

Adaptation Fund Contributor Dialogue and Reflections from Developing Countries

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<u>Date:</u> Monday, December 9, 2019 <u>Time:</u> 13:15 <u>Location:</u> Room 25

In recognition to the Adaptation Fund's effective and tangible work on the ground for the most vulnerable countries and a strong signal of raising global ambition for urgently needed adaptation finance, and the importance of actionable and scalable models for concrete adaptation action, this event provides an opportunity for donor government, recipient and civil society representatives to highlight the work of the Adaptation Fund as a specific element of the UNFCCC climate finance architecture and their ongoing multilateral cooperation with the Fund.

Hosted by the Republic of Chile

Speakers include:

H.E. Ms. **Carolina Schmidt**, Minister of Environment, Chile, President of UNFCCC COP 25;

H.E. Mr. **Michał Kurtyka**, Secretary of State, Ministry of the Environment, Poland, President of UNFCCC COP 24 (tbc);

H.E. Mr. Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway;

Ms. Federica Fricano, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Italy;

Mr. Karsten Sach, Director General, Ministry for the Environment, Germany (tbc);

Mr. Mattias Frumerie, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden;

Distinguished ministers and high-level representatives representing contributor and recipient governments

Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

Ms. Sylviane Bilgischer, Chair, Adaptation Fund Board;

Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (Moderator)

[NOTE: This list of speakers will be complemented with additional contributor speakers.]

Representatives of Adaptation Fund National Implementing Entities

Ms. **Violeta Leiva**, Programme Manager, Agencia Chilena de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AGCID), Chile

Ms. **Marianella Feoli**, Executive Director, Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible, Costa Rica

Ms. **Meryem Andaloussi**, Head of Environment Service, Agence pour le Développement Agricole, Morocco

About the Adaptation Fund Since 2010 the Adaptation Fund has committed US\$ 720 million to 100 concrete adaptation projects in the most vulnerable communities of developing countries, serving 8.7 million direct beneficiaries. The Fund also pioneered the innovative climate finance modality Direct Access, which helps build national capacities and fosters country ownership in climate change adaptation. With an active pipeline of \$248 million as of November 2019, the Fund continues to respond to increasing adaptation needs of developing countries.