

Rural Development and Climate Change Agendas: How Should They Shape Each Other?

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Introduction

- **Agriculture is particularly vulnerable to climate change; at the same time agriculture and forestry together are one of the main greenhouse gases' contributors**
- **Climate change is also a development issue.**
- **Poor rural people are the most vulnerable.**
- **Many of them live on ecologically fragile land with livelihoods that depend on agriculture, livestock, fisheries and forestry.**

Key questions

- How do existing approaches to rural development need to change because of climate change?
- How should international climate change policy reflect the interests, knowledge and potential of the rural poor?
- What does this mean for a Copenhagen agreement?