

Climate work of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Time for Nature: working together to
mitigate climate crisis

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Action plan on climate smart foreign policy



- Objective: integration of climate change in all areas of Finland's foreign policy

Action areas:

- ✓ Security policy
- ✓ Trade policy and Team Finland
- ✓ Development policy
- ✓ Nordic cooperation
- ✓ Public diplomacy
- ✓ Internal work of the MFA

Connecting themes:

- ✓ Human rights, gender equality, non-discrimination
- ✓ Natural resources
- ✓ Disaster risk reduction (DRR)
- ✓ Energy and black carbon
- ✓ Circular economy

Climate change in the Finnish development policy



New government programme 2019:

- Scaling up climate finance
- Half to adaptation
- Investment-based and loan-based climate finance continues
- Other: gender, human rights-based, LDCs, focus in Africa

Priority areas:

1. Rights of women and girls
2. Sustainable economies and decent work
3. Education and peaceful democratic societies
- 4. *Climate change and sustainable use of natural resources***

Priority area 4: Climate change and sustainable use of natural resources



Outcome areas:

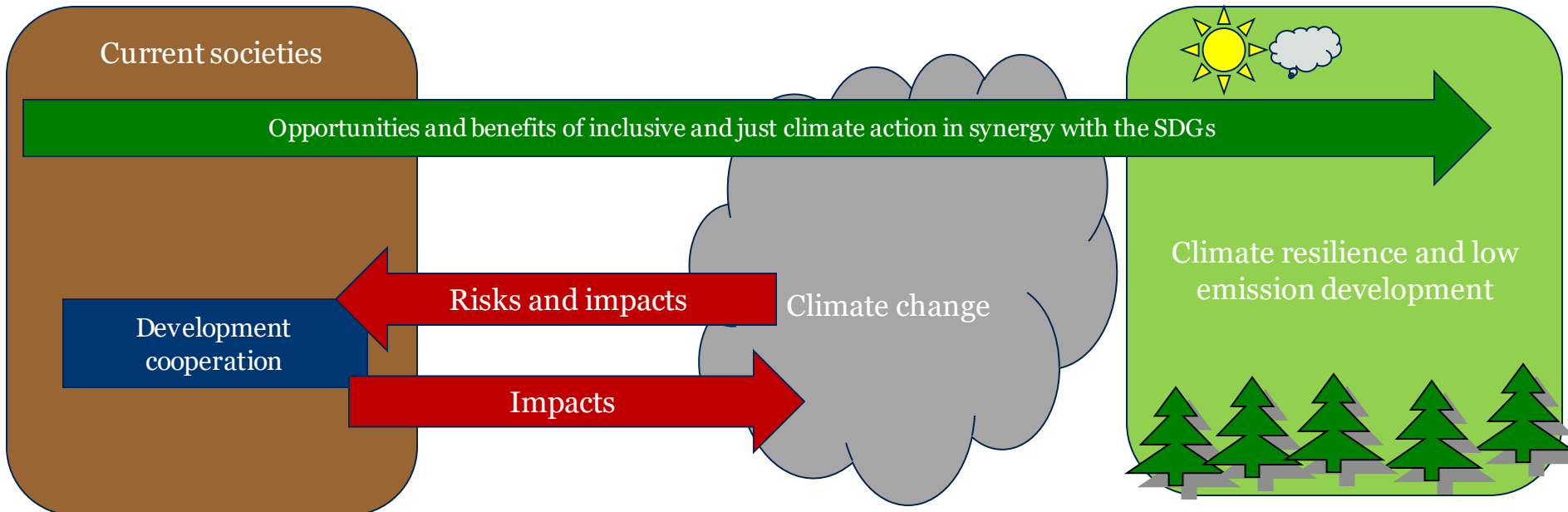
- Food and nutrition security
- Water
- Meteorology and disaster risk reduction
- Forests and biodiversity
- Energy

Cross-cutting objectives of the Finnish development policy



- Gender equality
- Non-discrimination, focus on persons with disabilities
- Climate resilience
- Low emission development

