

Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT)

Helping people find their own path to development

Strengthening capacity for inclusive and sustainable development

CIDT is a social enterprise within the University of Wolverhampton in the United Kingdom. We are the partner of choice for empowering individuals, organisations and institutions to attain their full potential and reach their desired goals.

CIDT is a centre of excellence in **capacity strengthening** for international development. We have worked in **more than 140 countries** worldwide to deliver programmes, projects and consultancies aimed at enhancing capacity across a range of sectors. We draw from **over 40 years of experience** in teaching, training and facilitating learning and collaboration among diverse stakeholders as well as helping to establish or reinforce systems, strategies and tools for sustainable development. By applying **demand-driven, contextually-tailored**, and highly **participatory** approaches, we offer **practical solutions** for **positive change**.

Our Core Values

Partnership
Effectiveness
Equity

Participation
Integrity
Sustainability



“The facilitators did an excellent job delivering this workshop making learning conducive.”

Workshop participant, Guyana, July 2015

Our work in Climate, Forests and Agriculture

Climate change is the biggest challenge of our time; it is having an impact on ecosystem services, including forests. Forests provide a wide range of socio-economic benefits, including biodiversity, and play a key role in mitigating global climate change. Agriculture on the other hand, is at the heart of most low-income countries' economies, providing livelihoods for the poor; however it remains an important contributor to deforestation and GHG emissions.

The inter-linkages between forestry, agriculture and climate change pose significant challenges for coordination in the development of adaptation and mitigation policies for climate change. Our work in this practice area focuses on **climate compatible development, forest governance** and **sustainable agriculture**.

Our Approach for Climate, Forests and Agriculture

We fully recognise that we are living with change and therefore;

On **Climate Compatible Development**; our approach is to build the capacity of governments, civil society and private sector actors to design, implement and evaluate climate responsive projects, programmes and policies. We draw on our international expertise and examples of best practice to ensure that our actions and solutions are locally relevant and appropriate to national needs and context.

We provide support for;

- designing and implementing national aims around climate change planning and related programmes and projects
- integrating climate resilience, green growth and poverty reduction.

Our key work extends from facilitating the design of a national frameworks for coordination of activities around climate change, to accessing climate finance, establishment of national basket funds, and coordinating capacity strengthening, learning and scaling up of measures for responding to climate change.

On **Forests**, our approach is to build the technical, organisational and institutional capacity across sectors to respond to current and future forest governance challenges. We aim to improve the rights and livelihoods of forest dependent people and sustain their natural resource base. We do these through the design and delivery of bespoke short and long term training, mentoring, coaching and advocacy as well as facilitating and creating spaces for stakeholder learning and experience sharing.

In the area of **agriculture**, we offer support and strengthen capacity to enable our clients to formulate and implement effective climate smart and gender sensitive agricultural policies and programmes. Our team has experience in working directly with farmers, extension officers and other institutions operating at the local level. Some of our previous clients have included government ministries, local and international NGOs, regional economic communities, donors and multi-lateral aid institutions.



“The flexibility of the project, delivery of the workshops and the coaching and mentoring was well targeted and effective in developing the capacity of key individuals within the respective organisations”

Final Evaluation of the CDKN Rwanda FONERWA Capacity Building Support project

Our work directly contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Products & Services



Climate Compatible Development

- Co-ordination of resources for addressing climate change issues;
- Build organizational and institutional capacity to deliver across scales;
- Train future climate compatible development specialists through curriculum reform.



Forests

- Capacity Needs Assessments;
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnerships;
- Management and coordination of Forest Governance Forums;
- Institutional strengthening and support to representative structures;
- Forest Governance assessment and monitoring;
- Training of Trainers & Curriculum Development;
- Design and delivery of bespoke training programmes, for example:
 - Timber Legality Assurance Systems.
 - Independent Forest Monitoring.



Agriculture

- Feasibility studies and baseline surveys;
- Facilitating programme and project monitoring, evaluation and learning;
- Facilitating stakeholder engagement and effective partnerships;
- Livelihoods assessment and analysis;
- Social and economic impact assessment;
- Food security and nutrition analysis;
- Agricultural policy analysis;
- Socio-economic research;
- Agricultural value chains and market access for the poor.

Key and recent examples of our work around the globe



Independent Forest Monitoring, CAR

Congo Basin VPA Implementation: Championing Forest Peoples' Rights and Participation (EU and DFID, 2014-2016)

CIDT (lead partner) worked with international and local partners in Cameroon and CAR to support the development of inclusive VPA processes, particularly representation/capacity of CSOs and indigenous people to monitor VPA implementation.

Lesson Learning from National Climate Compatible Development Planning in Four Countries (CDKN/KMAF, 2013-2016)

This project captures country solutions and best practice emerging from climate change planning in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Rwanda in order to support learning, policy development and possible replication of efforts in other countries.



Send a Cow Rwanda, funded by FONERWA

FONERWA (DFID, 2012-2015)

CIDT led the Consortium that established and operationalised this £25m Environment and Climate Change Fund, mobilising capital and providing technical assistance/capacity building, whilst supporting sustainability of the fund.

FONERWA Fund Design (CDKN, 2012)

A team led by CIDT researched and designed a climate and environment fund for Rwanda. The consultancy team adopted 7 key steps within an RBM framework. Stakeholder engagement was followed by situation analysis. Subsequent steps focused on financial options, fund design scenarios and elaboration of operational management procedures.

Capacity Strengthening/Empowerment to improve Forest Governance for the benefit of forest dependent communities (FGMC Project, DFID, 2012-2015)

Management and provision incorporated 3 outputs: the annual Improving Forest Governance course; delivery of 6 country level project design workshops and 2 regional workshops (Asia/Latin America) to help networking in the sector.



Forest Governance Forum, Cameroon

Strengthening Africa Forest Governance in Cameroon, DRC, Ghana & Liberia (EU and DFID, 2011-2015)

Working with UK and local partners, CIDT led this project, and coordinated the delivery of events, including in-country/regional workshops, focusing on development of capacity to deliver an effective TLAS and participate in Independent Monitoring.

Advisory support and funding services for the Livelihoods and Forestry Programme (LFP), Nepal (DFID, 2008-2012)

In this £14m contract CIDT provided: management support; Project Cycle Management; technical assistance; assistance with visioning, strategy and implementation; financial management support; technical skills on rural development and climate change, labelling and certification; enterprise development; and guidance on global agendas.

Programme Reviews and Evaluation services for the Forest Governance and Trade Programme (DFID, 2004-2009)

Judging progress against stated targets and value for money through research, appraising programme documents and telephone stakeholder interviews. CIDT led a mid-term evaluation of the £25 million programme coordinating a team who appraised progress in Indonesia and Ghana.

Project Design and Proposal Writing for Improved Forest Governance (CIDT's FGMC grant, 2012-2015, FAO, DFID FLEGT Support Offices)

Live workshops and ongoing mentoring (delivered to Ivory Coast, Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Liberia, Ghana, Guyana and DRC) to support national civil society platforms to improve project design and quality of proposals submitted to FAO, EU and other donors for funding to improve forest governance.



IFG Course 2016

Improving Forest Governance Course, (DFID, European Forestry Institute, FAO, Global Witness, 2010-2016)

Design and delivery of this annual course focusing on governance issues underpinning Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade – Voluntary Partnership Agreements (FLEGT-VPA). Over 150 individuals from more than 25 countries have so far participated.

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