

Putting human rights into action: lessons learnt from the CDM

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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



Local stakeholder consultation



Clean Development Mechanism

- No clear guidance on how local stakeholder consultations need to be conducted.

Recommendation for the SDM

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Access to redress

Clean Development Mechanism

- 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.

Recommendation for the SDM

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Contribution to sustainable development

Clean Development Mechanism

- Lack of a defining framework and patchwork of interpretation on sustainable development and missing monitoring requirements.



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