



# **‘ADAPTATION’ & DEVELOPMENT**

## ***What’s it all about?***

**UNFCCC Climate Kiosk**

**‘Time for action in developing countries’**

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Challenges and opportunities  
for the development community

# Summary

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2. All aspects of development efforts need to deal with the impacts of climate change



CHRISTIAN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

***“If the rain falls then things are fine, but when the season changes we have problems. This year it rained too much and this damaged our crops, but in other years there hasn’t been enough rain, which means that crops don’t grow. Nowadays the seasons have shifted by several weeks, or up to a month. We don’t rely on the seasons anymore.”***

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# Definitions



CAUSE



**CLIMATE  
CHANGE**



EFFECTS



*MITIGATION*

*ADAPTATION*

# Building blocks

- 1. Adaptation often builds on 'old' ideas**
- 2. Adaptation can benefit from new information**





# Challenge

CLIMATE PERSPECTIVE: Modelling and technical input



# ADAPTATION



DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE: Existing coping mechanisms based on vulnerability



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