

INNOVATION

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Innovation Days

Festival of Innovation

OCTOBER 3-5, 2023
Montreal, Canada (Hybrid format)

Adaptation Fund's Innovation Days run alongside Adaptation Futures 2023. Exciting sessions moderated by creative thinkers.

[Register here for in-person participation](#)
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OTHER AF SIDE EVENTS

OCTOBER 2, 1:30PM-3:30PM

What Remains After Project Closure? Conducting Ex Post Evaluations for Adaptation Interventions

OCTOBER 6, 8:30AM-10AM

Empowering the most vulnerable, women, youth, elderly, indigenous populations and incorporating local and traditional knowledge
[Speaker agenda flyer on this event can be seen here.](#)



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Adaptation Fund Innovation Facility

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The Innovation Facility of the Adaptation Fund is offering vulnerable countries new tools and grants to foster, scale up and accelerate innovative adaptation practices and technologies on the ground to help meet the urgency of climate change. It is aligned closely with the Paris Climate Agreement, which calls accelerating, encouraging and enabling innovation 'critical' for an effective global response to climate change.

The Facility emerged from the innovation pillar of the Adaptation Fund's Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) for 2018-2022, which aimed to foster innovation for effective, long-term adaptation. The Fund's MTS for 2023-2027 continues the strategic innovation pillar while increasing ambition and synergy with other pillars of action and learning.

The Fund has supported innovation throughout its 15-plus year history. It pioneered Direct Access and Enhanced Direct Access, fostering country and local ownership in adaptation, and many of its concrete projects on the ground have often been the first adaptation actions in developing countries and are building valuable knowledge and creating scalable models along the way. The Facility takes innovation a step further through explicit grant funding windows to foster innovation in adaptation, while building on the Fund's core strengths and comparative advantage as a highly functioning nimble fund.



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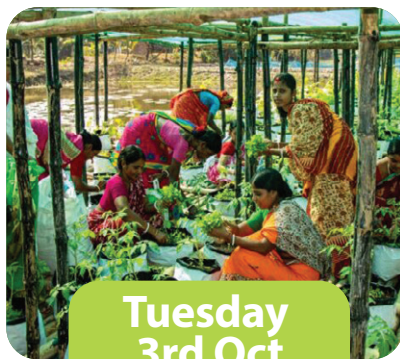
Innovation Days Programme

Live sessions. Each session holds a different lens to innovation. Open to all AF23 attendees and open live stream.

Hosted by the Adaptation Fund, Innovation Days draws on a wide network of stakeholders, partners and communities. These actors bring real life examples and impacts to capture the diverse nature of adaptation innovation. Their knowledge will inspire, engage, and open up meaningful discussion.

Innovation Days showcases innovators and innovations from the global South, supporting South-South and North-South dialogue, collaboration and matching of innovative ideas. Innovation Days are open to everyone, as everyone has a role to play in generating a global innovative mindset and enabling adaptation to climate change.

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**Tuesday
3rd Oct**

13:30 – 14:30

**Innovation in adaptation:
What is it?**

14:30 – 15:30

**Innovation in adaptation:
What does it look like?**



**Wednesday
4th Oct**

13:30 – 14:30

**The Innovation Process:
How is it done?**

14:30 – 15:30

**Locally led innovation:
What does it look like?**



**Thursday
5th Oct**

13:30 – 15:30

**Innovation in adaptation:
What is the future?**



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Day 1 Agenda



Tuesday October 3rd 13:30 – 14:30

Innovation in adaptation: What is it?

A dynamic session curated by the Adaptation Fund to discuss a global vision for innovation in service of adaptation to climate change. The session will offer a variety of perspectives explored by a panel of thought leaders on the questions of:

- What is innovation in context of adaptation?
- Why must we innovate?
- In the context of adaptation, where does innovation come from?
- At what scale does innovation in adaptation happen?
- Where should more focus and support go?
- Whose responsibility is it?

The session consists of a speaker introduction round, followed by facilitated discussion amongst the panel in response to the key questions. Alternative viewpoints will be explored and the essence of innovation in adaptation unpicked.

