

How we work with other countries

As well as acting at home, Australia is working with other countries to share direct, practical approaches to tackling climate change.

Climate change is a global issue. All countries must work together to address it.

Australia works with other countries to deliver innovative and practical actions on climate change. We help our partners, particularly in the Indo-Pacific, to reduce emissions and manage climate impacts, while building infrastructure, delivering economic growth and improving the environment. We are a major contributor to international initiatives like the Green Climate Fund and the Global Green Growth Institute.

Practical action overseas

Australia has pledged \$200 million over four years to the Green Climate Fund to support developing countries to grow their economies in a sustainable way and help adapt to climate change. The Fund will leverage private sector investment and support a range of emission reduction and adaptation projects with broader economic and environmental benefits. Australia will continue to use its seat on the Board of the Fund to advocate for the interests of our region.

Australia is supporting developing countries to design and implement green growth strategies through its \$28.3 million contribution to the Global Green Growth Institute. The Institute currently has 38 capacity building and advisory projects across 19 countries, including Fiji, Vanuatu, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, China, India, Mexico and Cambodia.

We are a partner in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, which brings together over 100 partners to reduce and avoid emissions of fast acting pollutants, such as methane and hydrofluorocarbons.

Building on our efforts to improve resilience of the Great Barrier Reef through the Reef 2050 Plan, Australia is supporting other countries through our \$13 million investment in the Coral Triangle Initiative on the management of coral reefs, fisheries and food security.

Asia-Pacific Rainforest Recovery Plan

In 2014, Australia hosted almost 300 international policy and technical experts at the first Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit. This summit has initiated collaboration between governments, experts and businesses to slow loss of the region's forests through improved monitoring, combating illegal logging, protecting biodiversity and improving the sustainability of global supply chains.

Building on the success of the Summit, Australia is working actively with stakeholders to develop an Asia-Pacific Rainforest Recovery Plan to progress regional aspirations for slowing, halting and reversing rainforest loss. Australia is connecting investors and donors with countries that need help protecting their rainforests. We have provided \$6 million in funding for sustainable forest management, through the Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT) programme.

Photo: River red gums in the Barmah State Forest (John Baker)

Building resilience

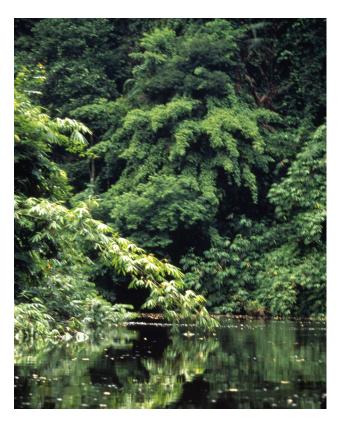
The impacts of climate change are priority issues for the Pacific region.

We work closely with Pacific countries and regional organisations to build resilience to the impacts of climate change. We have sustained and increased funding to sectors affected by climate change such as fisheries, as well as disaster preparedness. Our ongoing investment in climate science and data services continues to underpin good planning and hazards management in the Pacific.

Supporting climate and weather early warning systems in the Pacific

The Australian Government has played a leadership role in supporting Pacific National Meteorological Services and regional organisations to deliver climate and weather early warning systems. Seasonal forecasts provide advanced warning of unusual conditions that can have major impacts on governments, businesses and communities, and provide decision-makers with information on the likelihood of drought conditions, changes in water storages and malaria risk. The 2015 El Niño will likely have significant impacts in the Pacific and so the availability of tools and information is very timely.

Australia's work through the Global Forest Observations Initiative supports developing countries in South America, Africa and Asia to build capabilities and systems for forest carbon accounting. This will help them to measure and report on emissions from rainforests, fundamental to measuring progress in protecting those ecosystems.



Sharing world-leading expertise

Australia's world-leading expertise is helping developing countries create mitigation and adaptation policies, and build systems to measure emissions and monitor outcomes.

We have collaborated over many years with China to share our experience with emissions measurement and reporting systems, and to promote clean energy technology.

We work with South Africa and Kenya to build systems to measure and report the carbon stored in land, vegetation and soils. Australia is providing \$12 million to help the Kenyan Government to measure and report its emissions and evaluate land-use scenarios for sustainable development.

Australia is driving innovation through the International Savanna Fire Management Initiative to share practices pioneered by Australia's Indigenous people to reduce emissions from high intensity bush fires.

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Private sector engagement

Australia supports business and industry to take direct action to reduce emissions and respond to climate change in ways that create economic opportunities and jobs.

Through the Low Emissions Capacity Building Program, Australia supports ten partner countries, including Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, to engage the private sector in initiatives that reduce emissions and improve productivity.

In Vietnam, we are funding a Climate Innovation Centre to build the capacity of enterprises to produce innovative technologies that respond to the challenges and opportunities of climate change.