



High-level engagement on Resilience

13 and 14 November 2017

Overall narrative

The World, especially the poorest, are already seeing the increasing impacts of extreme weather events and long term changes in climate. Building climate resilience enables people and systems to prevent and cope with the impacts of climate change, delivering coherently the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the overall achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Climate resilience is the ability to anticipate climate risks and hazards, absorb the impact of shocks and stresses and to address root causes of risks by reshaping development pathways. Three high-level events will be held to discuss priority climate actions needed to build resilience:

- Why Resilience Matters? Challenges and Solutions for Building Climate Resilience in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other vulnerable countries
- Unblocking Investment in Climate Resilience
- Working with Nature to Build Climate Resilient and Sustainable Development



Events

Time: 13 November 13.15-14.45 Room 3	Unblocking investment into climate resilience
Short description <p>The roundtable examines the barriers to investment into climate resilience in developing countries and the opportunities resilience presents for investment. It features examples of climate resilience investments by private and public actors and explores how to ensure finance reaches the local level.</p> <p>Moderator: Edward Cameron, Senior Advisor to the World Business Council on Sustainable Development - Chair: H.E. Dr. Gemedo Dalle Tussie, Minister for the Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ethiopia.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Mary Robinson, President, Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justiceii) Roelfien Kuijpers, Head of Responsible Investments and Global Head of Strategic Relationships, Deutsche Asset Managementiii) Amadou Hott, Vice President Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, African Development Bankiv) Eva Svedling, State Secretary to the Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, Swedenv) Naoko Ishii, CEO, Global Environment Facilityvi) Vidar Helgesen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norwayvii) Filipe Nainoca, Director General, Fiji Red Cross Societyviii) David Lomas, Head of Global Financial Institutions Group, BlackRock (tbc)ix) Laura Tuck, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank (tbc)x) H.E. Mr Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, Minister of Finance, Bangladesh (tbc)xi) H.E. Sri Mulyani Indrawat, Minister of Finance, Indonesia (tbc)	
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**Time: 14 November**

11:30 to 13:00

Room 6

Why climate resilience matters for people in SIDS and other vulnerable countries**Short description**

The event brings together high-level representatives from governments, private sector, international organizations and civil society to discuss successes in increasing climate resilience of countries and people most vulnerable to climate change focusing on SIDS across and within sectors.

Moderator: The event will be moderated by Ms Clare Shakya from IIED, Climate Change Group Director.

Speakers:

- i) High Level Climate Champion, H.E. Mr. Inia B. Seruiratu, Minister of Agriculture, Fiji
- ii) H.E. Mr Taneti Maamau, President of the Republic of Kiribati (tbc)
- iii) Jane Madgwick, CEO Wetlands International
- iv) Rowan Douglas, CEO, Capital, Science & Policy Practice, Willis Towers Watson & Chair, Implementation Group of the Insurance Development Forum (IDF)
- v) Robert Glasser, Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR (tbc)
- vi) H.E. Ms. Gale Rigobert, Minister for Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development from St. Lucia
- vii) Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment (tbc)
- viii) Rommel Lo, EFFATA Deaf (Philippines), Winner of MIT Climate CoLab contest
- ix) H.E. Dr. Mary Goretti Kitutu, Minister of State for Environment, Uganda
- x) Elhadj As Sy, Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, IFRC

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Time: 14 November 15:00 to 16:30 Room 2	Working with nature to build climate resilient and sustainable development
Short description High level speakers from public and private actors will present and discuss with the audience success stories of nature-based solutions for disaster and climate risk reduction and adaptation at local and national levels across and within sectors for resilient and sustainable development.	
Moderator: The event will be facilitated by Ms. Inger Andersen, Director General of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and representing the Partnership for Environment Risk Reduction and climate Adaptation (PEDRR).	
Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) H.E. Mr Tommy Remengesau, President of the Republic of Palauii) José Graziano da Silva, Director General, FAOiii) H.E. Mrs Lina Pohl, Minister of Environment, El Salvadoriv) Daviz Simango, Mayor of Beira, Mozambiquev) Dr. Bregje van Wesenbeeck, Deltaresvi) Suada Ibrahim, Disaster Risk Reduction Manager, Kenya Red Cross Society as Representative from Partners for Resilience Alliancevii) Manish Bapna, Executive Vice President & Managing Director, World Resources Institute (WRI)	
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