

UNFCCC COP-15 Side event

Thursday, 10 December 2009, 20:00 – 21:30

Venue: Room "Liva Weel", Bella Center

Adaptation to Climate Change - Integration into Development Planning

Multi-stakeholder processes for developing climate change adaptation strategies and mainstreaming adaptation into national and local development planning - first experiences and lessons learnt from country cases from the **Philippines, Tunisia, Peru and Germany**

Background

The central climate policy objective discussed under UNFCCC is to limit the increase in the mean global temperature to less than 2°C above the pre-industrial level, with the aim of preventing the expected far-reaching consequences of even greater climate change. However, even with successful efforts to limit temperature rise, climate change is already taking place and will have serious effects on countries, their economies and population. Therefore, besides putting all efforts into mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, there is high urgency to develop adaptation strategies to reduce the vulnerability of countries for social, ecological and economic disasters caused by global warming and to mitigate the expected impacts of climate change.

Some countries have already started to develop their national adaptation strategies or national climate change action plans. The side event will outline some of the approaches, experiences and lessons learnt with specific focus on how adaptation to climate change can be integrated into national and local planning and budgeting processes. It will provide a platform for discussion of key success factors, and for exchange and transfer of knowledge between countries dealing with adaptation to climate change in various settings.

Objectives of the Side Event

A better understanding of:

- possible approaches and processes for developing national climate change adaptation strategies and integrating adaptation to climate change into national development planning
- lessons learnt, key success factors and ways for knowledge transfer on adaptation strategies

Expected results

- An overview of various initiatives and processes that are underway
- A clear understanding of the major factors determining successful processes for developing adaptation strategies and integrating adaptation to climate change into national and local development planning
- A better understanding of the key themes in adaptation processes, including those themes that benefit from knowledge exchange between countries

Programme

20:00 – 20:10	Introduction, Dr. Bernd-Markus Liss, Moderator
20:10 – 20:50	Statements by the Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Mary Ann Lucille L. Sering, Undersecretary, Head of Climate Change Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippines: National Adaptation Strategy and integration into the planning and budgeting system – process, structures and challenges in an archipelago country• Najeh Dali, General Director for the Environment and Quality of Life, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Tunisia: Process of integrating adaptation to climate change into national, regional and sector planning in Tunisia• Eduardo Durand, Focal Point UNFCCC, Ministry of Environment (MINAM), Peru: Integration of adaptation to climate change into sector planning and budgeting at local level• Dr. Benno Hain, Federal Environment Agency (UBA) Germany: Experiences and lessons learnt with multi-stakeholder processes on CC adaptation strategy in a federal system• Dr. Nana Künkel, GTZ: Climate proofing, Technical Assistance and knowledge transfer for development of adaptation strategies
20:50 – 21:20	Panel Discussion with the Audience
21:20 – 21:30	Summary and Closure, Dr. Bernd-Markus Liss

Drinks and snacks will be served after the side event.