



How to Achieve Effective Climate Action in International Cooperation?

Based on the findings of the
'Report on Effectiveness 2014' by Swiss International Cooperation

Side Event to the

Annual Conference of Swiss Development Cooperation 'Saving the climate, fighting poverty'

Geneva, International Environment House II, Friday 29 August 2014, 10:00-11:30

Rationale

The impacts of climate change on development are becoming more and more evident. Due to widespread poverty, lower resilience and coping capacities, people in developing countries are more severely affected than inhabitants of industrialized countries. The negative impacts threaten their lives and livelihoods and the hard-won gains achieved in reducing poverty in recent decades. That is why Swiss development cooperation has been profoundly engaged in interventions mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and improving the resilience and adaptation capacities of the affected populations in partner countries.

Background

The purpose of this event is to report whether and in what ways climate related Swiss development interventions have contributed to climate change mitigation and adaptation. External experts have carried out an independent assessment of SDC's and SECO's climate change related portfolio activities 2000-2012, which has generated valuable findings and conclusions. These shall be presented and discussed with the panellists and the audience.

Goal

The participants will explore and discuss pathways on how to better integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation into development cooperation programs and projects. In addition, they will seek to provide ideas and share best practices on how to improve the effectiveness of climate change related Official Development Aid (ODA). By sharing their expertise in the field of climate change and by fostering international cooperation, SDC and SECO intend to contribute to limiting the adverse effects of global warming and thus securing progress made in reducing poverty worldwide.

Programme

- 10:00 Welcome and opening remarks by SDC
- 10:10 Results (including a short video) & lessons learned
- 10:30 Comments on the link to international climate negotiations by the Swiss Federal Office of the Environment
- 10:40 Moderated panel discussion with SDC/SECO and invited guests from the academic community (UNIGE), international organisations (UNITAR), and NGOs (Helvetas Intercooperation)
- 11:20 Closing remarks by SECO
- 11:45 Transfer to "Geneva Arena"

Logistics & Registration

The event will take place at the Maison de l'Environnement 2 (7-9, chemin de Balexert - 1219 Châtelaine. Directions: <http://www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org/?q=en/directions>).

The main language of the event is English (translation is not provided), although questions to panellists can be asked in French.

Right after the event a bus will be available for the transfer to the Geneva Arena to attend the official Annual Conference of Swiss Development Cooperation on 'Saving the climate, fighting poverty'. Lunch will be provided (12:00) and the conference will begin at 13:00.

Please register by sending an e-mail to gpcc@eda.admin.ch. If you wish to join the Annual Conference please register separately on-line via the following link: www.sdc.admin.ch/ad_cc.