



MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF FINLAND

Viewpoints on Climate Change and NGO Development Cooperation

Matti Nummelin, Environmental Adviser, MFA

CC is a great threat for
MDGs

Long- term goal of
Finnish Development
Policy is carbon neutrality



CC and NGOs in Finnish climate and development cooperation policy

- Climate proofing must be taken into account in all development cooperation
- Finland supports the negotiation process towards new global CC regime with UN framework. NGOs have a powerful role in negotiations
- Adaptation to adverse effects of climate change and mitigation pose increasing challenge to the capacity of governments, private sectors and NGOs in partner countries
- It important that climate change activities are integrated to the development plans of developing countries, and activities are efficient and effective



CC and NGOs in Finnish climate and development cooperation policy 2

- In adaptation support the most vulnerable countries (LDCs and SIDS) have the priority
- Women and girls are especially vulnerable to the negative consequences of climate change. Women have a powerful role of in climate change activities and there is a need to enhance women's participation in climate change related decision making processes
- Win-win solutions are important in mitigation and adaptation
- Support to National Action Programmes of Adaptation (NAPA) of LDC-countries is important
- NGOs have important role in disaster risk reduction and relief



- Finland will be engaged into such biofuel production which reduces poverty
- Finland supports decentralised decision making which involves also NGOs
- NGOs have an important role in awareness raising in CC
- Embassies are encouraged to support CC projects of NGOs
- Finnish NGOs are encouraged to be involved in dialogue with the Ministry in CC issues
- Finnish NGOs are encouraged to make partnerships with partner country NGOs in CC issues
- The knowledge base of NGOs will be utilised in the policy preparation
- Activities of NGOs in partner countries will be supported through special funds



Role of NGOs in ecosystem-based adaptation

Special role in community involvement

Examples in agriculture in drylands:

- heat, drought, flood and salt tolerant species and varieties
- seed banks
- wind-breaks
- crop species diversification
- rain-water harvesting



Thank you !

Matti Nummelin

matti.nummelin@formin.fi

tel. 160 56108

