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COP24 Side Event

Exploring Innovative Approaches to Strengthen Capacity on Direct Access to Climate Finance

Venue: Room Bug, 7 December 2018, 15:00-16:30

TLDR: Direct access projects from global funds are scarce. This side event will explore innovative approaches to enhance endogenous capacity and empower developing countries to shift the status quo away from business-as-usual.

Session Description

While climate change mitigation is a global responsibility, adaptation is largely local. National and local entities should therefore be best placed to assess local vulnerabilities and devise locally appropriate measures to increase the resilience of vulnerable communities, ecosystems and infrastructure.

Despite a number of national and regional institutions being accredited as Direct Access Entities (DAEs) to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and National Implementing Entities (NIEs) to the Adaptation Fund, so far there are limited projects approved for direct access by the GCF Board and the Adaptation Fund Board.

In 2016, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by its decision 10/CP.22 requested the GCF Board to facilitate an increase in the number of direct access proposals in its pipeline. Intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions, including those accredited as International Accredited Entities to the GCF and Multilateral Implementing Entities to the Adaptation Fund, are therefore, being encouraged to support the enhancement of the capacity of DAEs and NIEs by transferring knowledge and sharing valuable experiences in developing climate change projects and accessing climate finance.

The objective of this sessions is to identify challenges and barriers impeding the development of direct access adaptation proposals and brainstorm on the approaches to overcome these challenges with support from the international community. The session also offers current experiences and discusses potential opportunities related to climate finance issues in vulnerable countries.

Speakers

Atiq Rahman, Takeshi Abe, Julia Grimm, Lyan Villacorta, Md. Golam Rabbani, Stanley Wapot, Mandy Barnett, Anupa Lamichhane, Saleemul Huq, Mikko Ollikaine, Ainun Nishat, Qing Xia



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Time Slot	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
15:00- 15:10	Introduction of the side event and opening remarks	Dr. Atiq Rahman, BCAS Mr. Takeshi Abe, MOEJ
15:10-15:30	Technical session-key note messages	Dr. Atiq Rahman, BCAS
	Case Study and Experiences on climate finance in vulnerable countries: Highlights of CFTM project (Bangladesh), Adaptation Fund NGO Network (South Africa), and the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT, Thailand) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Julia Grimm, Germanwatch, Adaptation Fund NGO Network Secretariat • Mr. Lyan Villacorta, AIT, Thailand • Md. Golam Rabbani, BCAS, Bangladesh 	
15:30-15:55	Panel discussion: challenges, barriers and potential opportunities for direct access to climate finance	Dr. Atiq Rahman, BCAS
	Panel Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Stanley Wapot, Sustainable Development Program Manager, Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat, Vanuatu 2. Ms. Mandy Barnett, Lead – Climate Fund, South African Biodiversity Institute (Adaptation Fund National Implementing Entity and GCF National Accredited Entity), South Africa 3. Ms. Anupa Lamichhane, Accredited Entity Specialist, Green Climate Fund 4. Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, ICCCAD, Bangladesh 5. Mr. Mikko Ollikaine, Manager, Adaptation Fund 6. Dr. Ainun Nishat, C3ER, BRAC University, Bangladesh 	
15:55-16:25	Q&A, Open discussion	
16:25-16:30	Vote of thanks	Ms. Qing Xia, AIT