a result, negotiators have received more than 100 cases of legal advice, improving their confidence and ability.



- **Helping put climate strategies into action.** We have supported the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre to develop an Implementation Plan for the Caribbean Community's strategic climate framework. The Plan has now been endorsed by the 18 participating Caribbean governments. Follow-on initiatives include the CDKN-funded project to transition Anguilla's power sector to renewable energy.
- **Supporting research that has changed policy.** An early success is work by the Alliance for Climate Change Resilience in Africa (ACCRA) on how climate hazards, variability and change affect vulnerable communities in Ethiopia, Uganda and Mozambique. Thanks to this CDKN-supported programme, climate adaptation is integrated in

local development plans – assisting communities to become more resilient to climate shocks.

- **Bringing climate science closer to policy-makers.** In partnership with the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Government of Norway and others, we have convened around 1,500 senior decision-makers at events in seven developing regions to debate the implications of the IPCC's Special Report on Managing Climate Extremes and Disasters (SREX). This programme has started to change the way decision-makers work with each other and mobilise resources to prepare for climate disasters.
- **Integrating climate change into sector planning.** CDKN and the Global Water Partnership supported the African Ministers Council on Water to develop a comprehensive Strategic Framework for integrating



water security and climate resilience into development planning. The Framework puts countries in a strong position to climate-proof investment decisions and CDKN will work with eight African countries to put it into practice.

■ **Assisting decision-makers to take the long view, and act on it.**

CDKN and partners worked with the Punjab Disaster Management Authority in Pakistan to develop guidelines for more climate-resilient, energy efficient housing and infrastructure. By helping Punjab 'build back better' after the disastrous floods, we expect more lives will be saved in future disasters.







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