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UNFCCC Climate Change Conference

Bonn, Germany

Side Event Hosted by the Adaptation Fund

Date: May 11, 2017

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

Location: Room 181

Accelerating Implementation of the Paris Agreement through Concrete and Innovative Adaptation Projects in Vulnerable Communities

[Live broadcast available here](#)



Adaptation Fund – Pioneering Adaptation Finance: Event highlights pioneering work of the Adaptation Fund in climate finance, including groundbreaking experiences in Direct Access, and how the Fund brings value to implementing the Paris Agreement by increasing access to finance and funding concrete replicable climate change adaptation projects in vulnerable communities. The Agreement calls for a balance between mitigation and adaptation, and the Fund helps build national capacities to adapt to climate change. Projects are developed in a transparent process that includes local stakeholders and NGOs. The event also recognizes innovations of the Fund as its 10th anniversary approaches later this year.

Speakers: Adaptation Fund-accredited National Implementing Entities (NIEs) from Antigua and Barbuda, Morocco and South Africa, as well as civil society and Adaptation Fund representatives will provide concrete examples of the Fund's impacts to countries and beneficiaries.



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Agenda

- 18:30** *Opening Remarks on progress and innovations of the Adaptation Fund*
Mr. Michael Kracht, Chair, Adaptation Fund Board
- 18:40** *Adaptation Fund's value in enhancing implementation of the Paris Agreement through innovative finance and concrete action*
Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat
- 18:50** *Enhancing resilience in vulnerable Antigua and Barbuda communities and ecosystems to adapt to extreme rainfall*
Ms. Ruth Spencer, Technical Advisory Committee, Department of Environment, Antigua and Barbuda, National Implementing Entity, Adaptation Fund
- 19:00** *Working through Direct Access to develop innovative, scalable water management projects in drought-prone areas of Morocco*
Ms. Meryem Andaloussi, Head of the Environment Service, Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA), National Implementing Entity, Adaptation Fund
- 19:10** *First 'Enhanced Direct Access' project, empowering South Africa's NIE to directly identify and fund local adaptation projects*
Ms. Mandy Barnett, Project Director, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), South Africa, National Implementing Entity, Adaptation Fund
- 19:20** *Impact of civil society in raising awareness for and helping to enhance Adaptation Fund projects at country levels*
Mr. Jean-Paul Brice Affana, Policy Advisor, Climate Finance and Development, Adaptation Fund NGO Network
- 19:30** Questions and Answers
- 20:00** Closing