

News on adaptation to climate change from and for the development community.
From the GTZ Climate Protection Programme on behalf of BMZ. With contributions from KfW, InWent, DED and DIE.

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Dear reader,



The world community showed in Cancún that it is capable of taking meaningful action on global climate issues. This is the key message from the 16th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Cancún. The conference outcome is an important step towards a legally binding climate agreement.

From the perspective of development policy it is important to highlight that the 'shared vision' in the final document agreed on in Cancún lends equal weight to both adaptation and mitigation measures, especially in developing countries. This signifies that support from the donor community must similarly address both issues equally. The increased attention given to adaptation is an important advancement, since climate change can threaten development successes and prevent the achievement of further development goals in developing countries.

Specifically, the Parties approved the Cancún Adaptation Framework, which addresses enhanced action on adaptation as called for in the Bali Action Plan (2007). This was a demand from developing countries, especially in view of the unsatisfactory agreement on climate protection (mitigation).

In German development cooperation we will also take this into account. An important step in this direction is the Environmental and Climate Assessment, which will be obligatory as of 1 January 2011.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

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In Focus

By **Barbara Fröde-Thierfelder, ECO Consult, Germany**
Training Course: 'Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Development Cooperation'



What do 'Regional Land Use Planning to Protect Biodiversity', 'Supporting Coffee Growing by Small Farmers' and 'Promoting Infrastructure in Informal Settlements' have in common? All three are GTZ development projects in Africa that could be affected by climate change in the future. The experts in charge of these projects are confronted with the question of how to deal proactively with the consequences of worldwide climate change. To provide specific and practical approaches to tackling this challenge, the GTZ Climate Task Force, in close cooperation with OECD and with funding from BMZ and InWent, has developed a practical training course. [Read more...](#)

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Events

- **9 to 11 March 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:** 'AfricaAdapt Climate Change Symposium 2011'. Organised by AfricaAdapt. Further Information at: www.adapt.net/aa/
- **28 to 29 April 2011, Berlin, Germany:** 'Water Resources and Climate Change in the MENA-Region: Adaptation, Mitigation, and Best Practices'. Organised by InWEnt and the German Water Partnership. Further Information at: www.germanwaterpartnership.de/...

People in Adaptation

- **Michaela Braun** is the new coordinator of the GTZ Climate Change Support Programme in South Africa.
- **Susan Gille** has joined the GTZ project Innovative Insurance Products for the Adaption to Climate Change in Ghana as an agricultural insurance advisor.
- **Gunter Simon**, GTZ, has taken over the regional programme Adaptation to Climate Change in the Andes, which is based in Peru.

Publications

- **'Nature and Mankind facing Climate Change. One planet**

By Ilona Porsché, GTZ Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Areas, India; Michael Scholze, GTZ Climate Task Force, Germany

The Second International Workshop on Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change - Managing Adaptation Processes



The Second International Workshop on Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change - Managing Adaptation Processes was held in New Delhi, India from 10 to 12 November 2010. It was hosted by ADB, BMZ/GTZ, DFID, USAID and the World Bank. It brought together about 90 adaptation experts from development partner institutions, bi- and multilateral donors and implementing agencies as well as scientific think tanks. This was a follow-up to the International Workshop on Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change held in Berlin, Germany in 2009. While the previous workshop centred on decision-making tools, this workshop focused on mainstreaming processes. [Read more...](#)

with many people - what's the future?' Contributions from around the World in the International Wilderness Camp. Edited by Kus, Barbara; Heine, Britta; Fleischhauer, Andrea and Jabs, Judith. GTZ, Eschborn (2010).

www2.gtz.de/dokumenten/...

• 'New Avenues for Pastoral Development in Sub-Saharan Africa.' Edited by Hagmann, Tobias and Ifejika Speranza, Chinwe. Special Issue of the European Journal of Development Research (December 2010). www.palgrave-journals.com/...

Adaptation Policy and Finance

By Gottfried von Gemmingen, BMZ; Dr Nana Künkel, GTZ
Cancún Adaptation Framework Established in Cancún

The Cancún Adaptation Framework was established at the 16th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, held in Cancún from 29 November to 10 December 2010. The framework outlines: (1) areas of activities needed for adaptation, (2) institutional arrangements at different levels, (3) a special work programme that develops recommendations for approaches that address loss and damage associated with climate change over the next two years, (4) the engagement of relevant expertise and stakeholders, and (5) a commitment to support developing countries in implementing adaptation.

It was agreed to provide support to LDCs and other countries to develop and implement national adaptation plans as a means for them to address medium and long-term adaptation needs. Guidelines and modalities for such a process will be developed throughout next year. Similarly, an adaptation committee with technical support and overview functions was established. Here too working modalities and the composition of the committee will be worked out throughout next year. Countries are requested to report on their activities and support.

