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Climate is part of the SDGs (SDG 13), but two agendas

Paris Climate Agreement

Climate Agenda

**UN Climate Secretariat** 

**Climate** ministers

**IPCC** 

Climate journals, curricula

2030

Development

Agenda

**UN-DESA** 

Ministers, Foreign Affairs, Development

Developmentoriented literature, curricula

#### The Agendas are expensive



Climate Now: US\$ 510-530 billion / yr

Action Up to 2030: US\$ 830 billion / yr

SDGs Up to 2030: US\$ 2.5-3 trillion /yr

The Pandemic: SDGs take a hit (2020 data):



- Collective costs of pandemic: US\$11.7 Trillion (2020)
- Extreme poverty (SDG 1) ↑40M
- Hunger (SDG 2) ↑130 M

More to do, fewer resources



# Policies & measures to jointly advance policies climate goals & SDGs







Clean cookstoves



Reducing post harvest losses, food waste

Agroforestry, increasing C content of soils, fertiliser management, wildfire management, dietary changes, green transport, green buildings ...

Governance reforms – Policy coherence

But aligned is not necessarily *just*And coordinated is not necessarily *equitable* 



Cases of unjust and inequitable policies In Latin America, in Asia ... in the UK



Technically effective policies not enough Must be effective, just & equitable Leave No One Behind



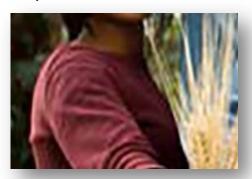
Objectives of symposium

How can we align the climate & SDG agendas?

How do we make policies just and equitable?

What is the evidence for action?

Stream A – Climate Adaptation and the SDGs



Stream B – Climate and Environmental Justice



Stream C – Sustainable Transformations and the Green Recovery

