A civil society perspective on the Adaptation Fund and direct access

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The AF NGO network

- ✓ Independent platform for a multi-stakeholder participation, hosted by Germanwatch
 - ✓ Contribute to succesful outcomes in the interest of the most vulnerables communities.
 - ✓ Advocate for an inclusive and unbiased consultative process throughout the projects and to track adaptation finance
 - ✓ Support NGOs in developing countries by increasing their capacity
- ✓ Provide regular briefing reports of the AF Board meeting and quaterly publish newsletter about project areas
- ✓ Engange in **regular CSO dialogue** with the AF Board
- ✓ Baseline mapping of awareness and involvement of different stakeholders
- ✓ More than 45 subscibed members and 8 partners: Senegal, Benin, South Africa, Jamaica, Kenya, Cambodia, Tanzania, Honduras



Case studies undertaken in 2012

✓ The case studies were conducted in seven countries: Benin, Honduras, Pakistan, Nicaragua, South Africa, Jamaica, Senegal

Country and Implementing Entity	Project context	project approval date	Partner in compiling the case study, contact person
1. Honduras UNDP)	Addressing Climate Change Risks on Water Resources in Honduras	March 2011	Fundaciòn Vida, Isaac Ferrera
2. Pakistan (UNDP)	Glacier-lake outburst floods	December 2010	LEAD Pakistan, Kashmala Shahab Kakakhel
3. Senegal	Adaptation to coastal erosion in vulnerable areas	September 2011	Enda TM, Emmanuel Seck
4. Nicaragua (UNDP)	Reduction of Risks and Vulnerability Based on Flooding and Droughts in the Estero Real River Watershed	December 2010	Centro Humbolt, Mónica López Baltodano
5. Jamaica	Enhancing the Resilience of the Agriculture Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Improve Food Security	June 2012	Panos Caribbean, Indi McLymont-Lafayette
6. Benin	Adaptation of Cotonou Lagoon ecosystems and human communities to sea level rise and extreme weather events impacts	?	OFEDI, Krystel Dossou
7. South Africa	Establishing and NIE and developing a project proposal for the AF	?	INDIGO development & change, Bettina Koelle





Summary findings

Key findings

- ✓ All projects are much appreciated and come in time
- ✓ Clear call for scaling-up of the resources available per country
- ✓ stakeholders and vulnerable groups be involved from outset
- ✓inter-institutional and multi-stakeholders coordination, the projects are a good opportunity to promote transparency
- ✓ownership is higher when project has infrastructure components or tangible deliveries
- ✓Increased ownership through direct access supportive of engaging local communities



On the importance of the Adaptation Fund

Key reasons why to provide further finance to the AF

- ✓ Strategic priority "special attention to the needs of the most vulnerable communities"
- ✓ investment into institutional advancements and increased ownership in developing countries (direct access)
- √ "learning-by-doing" approach in many countries (concrete projects combined with capacity building and policy progress)
- ✓ comprehensive result-based framework implemented early
- √ great responsiveness to civil society suggestions



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