

# **Enabling Policy Environments for Climate Finance:**

Scaling-up national systems to meet the climate finance gap







# 2013 LTF Workplan, Pillar II: Enabling policy environments for climate finance



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In Bonn, Amal-Lee Amin of E3G proposed the following questions to help define LTF workplan for 2013:

- What can we learn from existing uses of climate finance?
- How to choose the appropriate policies & instruments for each context?
- How to identify between challenges in planning, accessing, implementing & monitoring?
- How to focus attention on enabling environments for attracting adaptation finance?
- Can tracking of climate finance be part of an effective enabling environment for climate finance?



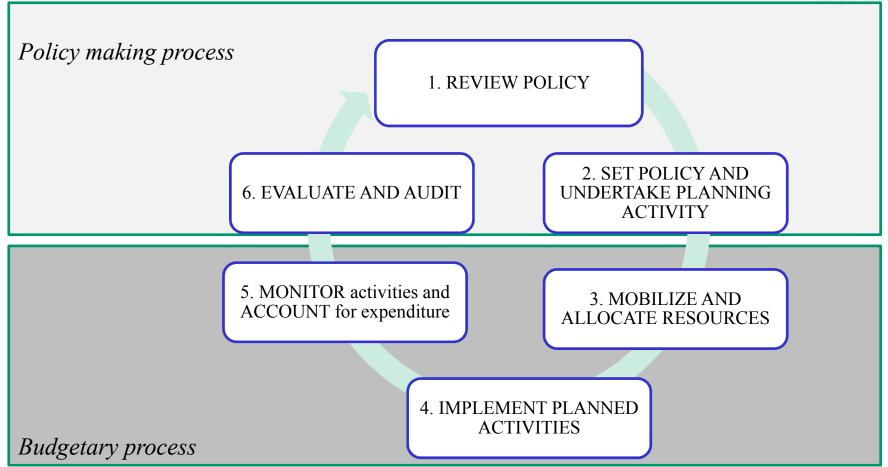
# "If you don't count it, it doesn't matter."

Ancient Budget Professors' Proverb

# Climate Public Expenditure & Institutional Review (CPEIR)



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Add "climate-relevance" dimensions to analysis

#### **CPEIRs:** Towards a climate fiscal framework



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- 1. Policy development: How is CC policy formulated & linked to expenditure through
- ✓ Link CC priorities with expenditure & taxation decisions through the national budget process
- 2. Institutional structures: What are roles & responsibilities of institutions involved
- ✓ Ensure external finances are used effectively alongside domestic resources
- 3. Public financial management: How to quantify &
- ✓ Provide a framework to incentivize private investments

# Policy, institutional & expenditure recommendations from CPEIRs



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- Link national budget & climate policy
- Coordination by finance & planning ministries critical
- Local government a key channel for climate finance
- Harmonised definition of a "climate expenditure"
- The national budget is key to address climate change
- Relevance of sectors is country specific but local government, transport & water significant
- Too much int'l focus on extra-budgetary climate funds
- "Dirty expenditures" should also be identified & reviewed

## **Expenditures & sources**



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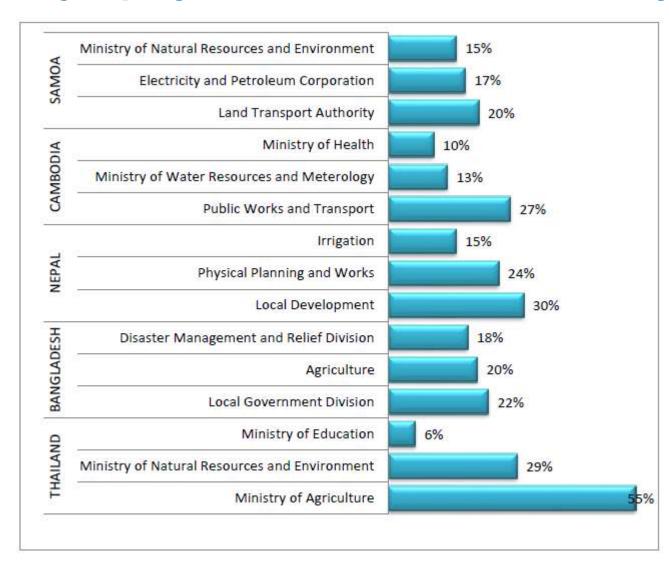
#### Climate relevant expenditures as a proportion of total expenditure & GDP

