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Tiivistelmä-Referat-Abstract <p>The study examines India's National Action Plan on Climate Change and in particular its National Water Mission (NWM) draft. The objective is to examine how climate policy has been formulated, what kind of water-related climate change governance exists in India and how different actors are engaged in water-related climate policy-making. The objectives are examined especially through the NWM, as water is one of the sectors highly vulnerable to climate change in India.</p> <p>Environmental governance in general and in the context of water and climate change governance forms the theoretical framework for the thesis.</p> <p>The study is based on qualitative methodology and the main data collection methods were thematic interviews, literature review and content analysis of newspaper and web articles.</p> <p>Goals of the NWM were considered to include both positive and negative objectives. Issues related to more research on climate impacts, improving water quality, rainwater harvesting, and groundwater recharge were considered in principle as positive steps. In addition, regulation of water consumption, efficient use of water and waste water treatment were considered positive aspects. On the other hand, there were several issues in the NWM, which were considered business as usual plans, which would be implemented despite the NWM such the emphasis of surface water storages.</p> <p>The study concludes that there are several long-term, unsolved water governance issues hindering the potentials of the NWM to succeed, such as an overall governance crisis, inadequate involvement of actors, groundwater governance problems, disputes between different actors and stakeholders, and poor policy and law enforcement. Future actions on dealing with these aspects and the challenges ahead depend on the pathways; the Indian government wants to take.</p>			
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