

**Fourth meeting of the Adaptation Committee
Nadi, Fiji, 5-7 September 2013**

Revised concept note on the Adaptation Forum to be held in 2013

Goal of the Adaptation Forum

A high level forum to raise the profile of adaptation globally is being designed by the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee in accordance with its work plan.

Format, scope and title

The current expectation is for a short event (not more than three hours), sharing practical experiences, rather than a focus on the specifics of the negotiations. The title "Towards a Climate Resilient Future" reflects the forward-looking nature of the event. The initial vision is for the event to possibly cover the following components:

- Interventions/dialogue among known personalities from a balance of regions and areas of focus;
- Interventions from high-level country representatives and/or heads of international agencies, businesses and civil society organizations leading into a town-hall style interaction with the audience.

Other relevant aspects

- Given that the objective of the event necessitates that its reach extends to the broader public rather than those physically present at the event, the following factors are relevant in the planning phase:
- Speakers at the event should enjoy international recognition and/or exceptional communication skills with power of engagement;
- An appropriate venue is needed (inside or outside of the conference centre) that can be set up in a way that responds to the special needs and components of the event;
- The mechanism for audience admission to the event should take into account the interactive participation envisaged in the town hall portion of the event.
- On participants: Mayor Bloomberg would be a great speaker to talk about the NYC adaptation efforts and best practices. It may be useful to talk to one or two LDC and LLDC countries from the African group and Asia-Pacific Group to invite them to consider presenting at the event. Likewise, one Latin American country could be approached, in addition to AOSIS.
- There should be a balance of presenters – Governments, private sector, inter-governmental agencies and civil society – but within the allocated time and structure of the event.

Partnerships that could enhance the effectiveness and reach of the forum

- Sponsorship by a global television network, which could provide not only dissemination capacity, but also organizational and live-facilitation services;
- Host country or COP Presidency support, to help secure the most viable venue and help attract attendance of recognizable speakers.

Timing

- Potential dates: Close to the HLS, possible on Tuesday 19 November (pm).
- The AF should not take place at the same time as a COP plenary.