Country	Headline statistic (as % of budget)	Headline statistic (as % of GDP)	Comments on how data captured
Nepal	6.7 %	1.8%	Limited to 10 Ministries 'likely to undertake activities relevant to climate change on a functional basis'     Does not include 'off-budget' donor support
Bangladesh	5.5 - 7.2 % (2010/11)	0.9% (2010/11)	<ul> <li>Analysis identified 37 out of 57 ministries or divisions that had climate relevant expenditure</li> <li>Does not include 'off-budget' donor support</li> </ul>
Thailand	2.7 %	0.5%	<ul> <li>14 Ministries 'had a climate programme in the period reviewed'</li> <li>Does not include 'off-budget' donor support</li> </ul>
Cambodia	14.9 – 16.9 %	3.1 - 6.9%	Analysis of budgeted expenditure covered all Government programmes and projects     Includes 'off-budget' donor support
Samoa	15 %	6 %	Analysis of budgeted expenditure covered all Government programmes and projects     Includes 'off-budget' donor support

Source: From Bird et al. 2012

## Few major players with local channels key





Highest climate relevant spending agencies as proportion of total 'climate budget'

#### Domestic vs. external resources



# Average proportion of expenditures financed by domestic & external resources over last three years

	Proportion of total ex		Proportion of 'climate relevant' expenditure	
	Financed by	Financed by external	Financed by	Financed by external
	domestic revenues	grants or loans	domestic revenues	grants or loans
Bangladesh	86%	14%	77%	23%
Cambodia	33%	67%	13%	87%
Nepal	73%	27%	44%	56%
Samoa	68%	32%	41%	59%

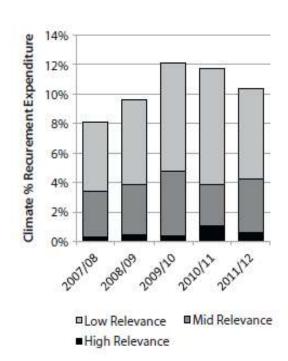
### Development vs. recurrent expenditures



#### Climate Relevance of Development Expenditure

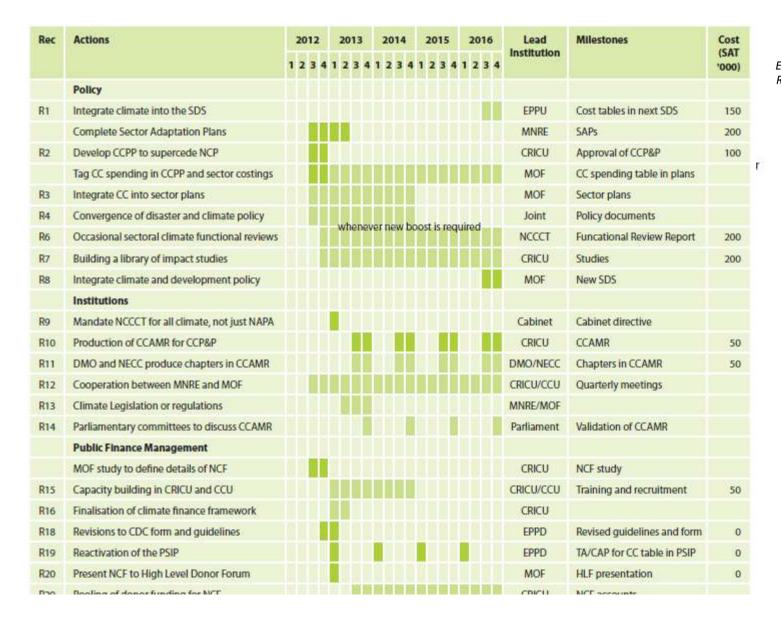
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#### Climate Relevance of Recurrent Expenditure



Comparison of climate relevance of development vs. recurrent expenditures in Samoa

