



Strategies for taking Pro-poor Aspects Ahead in the Preparations for COP 15 – And Beyond

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Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

-Benefits for the poor



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

- Benefits for the poor*
- Avoid harming the poor*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

- Benefitting some people*
- Harming others*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - why?:

We have to integrate the global goals and objectives.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - why?:

The purpose of REDD is to change the situation in the tropical forests areas. The massive sums of financial recourses can also mean major social changes – for the better or the worse. Therefore, we must address the social impacts.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - why?:

Experience has shown us, that the poor and marginalized communities risk getting harmed, or at least miss out on the benefits, if the issue is not addressed.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - why?:

The justice argument:

Poor and marginalized communities should not pay the price for the climate change we've caused.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

“It’s a climate agreement, not a social reform or a development agreement.

The two key issues:

- Who will reduce emissions?*
- Who will pay?”*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

“This is an issue of national sovereignty.”



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

“The bureaucracy will get too heavy.”



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

“This is a politically sensitive issue. Getting a climate change agreement is difficult enough already – if you complicate matters further, the whole deal will fall apart.

We can't save the whole world at once. Let's focus on saving the climate.”



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

*If we don't get the social issues
incorporated at the global level... then
what?*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - the challenge:

We will need to promote the social issues at the national local level no matter what. But if we don't have a hook at the global level, it will be much more difficult... and in some cases it may be impossible.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

- Respecting rights and interests: Social minimum requirements incorporated into the agreement.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

Incorporating hooks and safeguards.

Examples:

-References to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other human rights instruments.

- References to interests of indigenous peoples and local communities.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

Incorporating hooks and safeguards.

Examples:

-Building a framework for national processes that safeguard indigenous peoples and local communities



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

Benefit sharing

As a voluntary mechanism it could fly.

*As a mandatory requirement, it's very
controversial.*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

Climate Change Negotiations, Poznan 2008:

- *Resistance from US, Canada and New Zealand*
- *Little support from the usual allies (DK?)*
- *No time to discuss social issues*
- *National sovereignty*
- *Lack of knowledge about social issues*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

Since Poznan, 2009, Pre-negotiation text:

- Broad participation

- Co-benefits

*... should be addressed as part of the
implementation.*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

If we don't get the hooks and safeguards?

- *The task will be much more difficult in the future.*
- *Ex. Clean Development Mechanism*
- *Social projects as niche projects, or as the standard in some countries but not others?*



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

If we want to link the social agenda to the climate change negotiations, the experts on social issues and forests need to get involved in the political climate change process.



Incorporating pro-poor instruments in the climate change agreement - how?:

*The negotiations are happening now.
Don't just sit there - call your politicians!*

Thank you!