

Climate Governance & Planning

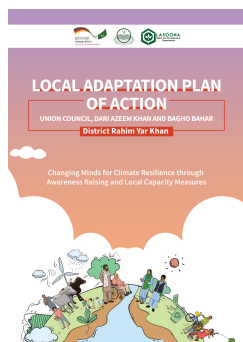
Thematic Brief

The Taskforce on Climate Governance and Planning provides technical assistance throughout the climate change management cycle. It prioritises policy coherence and collaboration, institutional strengthening, gender integration, and incorporation of climate risk information into development planning and implementation.

Objective 1: Enhance policy coherence, collaboration and alignment

The Challenge

Achieving climate policy coherence, institutional collaboration, and strategic alignment as Pakistan undertakes climate screening of public investments at both federal and sub-national levels.



Our Approach

We support the formulation of coherent, climate-resilient policies across sectors. Given Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change, aligning climate objectives with development priorities – economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability is essential to prevent overlapping efforts and conflicting policies. Through harmonisation of global and national strategies, improved inter-institutional coordination, and information sharing, we aim to foster a policy environment conducive to joint planning and comprehensive, multi-level solutions.

Interventions

Policy alignment: Assess and align global and national strategies to support the development of a **Provincial Adaptation Plan** for Punjab and **four Local Adaptation Plans of Actions (LAPAs)** for the selected districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Punjab.

Sectoral collaboration: Facilitate cross-sectorial collaboration – e.g., agriculture, infrastructure and urban planning by supporting the creation of **Climate-Resilient Sectoral Planning Guidelines** for eight vulnerable sectors in KP and Punjab.

Coordinated action: Enhance coordination and information exchange by working closely with the **National Adaptation Plan** project of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Pakistan.

Objective 2: Integrate climate risk assessments into development planning

The Challenge

Persistent gaps in climate data availability, quality, and coverage hinder evidence-based policymaking in Pakistan.



Our Approach

We prioritise the integration of climate risk assessments into policy and planning processes. Embedding these insights into decision-making supports the development of effective, data-informed policies and enhances resilience.

Interventions

Capacity building: Strengthen the capabilities of government partners equipping them with tools to conduct comprehensive climate risk analyses. For instance GIZ supports a Training of Trainers program on **Climate Adaptation Damage Assessment (CLIMADA)** as part of the Economics of Climate Adaptation (ECA) project. Additional components include seminars on **Climate Risk Management (CRM)**, and **Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (CDRFI)**.

Technical integration: Support the mainstreaming of climate risk into development, and infrastructure projects. For instance GIZ provides technical support for **Climate-proofing models and climate risk assessments** based on future scenarios to guide resilient-investment decisions, including funding allocation, by identifying projects with the capacity to withstand or mitigate climate risks.

Strategic application: Demonstrating the use of insights from climate risk assessments to inform the development of strategic climate action plans and sectoral guidelines. For instance, GIZ setup **Pakistan Climate Resilience Network (Pak-CRN)** that encourages collaboration and peer learning through a tandem training model.

Objective 3: Strengthen institutional capacity of political partners for Climate Change Management

The Challenge

A major barrier to mainstreaming climate action into the development planning processes is the lack of technical expertise and institutional capacity – particularly at the sub-national levels of governance.



Our Approach

Effective climate governance requires inclusive and ongoing engagement across national and local governments, international organisations, civil society and the private sector. We focus on strengthening the institutional capacity of political partners to manage multilevel causes and impacts of climate change holistically and equitably, in line with the principle of ‘Leave no one Behind’.

Interventions

Peer learning and exchange: Fostering synergies with regional and global projects on climate actions for replication of best practices and knowledge sharing. For instance, GIZ facilitated learning exchanges with counterparts in Bangladesh and Vietnam to share lessons and best practices from adaptation interventions and to collaborate on areas of mutual interest.

Education and outreach: Promote collaboration, innovation and learning among actors and authorities at various levels to integrate the knowledge, ideas and perspectives of the different levels and sections of society. For instance, GIZ introduced Diploma Program on Climate Governance enrolling 54 participants – including 13 women – from government, private sector, and civil society to build foundational climate knowledge.

Institutional tools: Develop mechanism for information exchange, decision-making, monitoring, and reporting, such as, produced Pakistan’s first study on the digital appraisal system: Incorporating Climate Resilience and Gender Criteria into the Project Life Cycle of Pakistan.

Guided by the global frameworks of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Taskforce on Climate Governance and Planning advances Pakistan’s climate agenda, as articulated in the Pakistan Climate Change Act 2017, Pakistan Climate Change Policy 2021, Provincial Climate Change Policies, the Climate Change Gender Action Plan 2022, the National Adaptation Plan 2023, and the updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Through integrated policies, climate risk-informed planning, and institutional strengthening, the Taskforce contributes to building an inclusive, sustainable, and climate-resilient development.

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