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What does it take to achieve
inclusive climate finance and
action at national scale?

Navigating climate governance and
political economy dimensions



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Governing climate action?

Governance, political economy and
systems change in country platforms

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Political economy and governance challenges for inclusive, effective and sustainable climate action

- ▶ Despite decades of progress there remain significant gaps between climate commitments, policies, implementation and outcomes
- ▶ “...the difficulty of designing and enacting structural change in a complex political environment that is defined by a wide range of political interest groups of varying degrees of power and influence...”
 - ▶ Hallegatte, S., Godinho, C., Rentschler, J., Avner, P., Irina Dorband, I., Knudsen, C., Lemke, J., & Mealy, P. (2024). [Within Reach: Navigating the Political Economy of Decarbonization](#).

Political economy and governance challenges for inclusive, effective and sustainable climate action

- ▶ Examples highlighting these dynamics include:
 - ▶ Vulnerable communities seeking to access decentralized climate finance in Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia
 - ▶ [International Budget Partnership](#)
 - ▶ Formal resources, programs and objectives undermined by structural inequalities and power dynamics, particularly at local levels
 - ▶ Attempts to roll out community solar power in Colombia
 - ▶ [Governance Action Hub, Results for Development](#)
 - ▶ Lack of aligned incentives challenges the achievement of inclusive access to renewable energy, despite formal commitments and policy changes

Political economy and governance challenges for inclusive, effective and sustainable climate action

- ▶ Major political and economic interests related to climate change and national governance
- ▶ Formal and informal ‘rules of the game’ for how decisions are made and implemented
- ▶ Actors, groups, interests, motivations and behaviors

Political economy and governance challenges for inclusive, effective and sustainable climate action

- ▶ Formal and informal influence on decisions, policies, resources and implementation
- ▶ De facto exclusion of vulnerable groups from decisions, despite formal commitments or channels
- ▶ Formal mechanisms for government responsiveness and accountability for resources, programs, services and outcomes, that are weak and/or biased in practice
- ▶ Opacity of information availability about resources, programs, implementation and outcomes

Climate Country Platforms

- ▶ Country Platforms broadly oriented around:
 - ▶ Country leadership and ownership
 - ▶ Contextual relevance
 - ▶ Coordination across international and national stakeholders
 - ▶ Alignment of diverse financial, policy and programming efforts around strategic goals and impacts
- ▶ CPs can represent “a powerful instrument for national governments to advance specific transformational goals in priority areas with international support. Ambitious but focused platforms can create political space and incentives for better planning processes, improved coordination and difficult reforms” - [ODI](#)

Climate Country Platforms

- ▶ “...lessons from the past show that the political economy of Country Platforms matters....Understanding and patiently navigating the political (and geopolitical) dynamics, rather than treating Country Platforms as a technocratic exercise, will be essential to their success.”
 - ▶ [World Resources Institute](#)
- ▶ National political economy and governance realities shape priorities, policies, implementation and outcomes within country platforms
- ▶ Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETPs)

Other National Climate Change Efforts

- ▶ Nepal national forestry governance
 - ▶ Strong policy on paper
 - ▶ 20k+ organized forest user groups
 - ▶ Challenging governance and power dynamics in practice
- ▶ Kenya County Climate Change Funds

Systems lens for Country Platforms: Understanding the System

- ▶ Political Economy Analysis
- ▶ Systems Mapping

Systems lens for Country Platforms: Navigating the System

- ▶ Building and Leveraging Coalitions
- ▶ Policy Design and Process
- ▶ Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

Systems lens for Country Platforms: Shifting the System

- ▶ Inclusive and Responsive Participation
- ▶ Strengthening Accountability
- ▶ State-Society Synergy

Supporting inclusive, responsive and accountable climate actions and outcomes

- ▶ Embedding political economy analysis into policy, programing and strategy;
- ▶ Ensure meaningful engagement by diverse civic actors including grassroots and membership-based organizations representing climate vulnerable constituencies
- ▶ Funding, brokering, capacity strengthening and strategic accompaniment to national government and civic coalitions advancing climate change policy, programming and governance