

## **UN CLIMATE DIALOGUES 2020**

Adaptation Fund Event: Serving the Paris Agreement through financing adaptation action, innovation and learning



Civil society contributions to effective adaptation action, innovation and learning: The example of the Adaptation Fund NGO Network.

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## 1. AFN Background



Join our Network and become an associate CSO! Work together with our core partner organisations in your region! Contact the AF NGO Network's regional focal points and exchange on how your CSO can contribute its knowledge and experi-

ences to the Network.

We have more than 250 associate CSOs worldwide – mainly from the Global South.



- 11 partner organizations
  - governing body
- **Co-Secretariat** 
  - Germanwatch &
    Fundación Futuro
    Latinoamericano
  - AFN sustainability regional hubs

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### Institutionalization

- Adequate decentralisation of relevant adaptation strategies
- Upcaling of project adaptation strategies to a national strategy for coastal erosion management.
- Network of coastal stakeholders
- A Coastal Act (# review by the Parliament)
- Presence of appropriate platforms for knowledge exchange but also to monitor an watch project achievements
- Strenghtening Regional Committees on climate change
- Integration if climate change risks into the countries Water Law and the National Plan Law (Honduras)



## **Sustainability**

- Information sharing and awareness raising
- Active participation of vulnerable coastal communities
- Promotion of gender and women's leadership (management of processing areas)
- Promotion of income generating activities (fish processing, market gardening, etc.)
- Capacity building of local populations on adaptation techniques to CC in particular, in relation to coastal erosion.
- Strengthening of national institutional capacities with the accreditation of a national entity of direct access
- Engagement with small-scale local producers and micro and small enterprises (South Africa)
- Engagement with private companies (the tourism sector in Senegal)



# 4. The AF NGO Network's role in supporting learning and sharing of best practices

- Independent updates/assessments of AF projects
- Strengthening transparent and participatory approaches within the AF
  - $\checkmark$  on the AF Board level
  - $\checkmark$  on the country and regional level
  - ✓ through multi-stakeholder dialogues
- Strengthening capacities of national and regional CSOs related to AF processes
- Knowledge sharing in regional CSO hubs
- CSO dialogue during AF Board meetings
- Ensuring accountability



## 5. Recommendations

- Strengthen the focus on the most vulnerable people, small-scale projects, country ownership through direct access or enhanced direct access
- Lift the country cap to increase incentive for countries to have a direct access entity accredited and strengthen the capacities of national institutions.
- Strenghten the involvement of the private sector in reducing a country's vulnerability to climate change and explore further engagement with small-scale local producers and micro and small enterprises, as well as the role of small grants for private sector entities.
- Promote precautionary measures against the pandemic (Establish special mechanisms to tackle circumstances such as pandemics and include this policy for accreditation of new entities; Develop emergency procedures available for crisis management.)
- Consider strengthening health systems and social resilience in projects



## Thank you!

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