



## Policy processes on climate change and agriculture: Background and aims for the day

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## Climate change and agriculture

- Increased donor funding for the agricultural sector and new policy developments (CAADP, AGRA etc.)
- Growing focus on linkages between climate change on agriculture
- Climatic change adding to other stressors, giving increasing risks to food security, MDG achievements, and human wellbeing
- But also new opportunities for agriculture (low carbon development)
- Expectations of increased funding for adaptation and emission reductions (REDD+, adaptation funds)
- “Climate smart agriculture” as a driver for more sustainable land management and increased food security?

## Many different actors, with different starting points, interests and goals ...

- External policy agendas driving national policies and actions on the ground?
- Are policies informed by grounded research?
- Potential policy conflicts, within the agricultural sector and between agriculture and other sectors?
- Who are the actors, whose priorities are winning, and whose are losing?
- Are we learning from lessons from the past, or repeating old mistakes?

=> **Need a better understanding of *processes of policymaking* ...**

## Understanding policy processes on climate change and agriculture: two initiatives

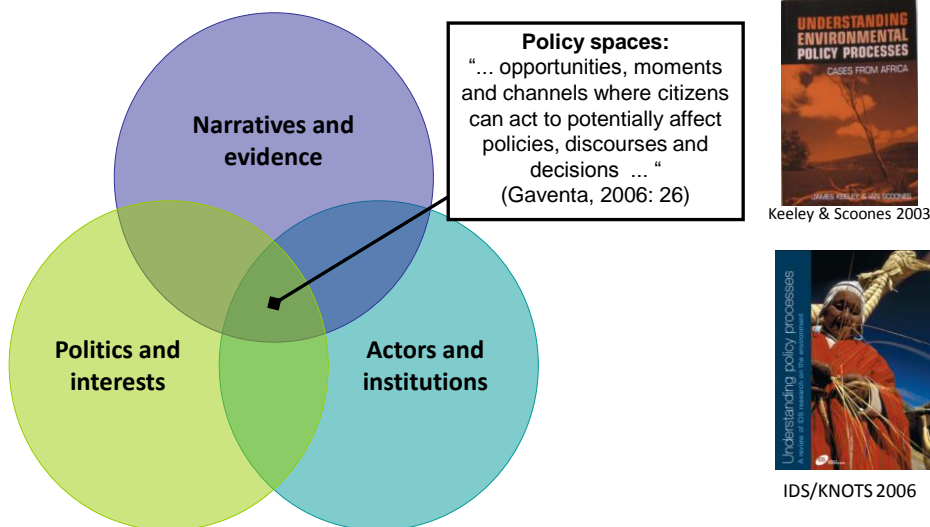
- ***Research to Policy for Adaptation, RPA*** (funded by the DFID/IDRC CCAA programme)
  - Aims to increase the ability of CCAA programme partners in East Africa to understand climate change adaptation policy processes at local and national level
  - Case studies in Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi
  - Policy analysis and engagement strategies



- ***Climate Change Theme, Future Agricultures Consortium*** (funded by DFID)
  - Building on the RPA project, aims to understand how international policy developments on climate change play out in the agricultural sector at national and sub-national levels
  - Case studies in Kenya and Ethiopia
  - Research and policy analysis, stimulating debates and further work across the agricultural sector



- *Policy processes* as non-linear and “messy”
- Three *lenses* to help understand policy processes
- Focus on *policy spaces* as entry points for influence



## Day overview

- *Case study findings from Kenya, feedback and discussion* (09.45-11.45)
  - Pastoralism and adaptation to climate change in Northern Kenya (*Lydia Ndirangu*)
  - Indigenous knowledge and weather forecasting (*Paul Guthiga*)
  - Pathways in and out of Maize (*Hannington Odame*)
  - The use of agrometeorology advisory services (*Joshua Laichena*)
  - International climate instruments and Agricultural Sector Policies and Processes (*Harun Warui*)
- *Discussion and mapping of the policy landscape in Kenya* (11.45-13 and 14-15)
  - How are climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies negotiated in the agricultural sector?
  - How can research better engage with and inform national level policies?



Thank you

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