



# COP26 CATALYST FOR CLIMATE ACTION

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity-building Hub COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Day

### Adaptation Fund

## Enhancing climate finance access for adaptation in the context of COVID-19: Lessons from the Adaptation Fund portfolio

### Concept Note

#### Background:

The Adaptation Fund finances projects and programmes that help vulnerable communities in developing countries adapt to climate change. Initiatives are based on country needs, views and priorities. Since 2010, the Adaptation Fund has committed US\$ 850 million to projects and programmes to date, including 123 concrete projects, serving about 28 million total beneficiaries. It also pioneered Direct Access, empowering countries to access funding and develop projects directly through accredited national implementing entities.

The event provides an opportunity for climate change adaptation (CCA) actors including parties, implementing entities, private sector and civil society representatives to discuss the recent development of access to climate finance for adaptation in general and highlight the work of the Adaptation Fund as one of the very few climate funds under the UN Climate Convention and Paris Agreement that is dedicated to financing concrete adaptation activities. The event will be organized as a hybrid session (virtual and on-site participation) as part of the COP26 Catalyst Day and to be held at the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)'s Capacity Building Hub.





## Objectives:

- Highlight experiences and lessons from their actions on the ground to advance CCA actions including readiness, locally led adaptation actions (LLA), Innovation in climate change adaptation and enhanced direct access;
- Discuss lessons from the current COVID-19 pandemic and on why building resilience and reducing vulnerability is imperative;

## Format:

Venue: 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Tuesday

Length: 40 minutes

Language: English

The session will be organized as a hybrid session (virtual and on-site participation).

### **i. Climate finance access for adaptation: Perspectives from the Adaptation Fund**

This segment will include opening remarks and a presentation from the Adaptation Fund.

#### Opening remarks

- Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat
- Ms. Meera Murali, International Climate Negotiations – Technology, UK

#### Introductory presentation

- Ms. Alyssa Gomes, Climate Change Analyst, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

### **ii. Voices from the adaptation actors on the ground**

This segment will include a Q&A with two AF National Implementing Entities (NIEs) - South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT), and representative of the AF CSO Network.

Moderated by Mr. Mahamat Assouyouli, Sr Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund.

### **iii. Strengthening resilience in the context of COVID-19**

This segment will include a Q&A including two implementing entities- World Food Programme (WFP) and Department of Environment (DoE)

Moderated by Mr. Mahamat Assouyouli, Sr Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund.





## General Structure:

<b>Speakers</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Affiliation/ Organization</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Mr. Mikko Ollikainen	Head	Adaptation Fund	<b>3-4 mins</b>
Ms. Meera Murali	Climate Finance Negotiator	International Climate Negotiations - Technology	<b>3-4 mins</b>
Ms. Alyssa Gomes	Climate Change Analyst	Adaptation Fund	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>Voices from the adaptation actors on the ground</b>			
Ms. Mandi Barnett ( <b>virtual</b> )	Chief Director: Adaptation Policy and Resourcing	South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)	<b>5 mins</b>
Dr. Kenrick Williams	Board Chairman	Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT)	<b>5 mins</b>
Ms. Gitika Goswami ( <b>virtual</b> )	AF CSO network representative	Development Alternatives	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>Strengthening resilience in the context of COVID-19</b>			
Giorgia Pergolini	Programme Officer – Climate Finance	World Food Programme (WFP)	<b>5 mins</b>
Rashuana Adams-Matthew	Environmental Social Safeguard and Gender Officer	Department of Environment (DoE)	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>Closing remarks</b>			
Mr. Mahamat Assouyouiti	Sr. Climate Change Specialist	Adaptation Fund	<b>5 mins</b>

<b>Moderators</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Affiliation/Organization</b>
Mr. Mahamat Assouyouiti	Sr. Climate Change Specialist	Adaptation Fund.

## Outcomes:

Share concrete examples from the Adaptation Fund portfolio with respect lessons learned and best practices to advance climate change adaptation actions through local leadership and devolved decision. The session also aims to share how the Fund is building resilience in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

