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Advancing gender-equitable and socially-inclusive climate-resilient development

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The latest IPCC report stresses that urgent collective and transformative action across society is needed to avoid severe disruption to human and natural systems from climate change. The 2021 UN Adaptation Gap report confirms finance for adaptation is far below the scale required and it is not reaching the local level where it is needed most. Damage to nature is undermining human wellbeing and is one of the drivers of climate change.

There is thus an urgent need for accelerated equitable climate resilience in the global South that puts local people at the centre of climate action. Acknowledging this, institutions around the world are adopting the principles of locally-led adaptation that recognise the expertise and talents of communities on the climate frontlines to design resilience solutions.

What will we do? Accelerating equitable, financed and ecosystem-based climate action

CDKN will build on 12 years of work to respond to these calls. Our aim is to advance gender-equitable and socially-inclusive climate-resilient development by mobilising knowledge-into-action, capacity and Southern climate leadership from local to global levels.

Over five years (2022–27), we will focus on accelerating equitable, financed and ecosystem-based action on climate change that is locally-led and strengthens the voice and climate leadership of disadvantaged groups at community level. This includes women, young and elderly people, children, people with differing abilities, Indigenous Peoples, people living in informal settlements, marginalised groups, and migrants and displaced people.

CDKN will focus on three priority action areas:

1. Supporting integration of gender equality and social inclusion in climate policies and practice;
2. Enabling access to appropriate and inclusive finance that supports locally-led climate action; and
3. Strengthening implementation of just and effective ecosystem-based adaptation.

Where will we work?

CDKN will implement activities at the global level and in the following regions and countries:



South Asia (principally India, Bangladesh, Nepal)



Latin America (principally Colombia, Ecuador and Peru).



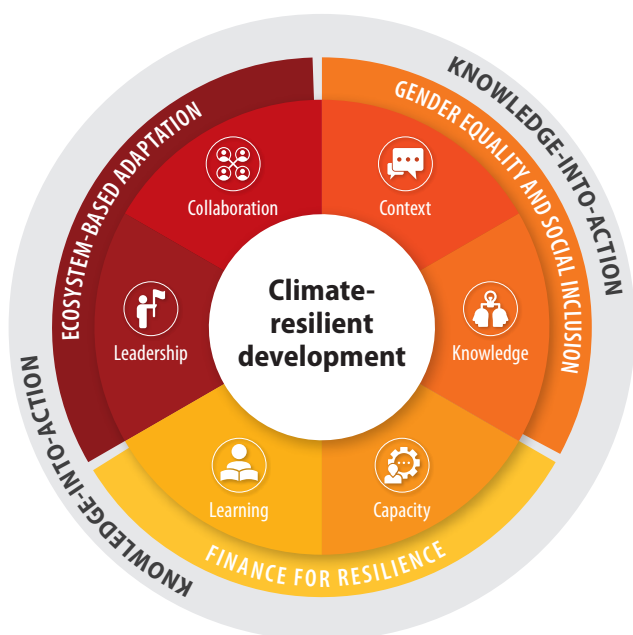
We will scale up within **Africa**, with a pan-African programme and focal countries in East, West and southern Africa.



The CDKN approach

CDKN focusses on moving knowledge into increased action on climate change using the following approach:

CDKN's six elements of effective knowledge-into-action



This CDKN approach:

- **produces and shares actionable and relevant knowledge**, weaving together diverse forms of knowledge – including local, Indigenous and scientific – to build collective understandings of climate impacts and adaptation challenges, and co-create and apply solutions;
- **advances Southern and community leadership** on climate resilience planning and implementation;
- **responds to the local context** in a way that is appropriate to the socioeconomic, cultural and political decision-making circumstances;
- **is collaborative**, fostering long-term, collegial relationships and partnerships built on trust, working across diverse sectors and scales for the 'all of society' approach required to achieve systemic change and restore ecosystem integrity to enhance climate resilience;
- **mobilises the capacity of individuals and institutions** to harness the rich knowledge and expertise that exists in the global South; and
- **facilitates continual learning** to reflect on emerging lessons and insights in tackling the climate crisis.

Who are we?

CDKN is a global Southern-led network founded in 2010 to advance climate-resilient development in the global South. The programme is managed by SouthSouthNorth, and implemented in partnership with Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA) and ICLEI South Asia.

We aim to improve the quality of life of those most affected by climate change through combining knowledge, research and advisory services in support of locally-owned and -led climate-resilient action.

Our funders

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