



Human Rights implications of climate mitigation actions

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Side 1: climate change impacts on Human Rights



Climate change is a global injustice to present and future generations, exacerbating already existing structural injustices and human rights violations.

Side 2: Human Rights impacts of climate actions

Example: Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

- CDM Bajo Aguan Biogas, Honduras:
 - Brutal displacement of local communities
- CDM Barro Blanco, Panama:
 - Violation of indigenous peoples rights
- CDM Sasan coal power plant, India:
 - Forced displacement and extensive health Implications





CDM, REDD+ and NAMAs

Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

- No redress opportunities for civil society and affected communities in case national or international rules are not complied with or in case of other adverse impacts of registered projects.

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+)

- Decisions adopted by the UNFCCC in relation to REDD+ do not contain specific requirements related to the establishment of grievance mechanisms at the national level. Additionally, there is at present no central grievance mechanism established at the international level in order to deal with the complaints related to the implementation of the Cancun safeguards by REDD+ projects.

Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)

- At present, there is no grievance mechanism or specific remedy established for local communities that might suffer adverse impacts resulting from the implementation of an individual NAMA.

Recommendations

- Ensure that climate actions are based on a human rights-based approach that secures respect, protection, and fulfillment of human rights
- Allow for meaningful participation
- Establish an international-level independent grievance mechanism as a means for project-affected peoples and communities to raise their concerns, to request an independent assessment and have their concerns addressed in a timely manner





Thank you for your attention!

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