Fostering climate resilience and low emission development



Channels of climate finance



- CSOs
 - e.g. FELM in Tanzania – Kishapu climate change adaptation
 - e.g. WWF, Siemenpuusäitiö
 - e.g. Plan International - Girls and climate change
- Regional and bilateral projects:
 - e.g. Energy and Environment Partnership with Africa (EEP)
 - e.g. inter-institutional cooperation in the field of meteorology
 - e.g. climate benefits of projects in forest and water and sanitation sectors
- Climate funds: GCF, GEF
- Development banks and funds:
 - WB, IDA, AfDB, ADB, IDB, NDF, Finnfund
 - e.g. 50 MEUR "climate loan" to IFAD
 - e.g. Partnership for Market Readiness

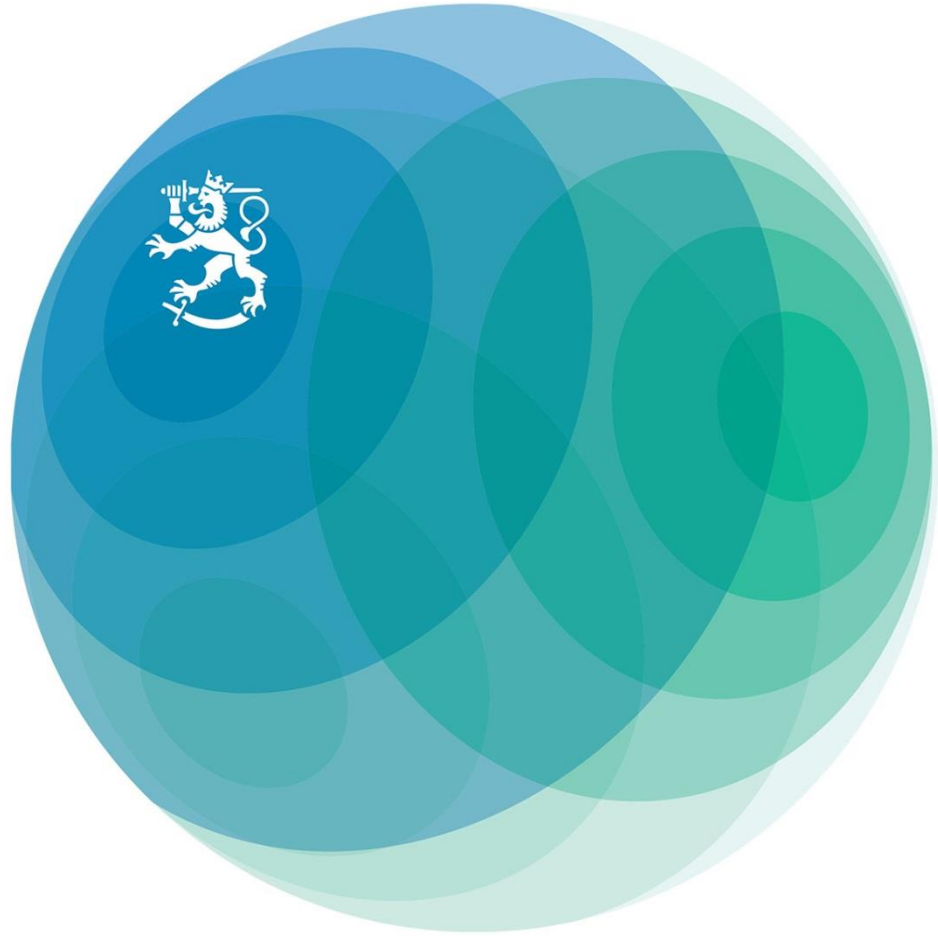
Gender and climate change



- Measures are taken to ensure that climate policy and action also promote gender equality; at the same time, gender equality also makes climate action more effective.

Achievements:

- Integration of gender aspects in the Paris Agreement
- UNFCCC Gender Action Plan
- Participation of and training for female delegates from developing countries in the international climate negotiations
- National climate change and gender action plans (ccGAP) in 21 countries, e.g. Mozambique



Thank you