Speakers include voices from international organisations, policy, locally-led innovation, and the scientific community.

Tuesday October 3rd 14:30 – 15:30

Innovation in adaptation: What does it look like?

An inspiring session on real world applications of innovation in adaptation. Organizations on the cutting edge of adaptation projects describe what innovation on the ground looks like. In this interactive session audience participation is encouraged as speakers are placed around the room to facilitate group conversations. Questions to be explore are:

- What are some of the best examples to-date?
- What are the main challenges and/or opportunities?
- What could innovation actors (financiers, policy-makers, private sector, etc.) do better to support adaptation?
- Learning from experience: how can we better leverage failure?

Highlights from the in-room discussions will be brought to the stage by the speakers to highlight key ideas and thought-provoking comments. The session will culminate with a lightning round of speaker's best examples of innovation in adaptation to date.

Speakers include voices from the Adaptation Fund's National Implementing Entities, global innovation programmes, foundations, humanitarian organisations, and world leading Universities.



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Day 2 Agenda



Wednesday October 4th

13:30 – 14:30

The Innovation Process: How is it done?

Innovation is a process that drives advancements in all spheres of society and economy involving a range of stakeholders that must collaborate to serve today's and tomorrow's needs. There is a greater demand than ever for integrated solutions that can respond to complex societal challenges. As such, there are certain well-understood elements in the innovation process.

In this high level and diverse panel-led session innovation actors speak about their experiences making change, and shifting to new paradigms. The key questions to be explored are:

- What is innovation?
- What is the process like?
- How can it work for adaptation?
- Is innovation really the answer or should we look to existing solutions?
- Innovation entails risk and failure. Can we afford to fail?

Speakers include voices from public private partnerships, government, Silicon Valley, third level innovation hubs, acceleration programmes, and Global South and European networks.

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Wednesday October 4th

14:30 – 15:30

Locally led innovation: What does it look like?

Adaptation in hyper local contexts through real-life stories of innovators

Bringing marginalized voices, especially from the Global South, to the forefront in pursuit of climate justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. This session will bring forth the lessons directly from grantees of Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA, a partnership of Adaptation Fund, EU, UNDP, UNEP and CTCN) who have the potential to demonstrate a breadth of Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) initiatives at different scales.

Two of the key LLA principles are the amplification of agency of the most vulnerable, and the role of patient funding in LLA Initiatives. This session will explore these two principles through the experience of the Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM), specially through AFCIA grant makers and funders using knowledge exchange through a moderated dialogue between funders, grantees and audience members

Key questions:

- What is LLA and why is it such an important adaptation action?
- What are the lessons, challenges and opportunities as experienced by the AFCIA grantees?
- What are the models of finance for innovation in adaptation?
- How can we continue to adapt and grow this success?

The session will be a facilitated two-way knowledge exchange session between funders of adaptation initiatives and their grantees in the panel, as well as the audience members.



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Day 3 Agenda

Thursday October 5th

13:30 – 15:30

Innovation in adaptation: What is the future?

Given the trajectory of climate change, the need for adaptation will only grow. In this session, curated by the Adaptation Fund, key opinion holders discuss how to accelerate successful adaptation through innovation and what are the latest trends and likely future directions in adaptation.

The session will begin with thought provoking inputs and a moderated panel discussion with researchers, communities, authors, and innovators. The topic will revolve around questions on the future of innovation in adaptation:

- What are the new frontiers?
- Is the answer technology, society or nature?
- What is the role of the government / private sector / International finance (grant and lending) institutions? Who are the other key actors?
- Society and the power of citizens and communities: what will be the role of individuals and communities?

Keeping our focus on action, the power of partnerships will then be explored through a series of talks led by the Adaptation Fund's partners.

The session will culminate in a facilitated networking event to allow speakers, audience members and contributors from across the Adaptation Fund's sessions to interact and connect.

Join this session not only to be inspired but also to contribute, meet others, and connect with innovation for adaptation.

