



**LOCALLY DEVELOPED CHOICES FOR  
NATIONALLY DETERMINED  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

TOWARDS CLIMATE PROOFING  
VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN  
EMERGING ECONOMIES

# UNFCCC COP 28 SIDE EVENT

- Saturday 2nd December
- 18:30 – 20:00
- SE Room 9

## INTRODUCTION



In the face of a rapidly changing climate, the urgency for concerted action has never been more apparent. While national commitments like the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) play a crucial role in shaping climate action, it is equally essential to recognize the transformative power of locally developed choices (LDCs). This side event discussion seeks to emphasize the pivotal role of LDCs in empowering communities for a sustainable future catalysed by climate education, climate finance and conducive climate policy.

# KEY THEMES

## 1. The Significance of Locally Developed Choices (LDCs)

- LDCs represent a bottom-up approach, empowering communities to identify and implement solutions tailored to their unique needs and contexts.
- Moving beyond mere compliance with national targets, LDCs foster a sense of ownership and engagement among community members, leading to more sustainable and impactful outcomes.

## 2. Harnessing Local Innovation and People-Centric Solutions

- Communities possess untapped knowledge and experience in adapting to climate change. LDCs provide a platform for harnessing local wisdom, experience, and implementing culturally sensitive, socially relevant, and innovative solutions.

## 3. Building Resilience and Addressing Climate Justice

- LDCs serve as a mechanism to address inequalities exacerbated by climate change, particularly impacting marginalized and vulnerable communities.
- By focusing on building resilience and enhancing adaptive capacities, LDCs ensure that climate action is not only environmentally sustainable but also socially just and equitable.

## 4. Integrating LDCs into NDCs: A Pathway to Enhanced Climate Action

- Integration of LDCs into NDCs bridges the gap between national commitments and local realities.
- This integration ensures that climate action is ambitious, inclusive, participatory, and effective, fostering a harmonious relationship between national and local efforts.

## 5. Investing in Climate Finance: Empowering Communities for Action

- Climate finance plays a critical role in supporting LDC implementation.
- Providing access to funding empowers communities, enabling them to acquire the necessary resources and expertise to develop and scale up their climate action initiatives.

# OUTCOME OF THE SIDE EVENT

The comprehensive exploration of Locally Developed Choices (LDCs) during this panel discussion will illuminate the nuanced intricacies of these choices, shedding light on their pivotal role in shaping a universally sustainable future. The discourse will have been enriched by a focused emphasis on the catalysing agents of climate education, climate finance, and conducive climate policy.

## **1. Unveiling the Nuances of LDCs**

The panel successfully peels back the layers of Locally Developed Choices, revealing them as a dynamic force in the realm of sustainable development. Participants understand how LDCs operate as a bottom-up mechanism, empowering communities to contribute actively to climate resilience and adaptation.

## **2. Emphasizing the Role of Climate Education**

The discourse will highlight the need for informed and empowered communities, equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate and respond to climate challenges at the local level.

## **3. Highlighting the Catalytic Power of Climate Finance**

The panel discussion will underscore the indispensable role of climate finance in propelling the impact of LDCs and the significance of financial resources in enabling communities to initiate and scale up sustainable climate actions tailored to their unique needs.

## **4. Advocating for Conducive Climate Policy**

The panel will also discuss the crucial role of conducive climate policy in creating an enabling environment for the successful implementation of LDCs and a collective understanding that policies at various levels need to align with and support the objectives of locally developed choices to maximize their effectiveness.

The outcome of this panel discussion will stand as a testament to the shared commitment towards a sustainable future for all. The integration of climate education, climate finance, and conducive climate policy as catalysts for LDCs has emerged as a robust strategy. The panel will not only deepen our understanding of the intricacies of LDCs but also pave the way for actionable steps, fostering a collaborative approach towards resilient, community-driven, and sustainable solutions to the challenges posed by climate change. This outcome positions LDCs as a powerful force, guided by informed communities, supported by financial mechanisms, and underpinned by policies conducive to sustainable development.

