



Netherlands Commission for
Environmental Assessment

Integrating climate change into development assistance

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Questions

1. How does NL implement climate objectives into development assistance?
2. How is that related to the idea of a “business case”?
3. How does this relate to that of a “Theory of Change” ?
4. Can “mainstreaming” climate change objectives work?
5. Can impact assessment help?
6. Revisited: can business cases help?

More than the paper



The Paris Agreement



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Developed countries to assist developing countries in reaching goals for climate change adaptation and mitigation (USD 100 billion per year by 2020)

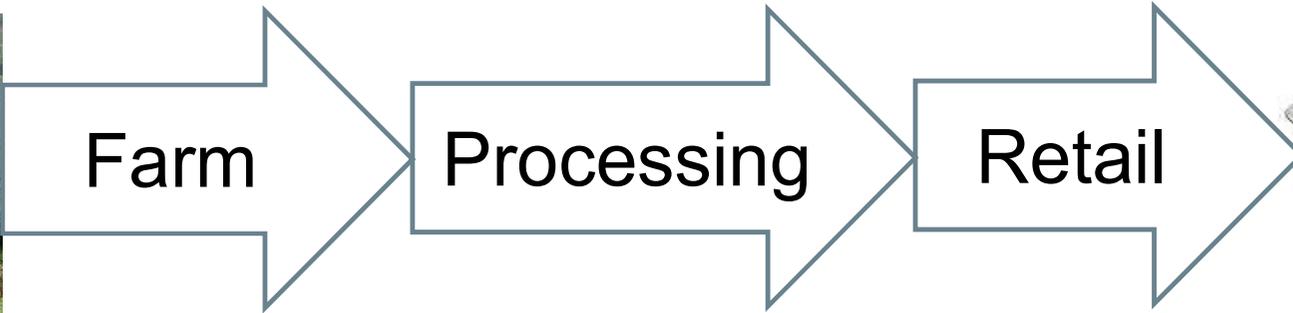
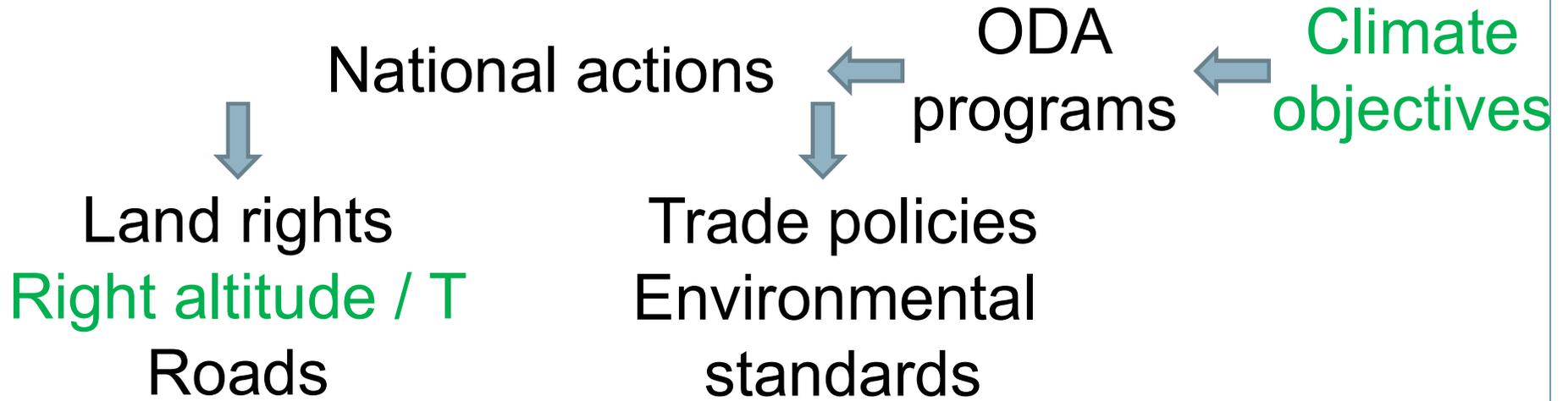


The Dutch contribution

- “Paris agreement driven”
- Netherlands fair share 1.2 billion / year
- Governments should create conditions for climate smart and sustainable economic development
- “the alternative is more costly”
- 50/50 public NL and private NL
- Implicitly aimed at business cases for local and international investors



Example: Climate smart food systems



Resilient against rising temperatures



Integrate what into what? Dutch case

Climate change → ODA

- Mitigation (GHG emission)
- Adaptation (resilience against flooding, high temperatures, drought, storms)

- Food security
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Rule of law & stability
- Sexual and reproductive health & rights

OECD Rio Markers as criterion for climate finance



Example: Mali's inner Delta



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Mali's climate adaptation issues

Situation

- Decreasing and irregular rainfall, rising temperatures
- Flood, drought risk, food insecurity, conflict

Climate smart ODA (chatham house rules : topics in my mind)

- Large dams? Rice irrigation? Nomadic cattle herding?
- Small scale irrigation ?
- Rain fed agriculture ?
- Investment climate for (western?) food system investment?
- Conflict containment ?
- Urban job creation ?



Mainstreaming as hard work

- Climate departments (3 persons) > ODA budget owners at departments and embassies (+/- 50 persons)
- Awareness raising:
 - Climate change profiles of countries
 - Guides for “climate impact assessment” of ODA
 - Screening workshops
- Building narratives around indicators
- Pitch and bid process



Impact assessment

- Screening workshops
- Impact on input: OECD Rio markers
- Impact on development: expert judgement of impact on climate smart business cases for local and international private sector
- Internal check-and balance
- External check-and balance



Key reflections

- UN and OECD climate financing system and IPCC scenarios contribute to an effective system of impact assessment
- Effectiveness relies on hard mainstreaming work, organised from the top
- Quality of discussions is key
- Checks-and balances help
- Only then impact assessment and business case thinking can help
- “From aid to trade” thinking is all about business cases, but whose business case?



Business case for what?



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Achieving 80% reduction of GHG is both technically and economically feasible & creates a huge business opportunity

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Knowledge in the “fact free” age



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Shifting from Evidence-based to evidence-informed decision-making - still important to know 'what evidence' and 'how impact works'



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