



Climate & Development
Knowledge Network

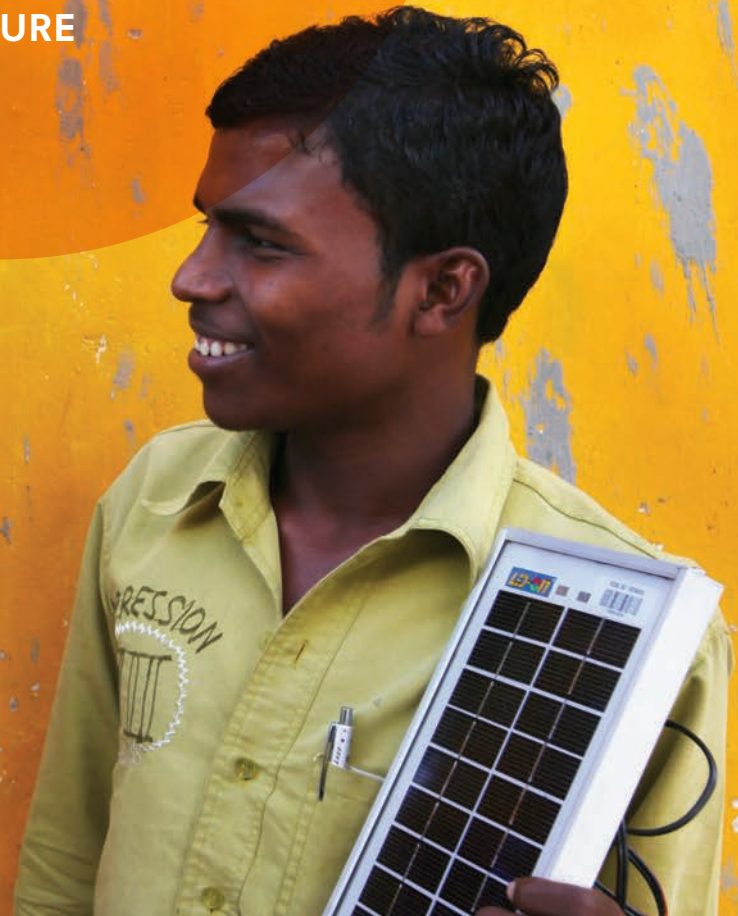
TOGETHER

FOR

A LOW-CARBON FUTURE

A RESILIENT FUTURE

A CLIMATE-COMPATIBLE
FUTURE



CDKN ALLIANCE

CDKN is a North-South alliance based at SouthSouthNorth in Africa, LEAD Pakistan in Asia and Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano in Latin America and the Caribbean; and with a global hub at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Overseas Development Institute in the United Kingdom

CDKN works in 74 countries overall, including the 13 priority countries and regions shown here, where we have dedicated national advisors and country programmes.

● CDKN priority partner countries

● CDKN Alliance partner locations



AN INVITATION TO NEW FUNDING PARTNERS

The Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) supports decision-makers in developing countries to design and deliver climate compatible development.

Our mission is to improve the lives of people most affected by climate change. CDKN is a £120 million programme that has delivered significant results in its first five years, including a large body of new knowledge on climate compatible development.


We have now reached a point in our journey where we are becoming a multi-donor organisation. Our donors in the British and Dutch governments are encouraging us to seek additional new funding partners to ensure CDKN's long-term sustainability. This is an endorsement of both how far we have come and the continued and growing need for our services.

We are inviting new partners to join us on this journey – drawing on all that CDKN has to offer. We are excited to be reaching out to existing and new partners to forge further relationships, collaborations and funding opportunities for both the short and long term.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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WHERE WE WORK

CDKN works across low and middle income countries. Some have steep development challenges; others have rapidly emerging economies. All of these countries face diverse climate change impacts and choices about the greenhouse gas emissions profile of their development and the climate resilience of their investments. They all offer the potential to pilot different approaches to climate compatible development – and to share learning among each other.

In Africa, we are supporting governments to develop specific development plans and projects that are low-carbon and climate-resilient. We are helping countries plan for climate-smart infrastructure, where their needs are great. We are assisting African countries to prepare for and access international climate finance, especially where there is the chance to help the poorest communities develop in a changing climate.

