

Assessing institutional and governance partnerships for climate compatible development in sub-Saharan Africa.

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This research aims to identify and analyse successful climate compatible development (CCD) models and institutional and governance partnership activities involving different combinations of stakeholders in complex and dynamic governance and political economy contexts in sub-Saharan Africa. The research is focused on four countries, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It aims to share lessons in delivering adaptation, mitigation and poverty alleviation benefits to communities through CCD, by drawing on experiences and partnerships from a range of sectors, including forestry, mining and wildlife.

Through CCD, countries can mitigate climate change and potentially deliver significant wins for adaptation and poverty reduction. Increasing climate finance and the voluntary carbon market can provide a valuable economic opportunity for developing countries. While carbon payments have been found to contribute to rural incomes, trade-offs with other ecosystem services and livelihood impacts and outcomes require careful consideration. Recent research reflecting on the lessons learnt from sustainable land management and community-based conservation initiatives stresses the importance of building on existing institutional and governance structures and processes. The role of private sector companies and NGOs in developing new opportunities and multi-stakeholder partnerships through international carbon credit schemes has also been identified as important. However there is a lack of studies and evidence assessing the role of different partnership structures in complex dynamic governance situations.

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Key project impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights and investigates the importance of multi-stakeholder governance systems; • Aims to provide knowledge on governance and partnerships.
Fit within CDKN's portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project fits into the Climate Compatible Development theme and clusters on climate finance and sustainable agriculture.

Research impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research helps to fill a knowledge gap and contribute empirical data through local and country-scale analysis focusing on areas of poverty needs, carbon storage potential and a range of complex and dynamic governance situations with a view to sharing lessons across the southern Africa region.
Thought leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theoretical developments (described under Research impact above).
Policy interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a broader policy demand for research into successful CCD models as well as the institutional governance and partnerships required. The scope of work goes beyond the four focus countries to the rest of Southern Africa. The project has been designed around an integrated process of stakeholder engagement and communication to maximise policy impact, and features a wide-reaching programme of engagement and dissemination activities. Many of these deliverables are policy oriented which include a regional workshop with policy makers and a report which outlines successful CCD models and provides specific policy recommendations.
Capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research builds capacity for local researchers and for participants through training workshops and through sharing learning and knowledge across countries and within countries.
Deliverables to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four training sessions for research assistants have been held Two in-country stakeholder workshops have been held with attendance from a wide range of stakeholders (20 individuals) including representatives of private sector, government, NGOs, CBOs and academia. These paired DRC with Zambia and Mozambique with Zimbabwe. Two workshop reports highlighting synergies across sectors and experiences of a range of stakeholders. Six-page report on partnerships in CCD
Deliverables expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four training workshops for research assistants Two multi-stakeholder workshops on partnerships for climate compatible development Two 6-page workshop reports highlighting synergies across sectors and experiences of a range of stakeholders. Three academic journal papers, indicative titles are 'partnership models for climate-compatible, development: experiences from Sub-Saharan Africa', 'making climate finance work for the poor: policy lessons from across sectors'; and 'synergies across sectors for pro-poor development: towards a climate resilient future'. A 6-page report for policy makers outlining successful partnership and governance models, and setting out key considerations/policy recommendations, titled "unpacking partnerships to inform climate-compatible policy development" A 10-page regional workshop report identifying the key ways in which governance models identified through in-depth research may need to be adapted for other complex and dynamic governance contexts. It will also outline a stakeholder-evaluated process that can be followed to enable appropriate changes to the models. Best practice guidelines for community engagement and partnership, targeting traditional authorities and NGOs in the study countries entitled New partnerships for climate-compatible pro-poor development
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