



**8th international Adaptation Futures Conference (AF2025)**

**Side Event: Lessons Learned and Findings from Adaptation Interventions in SIDS, Experiences from the Adaptation Fund Portfolio**

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | Christchurch, New Zealand**

**10:45 AM – 12:15 PM NZST (UTC+12)**

**Overview:**

During this session the Adaptation Fund (AF) Secretariat and National Implementing Entities (NIEs) will discuss lessons learned and findings from adaptation interventions funded through AF projects in Small Islands and Developing States (SIDS). While the focus is on SIDS, the session will also highlight experiences from other highly vulnerable contexts, such as LDCs with significant coastal and island vulnerabilities.

The AF Secretariat will introduce the session by framing key trends, challenges, and knowledge emerging from its SIDS portfolio. National Implementing Entities (NIEs) from across regions will share country-specific perspectives on designing and delivering adaptation projects in diverse island contexts, including practical approaches to resilience building, community engagement, and overcoming implementation challenges.

The event will conclude with a moderated discussion, inviting reflections from the audience on cross-cutting themes, replicable practices, and opportunities to strengthen adaptation in SIDS and LDCs.

**Objective:**

To explore lessons learned, innovative approaches, and practical solutions for strengthening adaptation in SIDS and LDCs, drawing from the experiences of NIEs delivering AF-funded projects.

**Target audience:** Climate adaptation and development practitioners, policymakers, academia, knowledge institutions, civil society, and representatives from governments and funding agencies.

**Speakers:** Representatives from National Implementing Entities.

**Agenda:**

Time	Session Segment
10:45 – 10:50 (5 mins)	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
10:50 – 10:55 (5 mins)	<b>Introduction of Speakers from NIEs</b>
10:55 – 11:30 (35 mins)	<p><b>NIE Presentations</b></p> <p>Highlighting country experiences and innovative approaches</p>
11:30 – 12:00 (30 mins)	<p><b>Panel discussion with NIEs</b></p> <p>Reflections and cross-cutting lessons from NIEs</p>
12:00 – 12:10 (10 mins)	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Open floor for participants questions and reflections</p>
12:10 – 12:15 (5 mins)	<b>Closing Reflections &amp; Wrap-up</b>