In Asia, we are scaling up successful approaches to climate compatible development that we have already piloted at the local and subnational levels – and have focused particularly on climate-related disaster risk management. Here, we are also supporting governments to become ‘climate finance ready’. This includes developing insurance schemes that could assist the poorest communities when climate impacts strike.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, we are applying our experience, and the original research CDKN has commissioned,

to strengthen institutions to respond to climate change. We are promoting better understanding of the links between climate change agendas and development plans – and building the economic case for climate action now.

As well as the 12 low and middle income countries and Caribbean region (see inside cover) where our programme is currently focused, CDKN’s network extends to the 74 countries where we have supported successful research and knowledge-sharing projects. CDKN can develop new country support programmes where we are invited by national governments and additional donor funding is provided.

CDKN offers a distinctive, demand-led approach: decision-makers determine the kind of support we provide, and we help align it with the broader context of development policies and planning. We link bottom up to top down working at international, national and sub-national levels.

CDKN WORKS ACROSS FOUR STRATEGIC THEMES:



Climate compatible development policies and practice



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



CDKN is committed to supporting social inclusion and gender equality in all work areas

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT US?

We are unique in our approach because:

- We are **firmly established** as a network for climate compatible development in the international arena.
- We have a **demand-led approach** tailored to the national context and based on a process of deep, long-term engagement with policy makers at national and subnational level.
- We partner with **national and local governments** to design and deliver far-sighted and multidimensional policies for climate compatible development in their countries as well as providing the momentum for change at the international level.
- We partner with a range of other actors, including **regional institutions and networks**, civil society organisations and the private sector to achieve climate compatible development.
- We are **South- and North-led**: our regional leadership and hubs are close to our clients and their needs.
- Our alliance combines leading Southern NGOs, a think-tank and a large private sector company, allowing unprecedented **breadth and depth** of expertise.
- We have access to the best **global and local experts** and **local institutions** – CDKN procures and contracts them to deliver. We highly value in-country providers who can build a sustainable local presence.
- We have a proven record of turning **theory into practice** and delivering change on the ground.
- We focus on the intersection of climate and development and have **changed the debate** in a number of countries, moving these two issues from the more limited and narrowly focused environmental space.
- We have a particular focus on the **water, energy and food nexus** in our approach to strengthening the resilience of infrastructure, livelihoods and ecosystems.
- We support multi-stakeholder **participatory processes** to establish policies and plans for climate compatible development – and to negotiate the opportunities and trade-offs involved.
- We combine four capabilities – **technical assistance, research, knowledge networks, and negotiations support** – to deliver practical solutions to meet the needs of developing country governments.

OUR RESULTS

CDKN has achieved significant results and impact in its first five years; including:



We have contributed to making countries' development policies and programmes more climate-compatible in 29 countries overall.



We have trained 350+ negotiators from least developed and climate-vulnerable countries on how to navigate the complex international climate negotiations.



We have provided technical assistance to governments to help them integrate climate change measures in national or subnational plans in seven Asian, African and Latin American countries.



We have responded to hundreds of requests for legal and technical assistance from members of least developed and climate-vulnerable country governments, regarding the global climate talks.



We have produced 300 peer-reviewed research publications on a broad array of climate compatible development topics, and including climate finance and climate-related risk reduction, in response to developing countries' needs.



We have trained more than 200 journalists across Asia, Africa and Latin America in how to cover climate change stories in a timely and accurate way – often galvanising significant commitment from journalists to act as advocates on this issue.



We have convened 1,200 high-level decision-makers in developing countries to debate the findings of the IPCC's *Special Report on Climate Extremes and Disasters* and another 2,000 decision-makers to debate the findings of the IPCC's *Fifth Assessment Report* and what it means for their countries' sustainable development.