#### Foundation of a climate fiscal framework





### **CPEIRs: Early lessons learned**



- Empowered lives. Resilient nations.
- CPEIRs help to set a baseline against which future expenditures can be measured – NAMAs/NAPs
- Economics need to be much better understood
   — Costbenefit of adaptation; cost-effectiveness
- Medium-term budget outlook allows for quantitative shift in expenditures over time – Taxes & subsidies
- Quality of expenditures to be improved & monitored while maximising synergies – Mainstream CC in Dev & DRR plans
- International finance should build on domestic finance, catalyse private finance – Country leadership

### Linking CPEIRs to NAMAs, LEDS, sectoral

# Plansed that there is alignment of...

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- **Boundaries**
- Disbursement period
- GHG inventory period

... CPEIRs can be THE instrument to measure country effectiveness to implement a specific climate acti

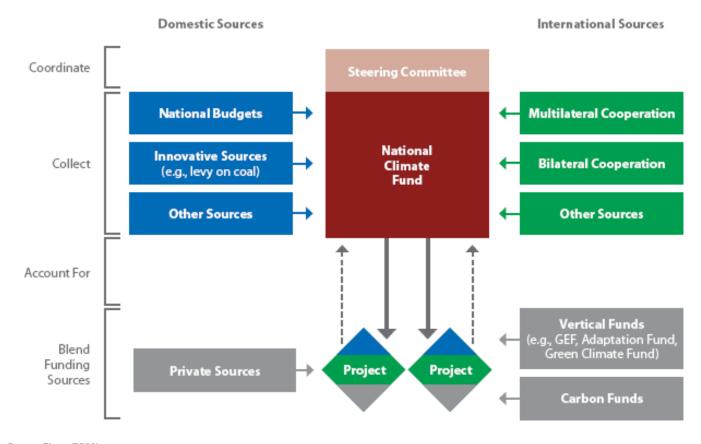
### Example – Indonesia Mitigation Fiscal Framework:

- Framework for appraising, monitoring cost-effective actions
- Inter-ministerial cooperation to ensure necessary budget, policies & practices in place
- Prioritization of policies & funding for climate mitigation
- Alignment of budgets & fiscal incentives for leveraging private & CSO investments

# National Climate Funds: One way to implement CPEIR findings



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Source: Flynn (2011).

### **Examples of NCF Goals**



- Collect sources of funds & direct them toward climate change activities that promote national priorities
- Blend finance from public, private, multilateral & bilateral sources to maximize a country's ability to advance national climate priorities
- Coordinate country-wide climate change activities to ensure that climate change priorities are effectively implemented
- Strengthen capacities for national ownership & management of climate finance, including for "direct access" to funds

## Policy & other functions of a NCF



- Support goal setting and the development of programmatic/sectoral strategies
- Fundraise from multiple sources
- Manage domestic, bilateral & multilateral partnerships
- Provide project approval, QA/QC & support implementation
- Supply policy assurance through safeguards
- Provide financial controls to ensure effective MRV
- Manage performance measurement, including reporting on activities & resources
- Disbursement of funds to subnational & municipal level
- Support knowledge exchange & management

## **Lessons learned from existing NCFs**

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- Clearly define the functions of the fund
- Ensure that the objectives are well-defined & practical
- Have realistic expectations of capitalization
- Design a streamlined project cycle
- Undertake stakeholder engagement to identify needs and requirements
- Ensure unambiguous appraisal & performance criteria, including fiduciary standards
- Incorporate design elements that are stable but flexible to adjust over time
- Establish capacity development as a key element of the fund
- NCFs are not a panacea but can help build key capacities

#### **Conclusions**



- Both CPEIRs & NCFs perform significant policy functions for guidance on climate finance
- Encourage a holistic & comprehensive view of climate expenditures
- CPEIRs link climate to budget so climate is part of budget framework & performance measures...
- ...and link budget to climate so climate strategies are prioritised & costed
- Introduce CC tagging to budget & performancebased budgeting
- Align country-specific spending on climate action at all levels of governance



# Thank you

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#### For more information



#### **CPEIRs**:

 Methodological note & Asia-Pacific case studies: <u>www.aideffectiveness/climatechangefinance</u>

#### NCFs:

- Blending Climate Finance Through National Climate Funds: A Guidebook for the Design and Establishment of National Funds to Achieve Climate Change Priorities
- NCFs in Asia Lessons Learned with case studies:

