



ADAPTATION FUND

14 January 2021

Gobeshona Global Conference on Locally-Led Adaptation

1. **Date:** 18th of January 2021
2. **Time:** 1.5 hours for Adaptation Fund (AF) session, time (17:00 – 19:00 Hrs UTC/ 12:00 -14:00 Hrs ET/DC)
3. **Format:** Virtual (Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.)

AF Session Registration: <https://forms.gle/7sbZQcFfuriXDHaf7>

- AF will coordinate the session and invite speakers from the partners and donors.
- The participants in the event will be Implementing Entities (IEs) of the AF implementing locally led adaptation interventions.
- The event will be interactive. It will begin with an opening video by the AF, opening remarks from the Manager of the Adaptation Fund and the Global Commission on Adaptation (GCA) Action Track Co-Manager, followed by a presentation from the Secretariat of the main findings from the AF Publication “Local Leadership in Adaptation Finance”. This will be followed by a panel discussion by IEs sharing their experience with LLA.
- Lastly the session will include a Q&A. All questions will be received through live chat and answered during the Q & A.

4. Theme, design and objectives:

The theme of the session is “**Local Leadership in Adaptation Finance: Learning from Locally-led Action in Adaptation Fund Projects and Programmes**”, which is related to the overarching theme of the conference.

The session has an objective to accelerate learning about institutional and individual capacity strengthening, modalities, and approaches for harnessing successful locally led adaptation measures and strategies from a few case studies. The AF will provide an overview of relevant financing modalities, policies and practices of the Fund that are designed to support locally led action. The session will discuss barriers to increasing local leadership on adaptation and opportunities for international organizations to facilitate locally-led adaptation action.

Local actors, including local governments, civil society and communities, have the best understanding of their local circumstances. Putting the local actors in the decision-making role also empowers them in building their own resilience, which is crucial for climate justice and for enhancing sustainability of project outcomes after project end. Through the panel discussion, implementing entities will highlight the challenges that local actors have faced in converting the promise of local empowerment to effective action in practice and share insights on approaches and methodologies that promote locally led adaptation in practice.

The session will end with closing remarks by a representative from the secretariat tying in the main discussion points that emerge from the panel discussion.

5. Agenda:



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Time duration	Session item	Remarks
3 mins	<p>Opening video on Adaptation Fund project highlights Moderator welcomes participants and introducing the run of show</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Cristina Dengel, Knowledge Management Officer Adaptation Fund</p>	Video
5 mins	<p>Opening Remarks Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager Adaptation Fund</p>	Live remarks
5 mins	<p>Opening Remarks Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Action Track Co-Manager, Global Commission on Adaptation</p>	Live remarks
7-8 mins	<p>Presentation by Adaptation Fund Secretariat Overview of the Fund and Key findings from the LLA publication Presentation will set the stage for the panel discussion</p> <p>Ms. Alyssa Gomes, Climate Change Analyst</p>	Presentation
45 -50 mins	<p>Panel Discussion: Locally Led Adaptation –</p> <p><i>Each panellist will be invited to share an intervention of about 7-8 mins on strategies deployed to encourage locally-led action, impacts, and lessons learned.</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Carlo Scaramella, Country Director in Colombia, World Food Programme (WFP), AF regional project in Colombia and Ecuador 2. Ms. Marianella Feoli, Executive Director of Fundecooperacion Para el Desarrollo Sostenible, AF project in Costa Rica 3. Ms. Tamara Greenstone Alefaio, Conservation Program Manager of Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), AF project in the Federated States of Micronesia 4. Mr. Mike Jennings/ Mr. Mpfunzeni Tshindane, Strategic Grant Manager Adaptation Policy and Resourcing, South African National Biodiversity 	Live discussion, <i>Moderator: Ms Cristina Dengel, Knowledge Management Officer</i>



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	Institute (SANBI), AF Small Grants project in South Africa	
15 mins	Q & A to the panel Panelists and Mr. Mahamat Assouyouiti – Sr. Climate Change Specialist, AF	Live Discussion
5 mins	Closing Remarks Mr. Mahamat Assouyouiti - Sr. Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund	