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BUILDING CLIMATE CHANGE CAPABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA'S AID PROGRAM

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Drivers of Climate Capability



Pacific Step-Up

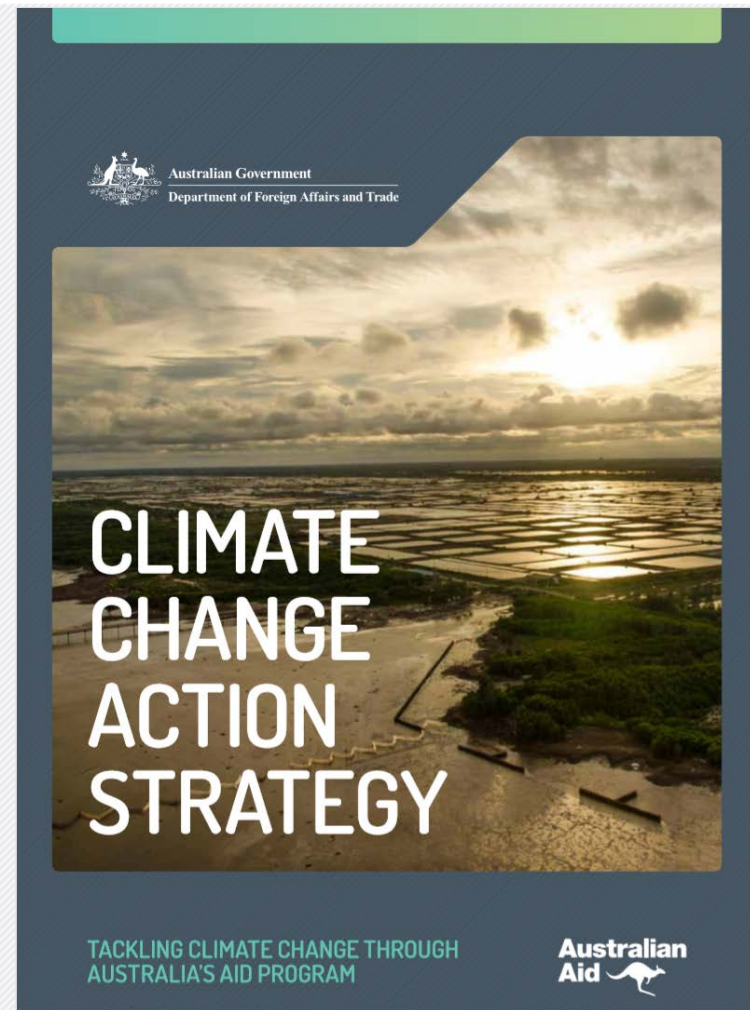
Paris Agreement
Rulebook

Climate Change
Action Strategy

Aid Policy
Refresh

Implementing the Strategy involves:

- Integration of climate considerations across the aid program
- Targeted climate action and investments to achieve outcomes
- Maintaining departmental capabilities for climate action (including through our aid suppliers)



<https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/climate-change-action-strategy.aspx>

Climate Risks

Risks to aid investments:

beneficiaries, project outputs and outcomes, environment



Risks to business operations:

staffing, buildings and assets, systems, workflow



Aid Suppliers

(Development contractors, NGOs, Academic institutions and thinktanks)

DFAT has assurance that our aid suppliers and implementers are capable of meeting climate challenges across development portfolio

Knowledge

- The impacts and linkages of climate change with development sectors.
- What/where are climate risks and opportunities; how development can tackle them through adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction (DRR).
- Importance of climate change and disasters to Australian aid and foreign policy.
- Australia's commitment to twin-track approach of (a) targeted climate aid investments, and (b) integration
- the entry points throughout the aid management cycle to consider climate change.

Skillset/Attributes

- a minimum basic standard of climate knowledge as applied to development, with aim of having a climate focal point with all aid suppliers
- policy and program

Enabling aid supplier to:

- Assess climate risks and mitigation plans in the implementation of aid investments
- Integrate climate considerations throughout the investment cycle
- Assess climate risks to the organisation's operations, staffing and assets.

WHAT DFAT LOOKS FOR IN PARTNERS:

We're asking partners to use and further develop climate change policies and practices including:

- Climate risk screening
- Climate-expertise in Design, M&E, analysis
- Proactive scanning for mitigation and adaptation opportunities in aid programming
- Encourage low-emissions sustainable development
- Integrate climate action across the organisation

TOOLS AND GUIDANCE

- Climate Change Action Strategy
- Aid Programming Guide
- Best Practice Note
- Your friendly Mechanism and Adaption Team
(Resilience@dfat.gov.au)



WORKING TOGETHER ON CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

3 QUESTIONS:

1. What capabilities – skills, experience, training, processes and policies etc – do you / your organisation have in climate change?
2. What gaps are there? What could be addressed to boost that capability?
3. How can Government support these needs? What would you need Government to do?



Thank you

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