



Concept note
CEDRIG Training for Headoffice
SDC and NGO DRR Platform members
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1. Why this workshop

The urgency of tackling risks emanating from climate change, natural hazards and environmental issues has been stressed by the 6th IPCC report (2022/23) in an impressive manner. The authors of the report stated the need to integrate Climate mitigation and adaptation, as well as environment positive action in all development planning and investments. Drastically cutting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, avoiding environmental degradation and preventing the building-up of new risks is a key challenge for all countries.

Developing countries generally contributing with rather small shares to the global CO2 emissions, they nevertheless are most strongly hit by the impacts of climate change. Impacts of the changing climate on life-sustaining sectors such as energy, water, health, food systems, but also on the recurrence of disastrous events and environmental stress is most hardly felt in countries with high fragility and low development¹ – and relevant in all sectors of development. Developing countries and countries in transition – and their

¹ SDC Climate Foresight Analysis: Global and Regional Risks and Hotspots (update 2023): [here](#)





populations - are particularly vulnerable to those risks, due to their limited coping capacities and high exposure, e.g. their reliance on agro-pastoral livelihoods or settlements in risk-prone and unsafe areas.

Integrating climate, disaster risk and environment in all development endeavours thus contributes to strengthening progress towards, development targets.

The Swiss International Cooperation Strategies 2021-2024 and 2025-2028 (draft) emphasise climate action, environment and risk reduction as core themes, in order to support the achievement of the Agenda 2030 goals.

Since April 2019, climate risks must be systematically considered and incorporated into cooperation programmes (strategic level) and considered at the level of operational work (projects and programmes). The systematic use of the Climate, Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction Integration Guidance (CEDRIG)² tool (developed by SDC) has been prescribed. Simultaneously, many members of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform are rolling out strategies to systematically integrate climate and disaster resilience across their portfolio, including the dissemination of mainstreaming tools such as CEDRIG.

CEDRIG is a tool developed, and continuously improved by SDC. The tool supports development and humanitarian actors reflecting whether existing and planned strategies, programmes and projects are at risk from climate change, environmental degradation and natural hazards, and/or whether these interventions could further exacerbate GHG emissions, environment degradation or risks of natural hazards. It allows to better understand hazards and risks to assess the potential consequences of development interventions in development planning – i.e. **risk-proofing**; and integrate them in project planning and implementation – i.e. **mainstreaming**; and identify opportunities to address risk components according to local context, at the outset of programme, or project planning in all domains – i.e. **adding value by wisely using co-benefits**.

Three modules of the CEDRIG tool are meant to support the integration of Climate, DRR and Environment in any development sector / domain, in: (i) strategic planning, (ii) the setting up of new projects, (iii) the screening of existing projects.

In order to support the integration of Climate, DRR and Environment in development sectors, the SDC has recently compiled '**Thematic Integration Briefs**' – as supporting material for programme and project screening and planning – and to be used in CEDRIG processes.

2. Workshop concept

Workshop Objectives

The workshop has three main objectives:

1. Inform SDC and Swiss NGOs on the relevance, and key entry points, for integrating Climate, DRR and Environment issues into all sectors of development and humanitarian aid.

² [Climate, Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction Integration Guidance \(CEDRIG\)](#)



2. Offer options to consider the topic in all sectors of development, with a specific view on Strategic planning
3. Introduce SDC's CEDRIG methodology and tool and enable participants to apply the instrument in their own organizations and programs.

In this workshop, participants will work through the CEDRIG methodology starting from a given context analysis, and develop strategic priorities (key entry points) to integrate Climate, DRR and Environment issues in development domains. They further apply the CEDRIG methodology to specific projects, making use of the Thematic Integration Briefs where relevant. The overarching goal hence is, to have raised the awareness on the need for thematic integration, as well as understanding options to risk-prove and add opportunities in all sectors of development.

Workshop Dates, Venue, Participants

Date 7.& 8. May 2024

Venue EPA-Trainings-Räume, Eigerstrasse 71, 3003 Bern

Lunch Catering (vegetarian)

Participants: The workshop is organised jointly between SDC (CDE Network) and the Swiss NGO DRR Platform. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis – with 15 seats for SDC, and 15 seats for NGO partners (waiting list will be maintained)

Workshop Facilitation

This workshop will be facilitated by CEDRIG experts from SDC Head Office, as well as CEDRIG trainers from the NGO Platform.

Modality

A **two day face-to-face** CEDRIG Workshop will be conducted. A DRAFT program can be found below. The workshop will follow an interactive format where participants will **work through the CEDRIG methodology on concrete planned or ongoing projects.**

The projects that will be covered at the workshop will be selected jointly by the facilitators, in exchange with (some) participants.



3. Draft outline of the Workshop Programme

	Day 1 : May 7	Day 2 : May 8
	Tuesday	Wednesday
Morning	<p>Arrival and registration, opening</p> <p>Why integrating Climate, DRR and Environment in Development Endeavours ?</p> <p>Introduction to the CEDRIG Tool, the principle, the modules</p> <p>Introduction of the Thematic Integration Briefs</p> <p>Case Study (plenary): Introduction to the Context Analysis</p>	<p>Introduction to the CEDRIG Operational / working with the Thematic Integration Briefs</p> <p>Case Studies / group work Working with the CEDRIG tool: the Risk Perspective</p>
Afternoon	<p>Case Studies / group work: Working with the CEDRIG tool and Thematic Integration Briefs for the integration of Climate, DRR and Environment at Programme / Domain level</p>	<p>Case Studies / group work Working with the CEDRIG tool: the Impact Perspective</p> <p>Information on the new CEDRIG Tool (complementary to the info on day1 on the tool in general)</p> <p>Feedback on the tool and on the Thematic Integration Briefs</p> <p>Closure of the workshop</p>



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