Climate Risk Management and Mainstreaming

- Gaia develops and tailors climate risk assessment and mainstreaming tools for development organisations on strategic, organisational, operational and advocacy levels.

- Gaia conducts climate screening and proofing of development interventions and investments in various sectors.

- Gaia helps to identify key climate risks and outline optimal risk management measures for business development in developing and emerging economies.

- Gaia provides assessment of international, cross-border implications of climate change impacts as well as national and/or international climate policy measures.
Case 1: Development of a climate mainstreaming approach and tailored tool for Finn Church Aid (FCA, 2011)

- Climate change can seriously affect the outcomes of development initiatives aimed at reducing poverty – in some cases, completely negating their benefits.

- At the same time, development programmes have the potential to increase resilience amongst target populations to ensure that all efforts today continue to advance sustainable development even in the face of climate change.

- FCA’s Climate Mainstreaming Approach and Tool, developed together with Gaia, improves the management of risks caused by climate change in developing countries.
Case 2: Climate screening and proofing of Finnish Development Cooperation (2009)

- Gaia review of **climate risk management in Finnish development cooperation** – case Ethiopia. Finnish development cooperation activities in Ethiopia focus strategically on sectors (in particular water, education, land use) which are in many respects at the nexus of development and climate challenges.

- The project identified a need to
  - **continue addressing climate challenges through Finnish focus sectors**, which provide excellent pathways for supporting Ethiopian climate resilient green growth priorities.
  - **develop a comprehensive policy and a set of tools to integrate climate risk considerations** in all Finnish Development Cooperation.

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**Climate lens**

- Experienced climate hazards & projected climate risks

**National level**
- Strategic overview

**Sector level**
- Portfolio risk assessment

**Local and program level**
- Programme/project climate screening
  - Livelihood assets
    - Natural
    - Physical
    - Social
    - Human
    - Financial
  - Governance & private sector framework

**Reduced climate vulnerability & enhanced livelihoods**

- Entry points for integrated, no-stand-alone adaptation

**Awareness raising**

- Sensitizing & local priorities