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# Climate change & the law

Achieving climate change goals through  
sound legal and institutional frameworks



# Paris agreement

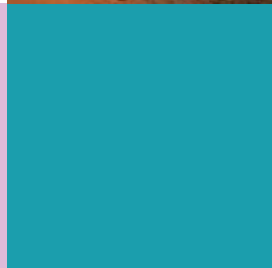
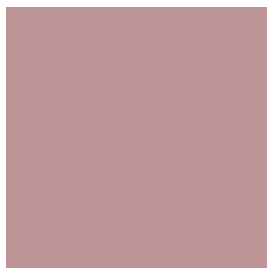
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## How FAO can assist in effective implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Our experience shows us that law is essential to strengthening policies and institutions. We have unique expertise in combining technical and legal knowledge and in enabling people in institutions to work together, fundamental for the creation of comprehensive climate change plans.

FAO can provide:

- holistic advice that can assist your national institutions in charge of food, agriculture and natural resources to take climate change considerations into account in decision-making
- knowledge for building multi-layered institutional coordination mechanisms including means for consultation with civil society
- tailor-made recommendations for reviewing and developing legislation within your current legal and institutional frameworks
- tailored capacity building for law and policy makers to implement international commitments and achieve policy goals, based on FAO's unique experience in the agriculture sectors.



# FAO projects

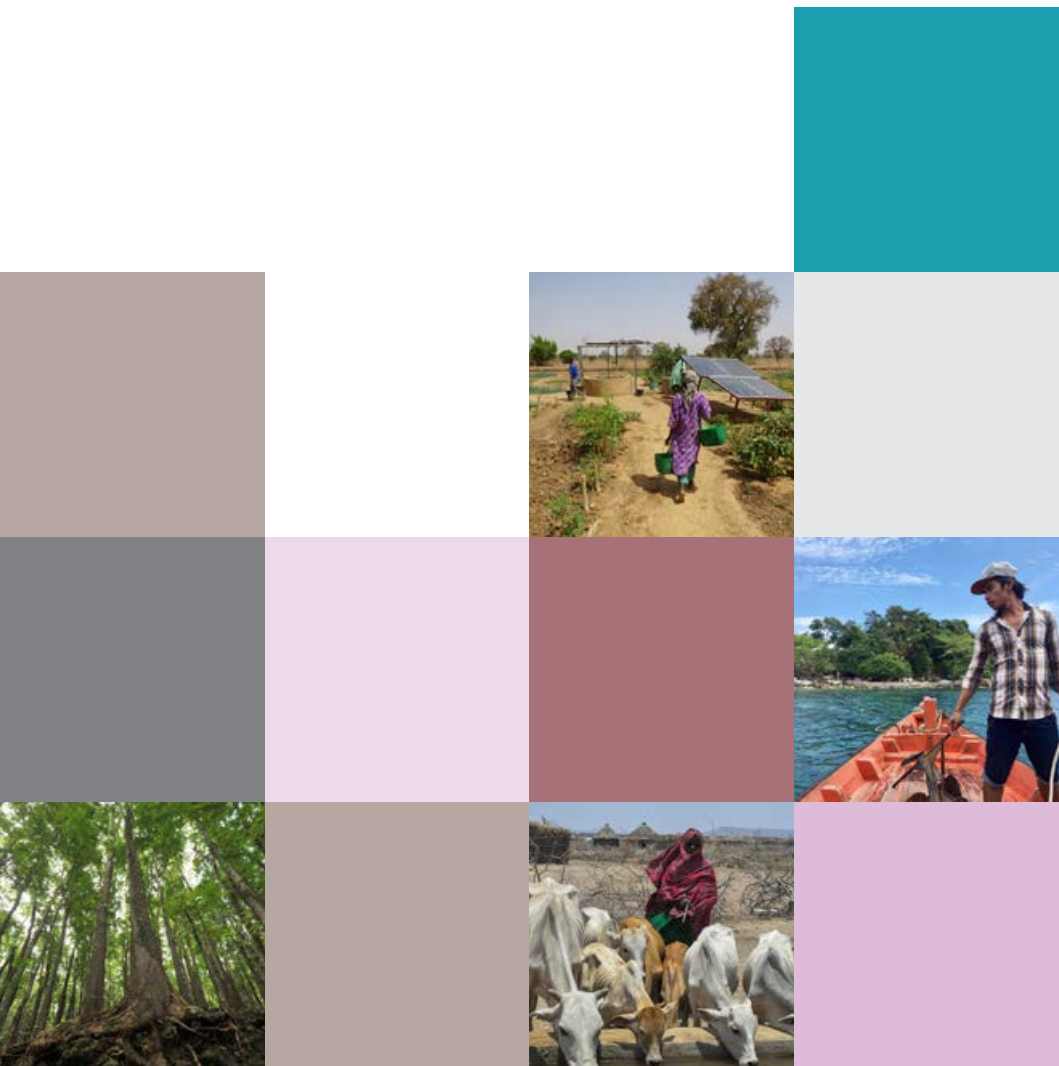
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## How can FAO assist in effective implementation of climate change goals?

By providing:

- Advice to bridge gaps in national legislation on climate issues and agriculture, enabling integration of climate change goals in the agriculture sector
- Knowledge on aligning national laws with international agreements, obligations and normative guidelines
- Recommendations for legislating for a Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) approach, engaging with regional and global agendas, and working across sectors and stakeholders

Our mandate is to assist countries in developing laws that sustainably manage resources and the setting up of legal systems that include accountability and recourse mechanisms.



# Our innovative research and global tool kit

Our unique study on the intersection between climate and agriculture goals in national legislation provides lessons learnt and recommendations on:

- legal obligations and principles from the Paris Agreement applicable to implementation of NDCs
- enabling conditions of current legislative frameworks for climate change and agriculture sectors
- formulation of required legislation for addressing climate goals in agriculture sector
- promoting integration of policy issues across food and agriculture sectors
- tailoring legal frameworks to circumstances, challenges and needs.

In collaboration with our partners (UN Environment, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC] Secretariat and the Commonwealth Secretariat), we are developing an online Law and Climate Change Toolkit for countries to be able to:

- assess their national legislation in relation to their climate goals and NDCs
- identify areas for improving their national laws with regards to implementation of their NDCs
- have access to examples of laws from other countries.

## We are here to help

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