

RESOURCE CENTRE EXPERIENCE

Recent examples of climate change assignments by Resource Centres:

Climate risk screening and assessment, DFID programmes in China, Kenya and Bangladesh
Institutional assessment of climate change adaptation bodies in developing countries
Communicating climate change – assessing needs of DFID countries information, including gaps
Design for comprehensive disaster management programme, Bangladesh
Linking climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
Linking climate change adaptation networks
Solar heat recovery from road surfaces
Analysis of carbon markets potential in Nepal. Carbon sequestration potential of the Scottish Executive's roadside estate
Summary of lessons learned from UK climate change mitigation work, technology transfer from DFID's KaR Energy programme
Developing criteria for identifying candidate countries for Environmental Transfer Fund support, developing country climate change / carbon market summaries
Support for international climate change / groundwater seminar in Uganda
USAID climate change adaptation manual
Design of climate change programme for Bangladesh
Preparation of ToR for CAADP and climate change work
Support for UK-Bangladesh climate change event



NEXT STEPS

Services will be provided via the three Resource Centres, with co-ordination by the Climate Change Desk. Please contact the people listed below to discuss how to make the best use of the services via the Resource Centres. We will be happy to help you frame your ideas, including discussion on services, additional funding and contracting options.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

"...climate change, and our response to it, will define international development for years to come"

(Douglas Alexander, February 2008)

The urgent need to tackle climate change impacts, within the context of international development, has been highlighted by the Secretary of State. The purpose of this leaflet is to set out what advice is available, and how Advisers and Programme staff can access high-level services and expertise through the **DFID Climate Change Desk**.

IMPROVED ADVISORY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

DFID is already undertaking activities that focus on climate change and its impact, both in HQ and country offices. We will shortly circulate a newsletter reporting progress. However, some country offices are at an early stage of engagement on these issues and may be unfamiliar with the advisory and support services available. DFID's Resource Centres, all of which have some capability to respond to the social, economic and political challenges relating to climate change, are available to help country offices. Three of them have agreed to work together to provide a coordinated, multidisciplinary advisory support service, working with other Resource Centres where appropriate. The Livelihoods Resource Centre, DEW-Point and TI-UP will combine to create the **DFID Climate Change Desk**. This co-ordinated service represents a single point of contact where climate change-related expertise can be accessed easily by Advisers, Programme Support Staff and DFID's in-country partners.

The **Climate Change Desk** facilitates access to a "menu" of technical and support services. These enable DFID to access climate change support quickly and effectively, either through standardised, short enquiries and desk-based exercises or through more substantial assignments. Simple "off the peg" enquiries may be funded through existing Resource Centres on a first come first served basis. More substantial assignments will be commissioned in the normal way through existing Resource Centre contracts. Note that services will be provided from the Resource Centres UK bases, but include the use of extensive global (including southern) networks.

SERVICE "MENU"

Standard services	Commission services
Desk-based scoping studies (3 days)	Sectoral impact studies (2-3 weeks)
Preparation of four page briefing notes (3 days, using available information only)	Capacity building e.g. negotiating skills, be-spoke reading weeks (2-3 weeks)
Preparation of Terms of Reference (ToRs, up to 2 days)	Adaptation studies, economic analysis (1-2 months)
Short in-country programme scoping service (5 days, including stakeholder / institutional analysis)	Scenario study, e.g. population & climate scenarios etc. (1-2 months)
Independent reviews and programme evaluations (up to 5 days)	Strategic country assessment including downscaling (2-3 months)
Literature reviews and a fact finding service (up to 3 days per enquiry core service)	Programme climate proofing (based on Orchid methodology) including staff training (3-4 months)
Professional development modules (3 days each)	Event management / facilitation (organise, participate, host discussion on climate change)

DISSEMINATION



Material will be disseminated and shared through e-Bulletins, a joint website page and a dedicated TeamSite.

EXPERTISE AVAILABLE THROUGH RESOURCE CENTRES

All aspects of Climate Change are covered by the Climate Change Desk, through existing Resource Centres and their extended networks. Integration of responses across a number of core disciplinary areas is critical. These include environmental, social and political, economic, biological, agricultural, infrastructural, engineering and statistical. Climate change presents a multi-disciplinary development challenge, and services provided through the DFID Climate Change Desk will include both existing Resource Centre expertise as well as expanded networks of specialists.

Thematic areas that will be included in the provision of services include:

- assessing how climate is likely to change, and by how much, at a sub-regional scale
- assessing how the effects of predicted change will impact on people and the economy, including key issues such as migration and conflict
- looking at options for adaptation, at sectoral level, including sectors such as agriculture and food security, energy, water resources, infrastructure provision, education and health
- advising on emerging mechanisms such as carbon trading and addressing financing issues
- advising on mitigation issues in key emerging and transitional economies, including low carbon development
- building local capacity to engage in international debates and negotiations