

CLIMATE CHANGE CASE STUDY: UK International Climate Finance in Action

A World-Class Advisory Service for Developing Country Policy Makers

The Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) is an initiative designed to support developing countries to make well-informed decisions to successfully build resilience to climate change, enable low carbon growth and tackle poverty. To identify the best opportunities and create practical policies, decision-makers need access to the best available information, research and advice, such as basic climate impacts data and cost-benefit analysis of adaptation approaches.

UK International Climate Finance

The UK Government established the **International Climate Fund (ICF)** in 2011 as part of its commitment to reduce poverty by helping developing countries adapt to climate change, take up low carbon growth and tackle deforestation. The ICF will provide **£3.87 billion of climate finance** from within the existing UK aid budget from **2011 to 2016**.

The ICF contributed to the UK delivering its pledge of almost **£1.55 billion “Fast Start” finance between 2010 - 2012**.

Increasing access to world-class knowledge, advice and support

To stand strong in the face of climate change and maximise human development opportunities, national leaders and policy makers will need to develop new policies, introduce new technologies and mobilise new sources of finance. CDKN is positioned to help developing countries capitalise on the opportunities available to them. With its team

of scientists, economists, and policy analysts from both developing and developed country institutions, CDKN offers support to decision-makers in the public, private and non-governmental sectors.

The Network was **launched in 2010**. The UK Government is contributing £58 million funding over five years, including **£41.3 million ICF funding**. This includes the climate window **Advocacy Fund** which helps to support the poorest developing countries to participate in international climate negotiations.

Climate compatible development is development that minimises the harm caused by climate impacts, while maximising the many human development opportunities presented by a low emissions, more resilient future.



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How the Network works

CDKN is an alliance of five private and non-governmental organisations working across four continents. It brings together research, technical advice and knowledge sharing to help developing countries achieve '**climate compatible development**'. Operating as a global network, CDKN draws on world-class knowledge and expertise to support policy development and decision-making. Support is demand-driven, based on local needs.

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Examples of CDKN support

Building Resilience to Climate Disasters in India

CDKN is part funding the Ahmedabad Heat Action Plan. The Ahmedabad city's administration is working with an international

coalition of health and academic groups to develop a comprehensive action plan to support urban residents to prepare for dangerous heat-waves and assist the city to become more resilient.

The programme calls for government workers and community leaders to step up communications to the most vulnerable groups when a heat-wave begins. It will also support the government to work closely with local hospitals to gain a better understanding of the number of heat-related illnesses, following a heat-wave, which will help to assess the impact of this simple, but life-saving Action Plan.

Mainstreaming climate action across the Caribbean region

CDKN has helped the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) put its strategic climate framework into action with an Implementation Plan endorsed by eighteen participating governments. Follow-on initiatives include the CDKN-funded programme to transition Anguilla's power sector to renewable energy. The programme seeks to save consumers the expense of using imported oil and reduce carbon emissions.

CDKN helps decision makers in developing countries by providing support in five areas:

- Research – identifying research gaps and priorities and commissioning new research
- Technical assistance – integrating climate change thinking into policy making and building institutional capacity
- Knowledge sharing – filling knowledge gaps and connecting to existing initiatives
- Partnerships – providing access to the best available expertise in climate change and development
- Climate window of the advocacy fund – providing training and capacity building to developing

Empowering Least Developed Countries in the global climate talks

CDKN has supported the Least Developed Country group of negotiators at the United Nations (UN) climate change talks by providing legal and technical briefing papers, help with strategy development, coordination and outreach, and logistics. This has enabled the Group to plan more effectively, resulting in improved engagement and a stronger contribution to the negotiation process.

CDKN is continuing to support the LDC group, offering similar support to other groups representing Africa, small island states, and rainforest nations.

CDKN is also supporting the Republic of the Marshall Islands, a small climate vulnerable nation, to increase its voice in international climate negotiations. The programme aims to help the government become more effective in tracking and influencing international talks. It has also helped the Marshall Islands develop stronger domestic climate policies.

Integrating climate resilience in African water policies and development plans

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 will help countries to climate-proof investment decisions. As at October 2013, CDKN is assisting eight African countries to strengthen their institutional capacity and apply the Framework.

Supporting vulnerable communities to become more resilient

In another CDKN-supported project, the Alliance for Climate Change Resilience in Africa (ACCRA) consortium helped to raise the awareness of both national and local government officials on how climate hazards, variability and change affect vulnerable households and communities in Ethiopia, Uganda and Mozambique. The programme has led to climate adaptation being integrated and budgeted for in local development plans – making communities more resilient to future climate shocks.