

Strengthening Non-State Climate Action in the Global South

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In parallel to national governments, cities, companies, civil society groups, and other sub/non-state actors increasingly act to address climate change. While this shift represents an important breakthrough for a critical global challenge and for European policy, it also faces a crucial barrier. Most of the world's future emissions will come from developing countries, which will also experience the worst effects of climate change. Yet most non-state climate action is still concentrated in the Global North and the vast majority of transnational climate governance (TCG) initiatives are led by Northern actors. This balance will have to shift for TCG to realize its potential. Furthermore, we have only limited understanding of the impact and effectiveness of TCG initiatives, especially in the South. This project aims to map, explain, and narrow this gap. In addition to global-level analysis, it considers in detail sub/non-state action in India and Kenya. By collecting original, micro-level data in these countries, the study aims to understand the contextual factors that shape the outcomes of TCG "on the ground" in order to understand how sub/non-state actors in developing countries can best contribute to the global challenge of managing climate change.

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