Long-term and fast-start financial targets, including ones for adaptation, which countries had already committed to in Copenhagen in 2009, were confirmed (in the finance chapter of the agreed package). The newly established Green Climate Fund will also be a key vehicle for multilateral adaptation funding.

Further Information at:

- http://unfccc.int/files/.../application/pdf/cop16_lca.pdf

By Gottfried von Gemmingen, BMZ; Dr Nana Künkel, GTZ
Adaptation Fund Based in Bonn

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by the Vice Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Gudrun Kopp, and the Chairman of the Adaptation Fund Board, Faruq Khan, marked the Adaptation Fund Board's legal conferral by Germany. Thus the Adaptation Fund is now ready to implement the direct access modality, which is one of the innovative features of this multilateral fund under the Kyoto Protocol. To improve and facilitate this direct access, capacity building and information initiatives are now starting. As one step, a decision was also taken in Cancún on offering workshops to familiarise parties with the process and the requirements of the accreditation of national implementing entities. A lack of specialist and administrative capacities has so far complicated direct access of developing countries to climate financing.

Further Information at:

- www.adaptation-fund.org/

• 'Information and Communications Warning System on Wildland Fire in Mozambique.' Hoffmann, Anja. International Institute for Sustainable Development (2010). www.iisd.org/publications/...

News from German Development Organisations

By Susan Gille, GTZ

Agricultural Insurance in Ghana

The project 'Innovative Insurance Products for the Adaptation to Climate Change' in Ghana, funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMU) aims at supporting the country in its effort to manage socio-economic costs and risks caused by climate change. This will be done by developing and introducing agricultural insurance solutions through public-private cooperation. The project, which was launched in December 2009, will support the insurance sector in Ghana in offering innovative and economically sustainable agricultural insurance products, such as rainfall index crop insurance. The project supports capacity development and provides mentoring to relevant stakeholders. It also facilitates contact to international reinsurance companies. In addition, investments in meteorological infrastructure and improved data collection and analysis will be promoted. The first insurance pilot product is expected for the 2011 crop season.

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By Dr Michaela Ungerer, InWEnt

Climate Leadership Programme

To properly address the complex challenge of climate change, decision makers cannot rely solely on past experience but have to anticipate future trends as well. The leadership competencies of decision makers are of immense importance in strengthening the capacity of societies to adapt to climate change. InWEnt's 'Climate Leadership Programme' (CLP) combines the application of innovative leadership tools with discussions of up-to-date findings on climate change and local action through the development of prototypes. The CLP brings together ambitious leaders from different sectors and countries to jointly re-think existing patterns of action and to develop competencies to collaborate across traditional boundaries in order to create innovative, sustainable and inclusive solutions to deal with climate change. The first cycle of this new programme was launched with a kick-off workshop in Feldafing, 11-15 October 2010, together with 32 South African and Indonesian leaders from government, business and civil society.

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Methods and Approaches

By Dr Kerstin Silvestre Garcia, GTZ

ZALF: Climate Change Adaptation Strategies

The Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) e.V. focuses its international research on integrated sustainability concepts in developing and transition countries. This focus includes evaluation methods, upscaling and decision support for concrete implementation of good practices. Currently eight projects, three of which are financed by BMZ/GTZ, address climate change analysis. For example, climate and energy strategies are being developed in the field of subsistence farming in Tanzania with a team of 20 researchers.

On 19 January 2011, ZALF will share experiences, lessons learnt and recommendations at GTZ headquarters. The focus will be on (1) appropriate strategies to develop good practices; (2) the integration of sustainability impact assessments and (3) the sensitivity of participative implementation. Applied methods and funding strategies for the future will also be discussed.

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Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for Adaptation

Pinning down effective adaptation results is important for learning and accountability regarding adaptation. GTZ, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, is cooperating with the World Resources Institute (WRI) on developing a pragmatic guidebook for M&E for adaptation in the context of development cooperation. The core question for us is: How (much) do our interventions contribute to strengthening adaptive capacity and decreasing vulnerability? This means identifying specific adaptive effects and tracking concrete results. The guidebook proposes measuring progress in three areas: adaptive capacities, adaptive actions, and sustaining development in view of climate change – the latter often the overarching aim of adaptation activities. Within each of these areas, it illustrates several examples of emerging “good” M&E approaches and practices for adaptation.

GTZ and WRI have conducted a series of thematic sessions and workshops together with relevant institutions and individuals, directed at strengthening the community of practice. A case study in India on adaptation work in German development cooperation was conducted in November. The guidebook concept paper will be available in late January for feedback.

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