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Launch of the COP26 Catalyst Call to Action for transformational capacity building

Date: Thursday 11 November

Time: 1800-1930 GMT (followed by a reception)

Venue: The UK Pavilion

The Paris Agreement provides a truly global framework for climate ambition and action. To unlock its full potential, it is important that all countries can participate to their maximum potential and that a lack of capacity does not hold them back.

In its role as the COP26 Presidency, the UK has been committed to better understanding the capacity-building challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to climate impacts.

Throughout this year, COP Catalyst partners have consulted hundreds of stakeholders from every region of the world to gauge views and ideas on capacity building to support implementation of the Paris Agreement. At this event, we will launch the COP26 Catalyst partners' Call to Action, which will set out a vision of the transformational impact that enhanced capacity building could have for climate ambition and response.

AGENDA

Time	Theme and speakers
1800	Welcome and introduction
1810	Capacity Building The importance of capacity building to support developing countries achieve their ambitions and take action under the Paris Agreement.
	The challenges and opportunities Overview of the main challenges and opportunities from the 2021 UN Regional Climate Week consultations and the COP26 Catalyst Action Groups' recommendations. <i>Brief presentations by each Action Group followed by open discussion.</i>

1815	1. Access to Finance Action Group partners will consider a range of short, medium and long term practical actions which can support capacity building to improve the ability to access finance for climate action
1830	2. Adaptation Action Action Group partners will outline the challenges faced by developing countries in their preparation of their first Adaptation Communications (ADCOMs) to the UNFCCC. They will propose recommendations for different stakeholders that can support capacity building to strengthen ADCOM preparation and contribute to well-coordinated national adaptation planning and implementation processes.
1845	3. Carbon Markets Participation Many developing countries have highlighted their need for capacity building support to enable them to take full advantage of carbon markets opportunities. This session will introduce the COP26 Catalyst's work examining carbon market mechanisms worldwide, focusing on practices to remove the barriers to participation in nations that are the least developed.
1900	4. Transparency and Reporting All countries need to be able to produce reliable, transparent and comprehensive information on emissions, climate actions and support under the Enhanced Transparency Framework. This session will introduce the COP26 Catalyst's work on transparency and reporting: outlining existing support, challenges and experiences and presenting our headline conclusions and recommendations.
1915	COP26 Catalyst Partnership Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to make the transformational change being recommended? • Where might the discussions lead next for the COP26 Catalyst? Open discussion
1930	Close of session
1930-2100	Reception