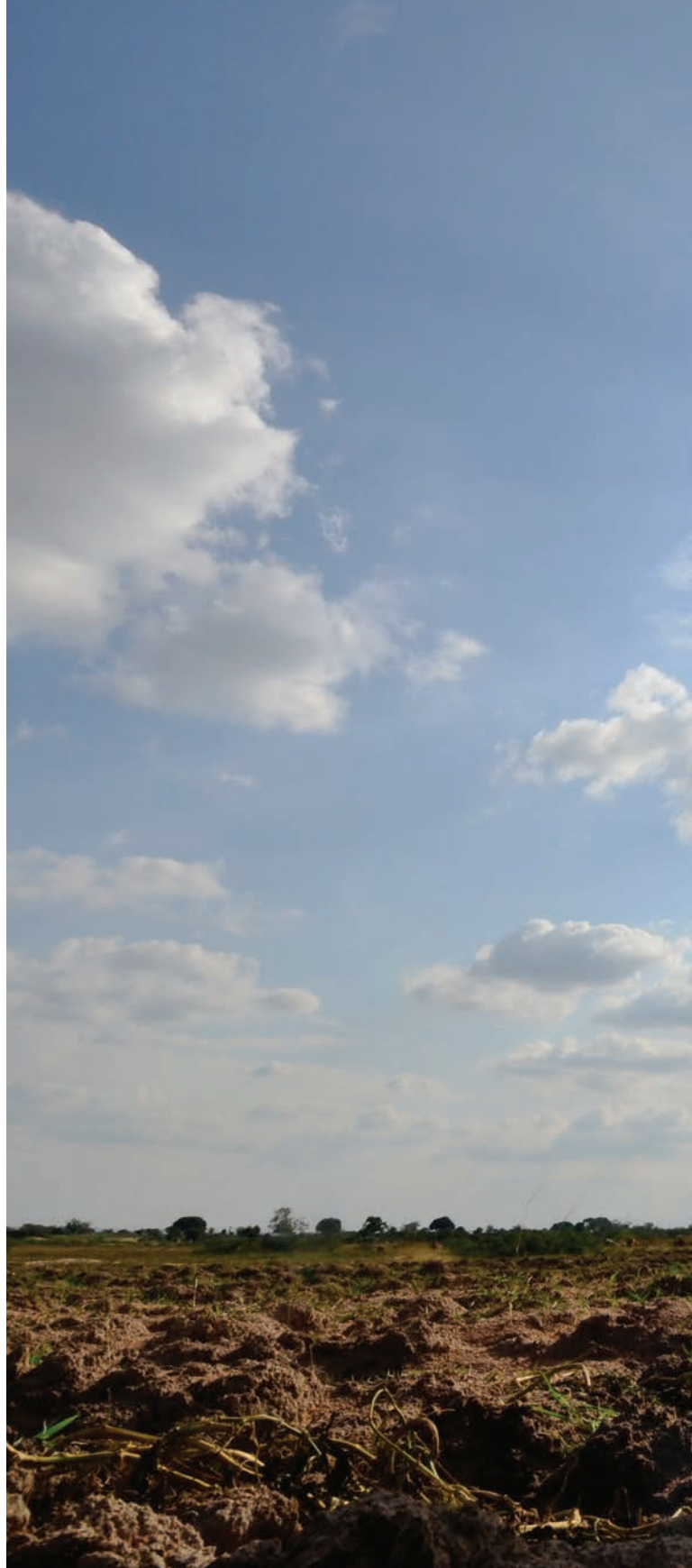


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In Kenya, CDKN supported the creation of a National Climate Change Action Plan that involved research teams in eight economic sectors, engagement across government ministries and public consultation in dozens of counties. The government adopted the Plan in 2013. Kenya's parliament recently passed a climate change bill, which underlines Kenya's commitment and, importantly, establishes the institutional arrangements necessary for implementing the Plan.

The Plan has influenced Kenya's medium-term development goals, which recognise the importance of adopting low-carbon growth and 'greening' the economy. One of the Plan's recommendations is to expedite geothermal power development, as a source of low-carbon energy. CDKN is currently supporting the government's effort to expand geothermal power eight-fold by 2016.

In agriculture, CDKN-funded research led to farmers increasing their yields in the face of variable weather. We supported the Kenya Meteorological Department to provide text message (SMS) weather forecasts in Kiswahili to community-based farmers' groups. These weekly and seasonal forecasts helped farmers choose which crop types and seeds to use and when to carry out specific activities such as weeding, fertiliser use and harvesting. Two-thirds of farmers who participated in a community evaluation said the forecasts had enabled them to boost their crop yields by more than 15%.





