

Adaptation in Practice

Evaluating Innovative Approaches



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Evaluations provide lessons learned from the first generation of adaptation interventions, from the development of National Adaptation Plans for Action to innovative approaches to specific adaptation problems. This event will present these lessons from the portfolios of the GEF, the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) and the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF). The lessons have already been incorporated in results based frameworks and monitoring. The World Bank and the Adaptation Fund will also be discussed, as well as the support that the GEF Evaluation Office offers to the international development community to share ideas and experiences on evaluation of adaptation activities.

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BACKGROUND

The Marrakesh Accords adopted at COP 7 in December 2001, established three funding mechanisms for adaptation activities: the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF), and the Strategic Priority for Adaptation (SPA). These funds are managed by the GEF and have generated more than \$395 million in project financing for adaptation activities in developing countries worldwide during the past decade. If including data on alternate adaptation funds more than 250 projects are currently being financed amounting to about \$965 million. However, the full cost of adaptation has been estimated by the World Bank and through previous COPs as amounting to \$75-100 billion annually. While current funding falls short of reaching this goal, new funding mechanisms are emerging that may be able to assist with reaching these financing goals.

Lessons learned from recent evaluations of the LDCF, SCCF, and SPA carried out by the GEF Evaluation Office revealed that any future financing mechanism may be able to draw on the experience and expertise that these funds have generated so far. This session will synthesize and discuss key findings from these evaluations and propose ways that can incorporate the lessons learned into the future international adaptation financing mechanisms.

Evaluating adaption is still a new subject, and for that reason the session will also address some of the key issues encountered when doing evaluations. This includes how the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank, the GEF Evaluation Office, the GEF Secretariat, and the Adaptation Fund are tackling some of these issues, for example through the development of pioneering an Adaptation Monitoring and Assessment Tool (AMAT), as well as through frameworks and guidelines for evaluating adaptation.



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PRESENTATIONS

Evaluating Adaptation under the GEF Umbrella

Rob D. van den Berg, Director, GEF Evaluation Office

Evaluations at the Interface of Adaptation and Development

Ken Chomitz, Sr. Advisor, World Bank
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Innovative ways of Monitoring Adaptation

Bonizella Biagini, Head Climate Change
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The Community of Practice housed within the GEF Evaluation Office, will be broadcasting the event through the internet to the Climate-Eval's network of experts to showcase new and pioneering practices of sharing information and learning.



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