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# **Global Climate Change: Research challenges from a development perspective**

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# Issues to discuss

- Work of relevance at ODI
- Selected points from a development perspective
- Development themes emerging from ongoing work
- Future research questions



## **Adaptation: some work of relevance in ODI**

- Agriculture, food security and social protection
  - Learning from risk adverse behaviour
  - Innovative risk management instruments
- International pricing, protection and trade
- Water governance and a rights based approach
- Chronic poverty, risk and vulnerability
  - migration

# **‘Development proofing’ the climate change debate**

- What is different from other change processes?
  - Spatial and temporal scale
  - Possible magnitude of variability
  - Uncertainty
  - = A domination by technical responses
- The shift to the ‘climate proofing’ of development
- Are certain development principles missing from the climate debate?

# Principles of effective development financing

- Are the financing mechanisms, designed to address CC, referring to wider thinking on alignment with national systems
- Are there lessons from the experience of Global Funds on how such finance should be managed?
- What implications does reframing the CC debate in terms of human rights have for the financing mechanism?
  - How can systems of domestic accountability be strengthened

# Addressing the development challenges of mitigation

- Can mitigation ensure wider development benefits despite this not being its primary objective? Can 'win-win' deliver?
- What are the downstream effect of private financial flows associated with CC?
- Can risks to the poor associated with tenure be addressed?
- Can such investments be aligned with national priorities and ensure 'value addition' to developing countries
- How can oversight mechanisms avoid manipulation by the variety of international and national interest groups?

# Adapting to institutional realities

- What is institutionally possible and realistic?
- Strengthening of national systems to ensure incentives can be transferred
- Addressing technical barriers is not enough
- But what about countries with low governance: does solving the climate problem first involve solving the development problem?
- Or will the process of adaptation provide solutions to wider development problems?