An aerial night photograph of Cartagena, Colombia, showing a busy street intersection with cars and a large cathedral with a prominent dome in the background. A large, semi-transparent red circular overlay is centered over the image, containing white text. The text reads: "The change has been totally positive. Climate compatible development is now integral to the city's planning vision". Below the text is a short horizontal white line.

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**DOLLY GONZALEZ, SECRETARY
OF PLANNING, CARTAGENA**



The coastal city of Cartagena, Colombia has been pursuing climate-smart planning with CDKN support. A climate vulnerability assessment was produced as the basis for adaptation guidelines. This led to the launch of “Plan 4C: A Competitive and Climate Compatible Cartagena” in 2014.

Originally designed as a climate change adaptation project, the city’s plan has evolved so that it now has cross-cutting mitigation and adaptation actions in five key areas. These include: a climate compatible tourist industry, industries and a booming port that are adapted to the future climate, protection for the old city’s heritage, promotion of ecosystem-based adaptation and a deeper understanding of how to adapt vulnerable neighbourhoods.

The small island nations of the Caribbean are among those most susceptible to extreme weather events and sea level rise. Dealing with the negative impacts of climate change is currently estimated to cost 11.3% of the annual gross domestic product of Caribbean countries. This could double to 22% of GDP by mid-century.


Caribbean economies are also heavily dependent on imported fossil fuels. Moving away from fossil fuel dependence is an opportunity to reduce their economic vulnerability, as well as to curb greenhouse gas emissions. The governments of the region are committed to building climate resilient, low carbon economies; CDKN and its partners are supporting them in their task.

Together with DFID and in partnership with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), we funded the development of the Implementation Plan for the Regional Framework for Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change. This included creating a new tool to reduce climate risks in policies and plans. The Caribbean Online Risk Management Tool (CCORAL) provides an online support system and screening tool for climate resilient decision-making.









100% of
the houses were
proven resilient
during Typhoon Nari

TRAN VAN GIAI PHONG,
ISET-VIETNAM

CDKN's work is saving lives and livelihoods at the local level. For example, in Da Nang, Vietnam, 244 houses were built using 'climate adapted' design principles developed by a CDKN-supported project. In 2013, Typhoon Nari made landfall in Da Nang, putting the houses to a severe test. All 244 houses remained intact while numerous households around them suffered heavy damages. Convinced by the visible evidence of disaster resilience, the Da Nang city government's decided to integrate climate resilience into their building policy.

OUR OFFERING

DONORS NEED...

...CDKN OFFERS

An established, proven, implementing partner

CDKN is now in its sixth year and we bring the results and experience of our full £120 million programme to date.

An integrated, development-first approach to climate change

CDKN's mission is to support climate compatible development at the intersection of poverty reduction, growth and climate change.

Global thought leadership connected to on-the-ground experience

CDKN works to connect the global, regional, country and subnational levels, and different economic sectors. We believe this is essential for climate compatible development that improves the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable people.

Strong fiduciary, risk and programme management standards; value for money

Delivery by the CDKN Alliance, led by PwC, the leading professional services organisation.

Flexible, fast procurement of services

An established procurement function that has managed more than 500 contracts.

Independence from political interests

An independent brand and a reputation as an impartial knowledge broker and convenor.

Access to developing country networks and decision-makers

Experience in 74 developing countries; 15,000 website visits a month, of which 50% are from developing countries.

A strategic approach to country support

Each of our priority countries has a dedicated country advisor and well-developed strategy.

OUR AMBITION

We are proud of our results to date. But we don't want to stop here. While the world seeks a global climate change deal, the challenges and opportunities for developing countries remain and the demand for our support is greater than we can meet with our current funding.

In the next five years we want to be the leading global organisation for climate compatible development. We want to:

- Deliver change at scale – by putting climate compatible development policies and plans into action.
- Lead the debate on what 'good' climate compatible development looks like.
- Innovate through new types of partnerships and institutional and finance mechanisms.
- Play a major role in the new international finance architecture.
- Fill gaps in the evidence based on what it takes to deliver climate compatible development well – by commissioning original research.
- Be the leading agency to make information and analysis on climate compatible development more accessible and usable – and to create forums for the exchange of knowledge.

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