



area, recent decisions on new fossil fuel development call that into question. These decisions make it

Ensuring that the partners the FCDO works with to deliver international development programmes are given sufficient space to operate independently. This is especially the case for organisations delivering research programmes. The credibility of their research and recommendations rests partly on their perceived independence.

Question 6

How can progress on tackling ending poverty, economic growth, and the challenges of climate



A third more specific insight is about the shift away from fossil fuels. Whilst the costs of renewable energy technologies have fallen dramatically, these technologies can still be difficult to finance at scale in many LMICs. For example, the paper summarised above highlights the very wide variations in the cost of solar photovoltaics across Africa. Some of this variation is due to differences in solar resources, but differences in investment risk also play a significant role.