



## Call for Papers

International conference

### Climate or development?

October 28-29, 2005

Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWA)  
Hamburg, Germany

Codified in the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals, poverty reduction has become the single major objective of development activities. International donor agencies and developing country governments alike try to demonstrate their efforts to focus on this joint objective. At least at first glance fully unrelated to this objective, however, climate policy, driven by the dynamics of the Kyoto Protocol has evolved to become one of the most booming areas of bilateral development cooperation. This is due to the new prospects opening up for both private investments and public subsidies in developing countries in the context of the Clean Development Mechanism and programmes to adapt to climate change impacts.

Is there a hidden relationship between poverty alleviation and climate policy in developing countries? Or is there simply too little scope for directly poverty-oriented activities? Is poverty alleviation simply a lip service of development policy while other policies, in the interest of private CDM investors or local climate negotiators dominate in practice? Which kind of interests could be involved and could one imagine institutional structures, both within developing countries and at the level of donor agencies that would foster a true synergy between climate policy and poverty alleviation? Which would be the climate policy related activities which could create most synergies? Does the CDM in its current practice really foster development? How can adaptation reach the poor? To what extent is cooperation in climate policy truly additional to other development finance?

We invite papers dealing with an analysis of any of these questions. Papers should provide a clear theoretical framework, and, if possible, an empirical demonstration of results. Papers making use of institutional economics or political economy approaches are particularly welcome.

As the conference intends to bring together researchers and policy makers, the policy relevance of the subject discussed will also be an important selection criterion.

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 31 May, 2005

Deadline for the submission of full papers (after the summary has been accepted): 30 August, 2005.

Both abstracts and papers should be submitted electronically to Ms. Heike Kern [heike.kern@hwwa.de](mailto:heike.kern@hwwa.de).

Please note that final decisions on acceptance and reimbursement of travel cost for presenters can be taken only on the basis of the final papers.

It is envisaged to publish conference papers in a special issue of Climatic Change.

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