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Foreword

CDKN has now completed six years of work, integrating measures to tackle climate change into development. By the time you read this, we will be well into our seventh year. In the past year, we have found our core beliefs about the integration of climate change and development reflected back to us and amplified – not just in New York and Paris, but also at the disaster risk reduction meeting in Sendai, the financing meeting in Addis Ababa and the Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul.

There is a new consensus. Progress on tackling climate change must be accelerated, in order to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius. This must be achieved at the same time as greater effort to reduce poverty and reach human development goals, for women, men and children. Resilience to climate shocks must be strengthened. Countries will need to lead, supplemented by the efforts of non-state actors, including regions and cities as well as the private sector. New climate finance will be needed, but integrated with non-climate grants, loans and private finance, to form a mutually reinforcing whole.

We are pleased to have played our part in building this new consensus, including through our support to negotiators at the climate talks in Paris, as well as our work globally and in more than 70 countries. CDKN provides a unique blend of research, technical assistance and knowledge management, working with many hundreds of partners, and building new communities of practice to empower developing country participants in the climate–development challenge.

However, the challenge is becoming ever more acute, and this is no time to stand back. Our pledge is to help countries and local-level actors develop greater capacity and capability to manage the great transition that must now take place. Many developing countries have agreed ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). We offer our support. Many others will want to strengthen their own plans in advance of the process for global review that begins in 2018. We hope our materials and inputs can be helpful.

CDKN is now a multi-donor programme. It builds on the strength of a global alliance and a dedicated team of professionals, led by our Chief Executive, Sam Bickersteth. The stories of change in this report illustrate the need, and the kind of impact we can hope to have. Our programme will grow in the future.

Simon Maxwell
Executive Chair



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— Alliance partner locations
 ● CDKN priority partner countries



Project highlights



CDKN provides support for climate compatible development in 74 countries overall and runs substantial programmes in the 12 countries and one region (Caribbean) shown here.

Chief Executive's overview

CDKN is a team of talented women and men based across country offices, regional offices and a London hub. It has been a privilege to lead this committed group in a momentous year. During 2015, we played a modest role in establishing the Paris Agreement – a framework for national and global action on climate change – through our support to government planners and climate negotiators.

As climate changes accelerate around us, we know it is the capability of institutions, systems and above all people that will lead us to a safe, climate resilient and low-carbon future. Working alongside hundreds of partners in the global North and South, our team has sought to link up knowledge, learning and practice around climate and development policy at subnational, national and international levels.

Rooted in relationships and national contexts, CDKN has accompanied national policy-makers, city authorities, negotiators, researchers and leaders of business as they have transformed their approach to climate change. Drawing on expertise from within our team as well as a network of experts, we have sought to respond to their emerging needs. This report sets out some of the results from that work. CDKN is enhancing its work to increase developing countries' access to climate-related knowledge, including knowledge-sharing among champions in the global South on issues that are relevant to them.

This is represented by new CDKN partnerships, such as the Future Climate for Africa (FCFA) and Raising Risk Awareness programmes, which bridge gaps among science, policy and communications. With Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), we are now leading a research programme on urban resilience in Latin America. We have begun work as part of the Co-Secretariat of the US Government-supported Low Emissions Development Global Partnership (LEDS GP), which deepens communities of practice and learning. Our anchor donor, DFID, with the Government of the Netherlands, continues to support our work to develop and mobilise finance for projects that respond to the commitments made in Paris. And our latest donor partnership with the Government of Norway takes forward another key plank of the Paris Agreement: growing the capability of countries to measure and verify their emissions from forests and land use change. We are led by our deep engagements across Africa, Asia and Latin America, and through these programmes, CDKN is ready to build solutions to the challenges that lie ahead.

Sam Bickersteth
Chief Executive



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"We've only just started our work on climate change. We need to make sure that we redouble our efforts over the next five years."

***Christiana Figueres,
former Secretary of the
United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate
Change (UNFCCC)***

About us

Who we are

CDKN is a North–South alliance that brings together a wide range of expertise and experience: PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), LEAD Pakistan, Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA), and SouthSouthNorth. Our team includes climate scientists, researchers, economists, consultants and project managers, along with specialists in communication, knowledge management and partnership building.

We have access to the best global and local experts and local institutions – whom CDKN procures and contracts to deliver the bulk of our work. We value highly the in-country providers who can build a sustainable local presence.

What we do

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. Our distinctive, demand-led approach is tailored to the national context and is based on a process of deep, long-term engagement with policy-makers. We also engage extensively with others, including regional institutions and networks, civil society organisations and the private sector, to achieve climate compatible development.

Our approach

Within the broad scope of climate compatible development, CDKN works across four strategic themes, which are described by case studies in the following pages.

They are:

- 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.