



COP28 Side-event

Adaptation Fund: Making lasting impacts in vulnerable countries while reducing disaster risks

Sat, 02 Dec 2023

18:30-20:00

Room: SE Room 1

Live web-streaming



Background

The Adaptation Fund was established in 2001 to finance concrete adaptation projects in developing countries with a focus on the most vulnerable communities. The Fund has been serving the Paris Agreement since 2019 and is a key channel for delivering dedicated support for climate adaptation.

Extreme climate events, such as floods, droughts, extreme heat, cyclones and severe storms are increasing in frequency and intensity. Building long-term resilience through disaster risk reduction and early warning systems is a key area of the Fund's work with its large portfolio of adaptation projects and its long experience as a pioneer and innovator in adaptation finance.

Objective: The Fund's disaster risk reduction and early warning systems portfolio works to support vulnerable countries to strengthen long-term resilience. The event will present key lessons learned from the AF study "[Strengthening Resilience through Disaster Risk Reduction and Early Warning Systems Interventions: Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Adaptation Fund Portfolio](#)".

The event will also include presentations of concrete project examples from the implementing entities representatives and partners about disaster risk reduction interventions and challenges faced while implementing projects that aim to enhance climate resilience and deliver tangible results for vulnerable communities.

Target audience: Adaptation Fund Designated Authorities, National Implementing Entities' (NIEs) focal points and prospective NIEs, executing entities, academia, practitioners in climate finance and other stakeholders.

AGENDA

18:30-18:35 ...Event opening by **Mr. Mahamat Abakar Assouyouiti, Sr. Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund Secretariat**

18:35-18:45 ... Opening Remarks

- **Mr. Lucas di Pietro, Adaptation Fund Board Vice-Chair**

AF's strategic focus on Action, Innovation and Learning & Sharing, cross-cutting actions that support most vulnerable groups, including youth and the elderly, advance gender equality, build national capacities, and complement other climate funds

- **Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Head of the Adaptation Fund Secretariat**

Perspectives on disaster risk reduction and early warning systems from the AF portfolio

PRESENTATIONS

18:45-18:55 ... **Ms. Cristina Dengel, Knowledge Management Team Lead, Adaptation Fund Secretariat**

Key lessons learned from AF study titled "*Strengthening Resilience through Disaster Risk Reduction and Early Warning Systems Interventions: Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Adaptation Fund Portfolio*"

18:55-19:05... **Ms. Claudia Godfrey, Director, Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas (PROFONANPE)**

Lessons learned from the AF-funded project titled "*Adaptation to the Impacts of Climate Change on Peru's Coastal Marine Ecosystem and Fisheries*"

19:05 -19:15... **Mr. Fredrick F. Mulinda, Environmental Management officer, National Environment Management Council (NEMC)**

Lessons learned from the AF-funded projects with DRR/EWS elements implemented by NEMC

19:15-19:25 ...Ms. Roberta Boscolo, Climate and Energy Lead, World Meteorological Organization

Lessons learned from the AF-funded projects with DRR and EWS elements implemented by WMO

19:25-19:35.... Mr. Lennox Gladden, Member of the Technology Executive Committee, UN Climate Change

Insights on innovative technologies and tools for early warning systems, and the TEC-GEO collaboration on 'innovation for risk knowledge' under the Early Warnings for All initiative

19:35-19:50 ...QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

19:50 – Closing Remarks