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3rd Capacity-building Hub COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Day

Adaptation Fund

Enhancing climate finance access for adaptation in the context of COVID-19: Lessons from the Adaptation Fund portfolio

Concept Note

Background:

The Adaptation Fund finances projects and programmes that help vulnerable communities in developing countries adapt to climate change. Initiatives are based on country needs, views and priorities. Since 2010, the Adaptation Fund has committed US\$ 850 million to projects and programmes to date, including 123 concrete projects, serving about 28 million total beneficiaries. It also pioneered Direct Access, empowering countries to access funding and develop projects directly through accredited national implementing entities.

The event provides an opportunity for climate change adaptation (CCA) actors including parties, implementing entities, private sector and civil society representatives to discuss the recent development of access to climate finance for adaptation in general and highlight the work of the Adaptation Fund as one of the very few climate funds under the UN Climate Convention and Paris Agreement that is dedicated to financing concrete adaptation activities. The event will be organized as a hybrid session (virtual and on-site participation) as part of the COP26 Catalyst Day and to be held at the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)'s Capacity Building Hub.

Objectives:

- Highlight experiences and lessons from their actions on the ground to advance CCA actions including readiness, locally led adaptation actions (LLA), Innovation in climate change adaptation and enhanced direct access;





- Discuss lessons from the current COVID-19 pandemic and on why building resilience and reducing vulnerability is imperative;

Format:

Venue: 3rd Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 9th, 2021, Tuesday

Length: 40 minutes

Language: English

Please describe the modalities you will use in your session to engage the audience (ex: presentation, Q&A session, breakout groups, etc.)

The session will be organized as a hybrid session (virtual and on-site participation).

i. Climate finance access for adaptation : Perspectives from the Adaptation Fund

This segment will include opening remarks and a presentation from the Adaptation Fund.

Opening remarks

- Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat
- Mr. Alex Lau, Lead, COP26 Presidency Climate Finance Campaigns team

Introductory presentation

- Ms. Alyssa Gomes, Climate Change Analyst, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

ii. Voices from the adaptation actors on the ground

This segment will include a Q&A with two AF National Implementing Entities (NIEs) - South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT), and representative of the AF CSO Network.

Moderated by Mr. Mahamat Assouyouiti, Sr Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund.

iii. Strengthening resilience in the context of COVID-19

This segment will include a Q&A including two implementing entities- World Food Programme (WFP) and Department of Environment (DoE)

Moderated by Mr. Mahamat Assouyouiti, Sr Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund.

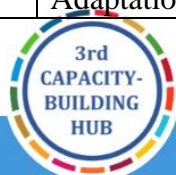
General Structure:





Please outline the components and timing of the session, including any specifically planned elements such as discussion questions. Additionally, list the speakers and moderators, their organization, and current position. Add or remove rows as needed.

Speakers			
Name	Role	Affiliation/ Organization	Duration
Mr. Mikko Ollikainen	Head	Adaptation Fund	3-4 mins
Mr. Alex Lau	Lead	COP26 Presidency Climate Finance campaigns team	3-4 mins
Ms. Alyssa Gomes	Climate Change Analyst	Adaptation Fund	5 mins
Voices from the adaptation actors on the ground			
Ms. Mandi Barnett (virtual)	Chief Director: Adaptation Policy and Resourcing	South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)	5 mins
Dr. Kenrick Williams	Board Chairman	Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT)	5 mins
Ms. Gitika Goswami (virtual)	AF CSO network representative	Development Alternatives	5 mins
Strengthening resilience in the context of COVID-19			
Giorgia Pergolini	Programme Officer – Climate Finance	World Food Programme (WFP)	5 mins
Rashuana Adams-Matthew	Environmental Social Safeguard and Gender Officer	Department of Environment (DoE)	5 mins
Closing remarks			
Mr. Mahamat Assouyouli	Sr. Climate Change Specialist	Adaptation Fund	5 mins





Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Mr. Mahamat Assouyousti	Sr. Climate Change Specialist	Adaptation Fund.

Outcomes:

Please list in paragraph or bullet-list format the desired outcomes. Share concrete examples from the Adaptation Fund portfolio with respect lessons learned and best practices to advance climate change adaptation actions through local leadership and devolved decision. The session also aims to share how the Fund is building resilience in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Relevant Links:

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/>

