

Adaptation Fund's Second Climate Finance Readiness Webinar to Focus on Managing Knowledge through Accreditation and Project Development Processes

Washington, D.C. (April 26, 2016) — The Adaptation Fund will hold its second Climate Finance Readiness Webinar on April 28 at 9 am ET as it seeks to gather its 23 accredited National Implementing Entities in one virtual place to discuss the topic of Managing Knowledge throughout the accreditation, project development, implementation and evaluation processes.

The Fund launched its [first Readiness Webinar](#) last November on community engagement and stakeholder consultation in adaptation projects, and hopes the webinars complement its many [in-person climate finance workshops](#) held directly in developing countries.

Knowledge Management (KM) is a critical area for organizations to have the capacity to capture and archive important lessons learned and keys to success from the field, as well as share and apply them toward creating new models, innovations and guides to achieve future objectives. The Adaptation Fund (AF) has included Knowledge Management as part of its Results-Based Management Framework and [project performance and reporting](#) as a way to enhance learning on adaptation projects and the Fund's groundbreaking [Direct Access](#) modality, which allows developing countries to access climate finance and design projects directly while building their own adaptive capabilities through accredited [National Implementing Entities](#) (NIEs).

"We wanted our second Readiness Webinar to focus on an important topic, and Knowledge Management - from accreditation through project design and evaluation is pivotal," said Adaptation Fund Manager **Marcia Levaggi**. *"The Adaptation Fund is enhancing learning by working with countries to keep track of their experiences gained through projects and enriching the global knowledge on climate change adaptation while accelerating understanding about what kinds of interventions are the most effective so they can also be replicated and scaled up."*

Planned speakers for the webinar include **Rita Kumar**, a KM professional from Bridge Consulting Group who will provide an overview of the latest KM strategies and contemporary schools of thought; **Shaanti Kapila**, Senior Knowledge Management Officer for the [Climate Investment Funds](#) who will discuss the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience and the application of knowledge management at scale; as well as **Carolina Reyes Rivero**, Coordinator of the [AF project in Costa Rica](#) for the NIE [Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible](#), who will share KM experiences and lessons from the NIE level. Additionally AF Senior Climate Change Specialist **Daouda Ndiaye** will present on AF's approaches to KM, while AF Climate Readiness Program Coordinator **Farayi Madziwa** will moderate the event.

Presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion and questions from attending NIEs. AF also collected questions from NIEs in advance and hopes the dialogue will address issues such as how to create a conducive environment for KM, steps to establish an effective KM system, KM between NIEs and executing entities, different types of knowledge gathered and

shared, target audiences for disseminating knowledge, utilizing knowledge for advocacy and measuring return on investment, practical suggestions for making KM work in practice within climate adaptation, and successful KM examples from NIEs.

“We have a great speaker list that will be able to share best practices in KM for adaptation projects, and are looking forward to an engaging and two-way discussion with our NIEs where we hope that everyone will be able to learn something from each other,” said Madziwa. “That’s the real value of these webinars. We’re able to have in-depth discussions on specific topics with our NIEs from Africa to Asia to Latin America in one place, where NIEs can also advance their knowledge and skill on these issues by learning from their peers.”

In addition to Thursday’s webinar, the Adaptation Fund has several upcoming in-person workshops planned:

May 3-5, Casablanca, Morocco: Climate Finance Readiness Workshop for the Francophone Region of Africa

June 7-9, Tegucigalpa, Honduras: Latin America and Caribbean Regional Readiness Workshop

July 13-14, Washington, DC: Global Climate Readiness Seminar

August 23-25, Madhya Pradesh, India: Climate Readiness Workshop for Asia and Asia Pacific Region

September 6-8, Casablanca, Morocco: Climate Readiness Workshop for Middle East and North Africa Region

For more information, please see [AF’s Calendar of Events](#) or visit <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/>. Those interested in attending a specific workshop or other event may contact Farayi Madziwa at fmadziwa@adaptation-fund.org.

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Since 2010, the Adaptation Fund has committed US\$338 million to support 52 concrete climate adaptation and resilience projects in 46 countries, with 3.57 million direct beneficiaries.

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