



Promoting solutions toward achieving the global goal on adaptation: Opportunities for action and collaboration

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Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio is a Senior Advisor on Adaptation and Resilience for the UN Foundation. She has over 20 years of experience designing and implementing climate change adaptation initiatives with organizations such as the Rockefeller Foundation, the World Resources Institute and the Global Commission on Adaptation, where she led development of impact initiatives on locally-led adaptation, agriculture, food security, among other issues. She was the Regional Programme manager for Action on Climate Today, a UK supported climate change program that mainstreamed resilience into planning and budgeting at the national and sub-national level in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan. Cristina has a Doctorate in Ecology.



Timo Leiter, London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr Timo Leiter is a global thought leader on climate change adaptation and climate policy with over twelve years' experience in international development and academia. He is a Distinguished Policy Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and works at the intersection between research,

policy and implementation. Timo previously worked at GIZ including as head of support on the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process to the Tanzanian government. He has published widely on adaptation monitoring and evaluation. Timo is a lead author of UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report and a contributing author to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report.

Speakers



Amer Al-Kindi, COP28 Presidency

Amer Al-Kindi is the COP28 UAE Presidency's lead negotiator for adaptation. He led the Presidency's efforts in helping facilitate adaptation negotiations leading to the "UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience" at COP28. Prior to joining the COP28 Presidency team, Amer had a diverse professional journey spanning healthcare, public service, and aviation. Amer Al Kindi holds a Bachelor's in Medicine & Surgery, (UAE University), is a graduate of the Emirates Diplomatic Academy and a received a Master's degree in Security & Strategic Studies (UAE National Defense College). He is also a licensed commercial pilot.



Marcia Toledo, Climate Champions

Marcia Toledo is Director of Adaptation and Resilience at the Climate Champions Team. She supports the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions' mandate to connect the work of Non-State Actors (e.g. cities, regions, businesses, investors, CSO) with governments to achieve the Paris Agreement goals. She oversees the Race to Resilience (RtR) Campaign and the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA) focusing on the implementation of adaptation solutions that are transformative, inclusive and that catalyses the finance needed for global net zero, resilient and nature-positive development. She oversees the work on metrics framework to track progress of adaptation solutions and increasing the resilience of people and nature, as well as the work on adaptation finance and business adaptation agenda.



Carlos Uribe, UNDRR

Mr. Carlos Uribe, a member of the UNDRR Office in Bonn, leads the Comprehensive Risk Management Approach (CRM) globally. With over sixteen years of experience in disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and crisis management across the Americas, Caribbean, Asia, Africa, and Europe, he brings invaluable expertise. Previously, Carlos managed the Climate and Risk Knowledge portfolio at the UNDRR Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean. His extensive international background provides him with a nuanced understanding of the multifaceted challenges in risk management and resilience efforts worldwide.



Amir Delju, WMO

Mr Delju is the Senior Scientific Officer in the Climate Services Branch of WMO and a designated contact point of his organization to UNFCCC. He has worked for two decades in WMO and coordinates its contributions to the UNFCCC process and implementation of the Paris Agreement, mainly on adaptation-related issues. He has produced many publications for WMO on climate science input for adaptation in addition to peer review papers on climate monitoring and analysis in scientific journals.

John Payai Manyok, LEG

Payai John has more than 12 years of wealth of experience in the fields of Climate Change, Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation, Climate risk Management, Water Resources management, Climate Change policy and governance, Livelihood Vulnerability assessment, Agriculture and food security, Projects Development and writing, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation of projects and programme design and implementation to enhance National, regional and International Policies on Natural Resource and climate change.

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Martina Dorigo, Adaptation Fund

Martina Dorigo is an Italian national with 10 years of international experience in climate resilience and sustainable development. She is a Climate Change Specialist with the Adaptation Fund, where she has been working since 2017. In this role she is responsible for developing the Fund's Annual Performance Report and she co-supervises Fund's post-approval portfolio. Before taking office as Climate Change Specialist, she has

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