



Closing the climate finance gap: strengthening adaptation at the local level

Friday 15 November

18:30-19:30

Side event room 3

In the context of the UAE-Belem work programme and climate finance decisions through the NCQG, the discussion will unpack the opportunity to strengthen adaptation at the local level. From adaptation performance to the investment to respond to people's needs - hear from experts and joined by cartoon artists!

Agenda

18.30-18.40: Welcome & Opening, facilitated by the Red Cross Climate Centre, Bettina Koelle
Get ready for an interactive performance/game to engage on importance of adaptation

18.40-18.45: Spotlight research findings on adaptation, by Marlene Achoki Care International
New research findings on adaptation finance which unpacks grants, loans and finance flows

18.45-18.50: Buzz chat, facilitated by the Red Cross Climate Centre, Bettina Koelle
Time for reflection with your neighbour on key findings. Guiding question:

- *What does better adaptation investment mean to you?*

18.50-19.15 Panel Discussion: Moderated by Colin McQuistan, Practical Action

- **Prisca Chisala**, Director of Programmes and Development, **Malawi Red Cross**
- **Marlene Achoki**, Global Policy Lead, CARE International
- **Demet Intepe**, Climate Adaptation and Resilience, **Practical Action [Confirmed]**
- **Tamanna Rahman**, Climate and Resilience Thematic Lead

Guiding questions:

- *What does better adaptation investment mean to you?*
- *What do you consider as good community access models / finance mechanisms / examples of action - that is getting support and finance to the local level? Can this be scaled/replicated and how can this relate to direct budget support?*
- *What are the big shifts that need to happen to get adaptation investment to get to the community level. Where would you like to see more targeting of support?*

19.15-19.30: Negotiators reflections and open floor

Guiding questions:

- *What does better adaptation investment mean to you?*
- *What are the opportunities to strengthen the adaptation agenda into week 2 of COP29?*

19.30: Close & Cartoon-athon

The event formally closes, participants are invited to stay on to discuss adaptation while cartoon artists develop creative cartoons on what needs to change and what is working on adaptation