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Wilton Park



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3rd Capacity-building Hub COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Day

Wilton Park COP26 Catalyst: presenting the action recommendations Concept Note

Background:

The COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action (COP26 Catalyst) is a UK COP26 Presidency-convened framework that brings together countries, programmes, projects and expertise on capacity building across four thematic areas: Adaptation Communications, Access to Finance, Carbon Markets Participation, and Transparency and Reporting.

The Paris Agreement provides a truly global framework for climate ambition and action. To unlock its full potential, it is important that all countries can participate to their maximum potential and that a lack of capacity does not hold them back.

In its role as the COP26 Presidency, the UK has been committed to better understanding the capacity-building challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to climate impacts, and has convened stakeholders to share positive experiences and lessons learned during the UN Regional Climate Weeks (Latin America & the Caribbean; Asia Pacific; and Africa).





Objectives:

Members of each of the four Catalyst Action Groups will reflect on the main challenges faced by developing countries and will present the recommendations they have developed to reflect consultations with hundreds of global stakeholders in the capacity building process over the course of 2021.

The Action Recommendations aim to present practical solutions to some of the most pressing challenges, ensure the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and catalyse climate action more widely.

Format:

Venue: 3rd Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 9th, 2021, Tuesday

Length: 105 minutes

Language: English

Members of each of the four Catalyst Action Groups present the recommendations followed by open Q&A.

General Structure:

1615-1800 GMT

1615	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>The importance of capacity building to support developing countries achieve their ambitions and take action under the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>James Corré, Wilton Park, Secretariat for COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action</p> <p>UK COP26 Presidency representative</p> <p>PCCB Representative</p>
1620	<p>1. Adaptation Action</p> <p>Outline of recommendations by members of the Action Group, followed by open discussion.</p> <p>Moderator: Robin Hart, Wilton Park</p>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anju Sharma, Lead, Locally-led Action, Global Center for Adaptation • Professor Mizan Khan, Deputy Director, ICCCAD, IUB, Bangladesh
1640	<p>2. Transparency and reporting</p> <p>Outline of recommendations by members of the Action Group, followed by open discussion. Moderator: James Corr�, Wilton Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Awad Menassa, Climate Change Project Officer, Ministry of Environment, Government of Lebanon • Yamikani Idriss, Environmental Officer, Environmental Affairs Department, Government of Malawi • Henning Wuester, Director, United Nations Office for Project Services / Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (UNOPS / ICAT)
1705	<p>3. Access to Finance</p> <p>Outline of recommendations by members of the Action Group, followed by open discussion. Moderator: Nancy Lee, Wilton Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michai Robertson, Policy Officer, Department of Environment, Government of Antigua and Barbuda • Bertha Argueta, Policy Advisor, Climate Finance and Development, Germanwatch • Emana Nsikan-George, Climate Focus and Senior Consultant, West African Climate Alliance
1730	<p>4. Carbon Markets Participation</p> <p>Outline of recommendations by members of the Action Group, followed by open discussion. Moderator: Robin Hart, Wilton Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aglaja Espelage, Perspectives Climate Group
1750	<p>5. Capacity building: reflections on the recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asad Maken, UNDP
1800-1930	Drinks reception, including speeches and Partner announcements



Speakers		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Anju Sharma	Speaker	Lead, Locally-led Action, Global Center for Adaptation
Mizan Khan	Speaker	ICCCAD, IUB, Bangladesh
Mary Awad Menassa	Speaker	Ministry of Environment, Government of Lebanon
Yamikani Idriss	Speaker	Environmental Affairs Department, Government of Malawi
Henning Wuester	Speaker	United Nations Office for Project Services / Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (UNOPS / ICAT)
Michai Robertson	Speaker	Department of Environment, Government of Antigua and Barbuda
Bertha Argueta	Speaker	Climate Finance and Development, Germanwatch
Emana Nsikan-George	Speaker	West African Climate Alliance
Aglaja Espelage	Speaker	Perspectives Climate Group
Asad Maken	Speaker	Governance and Public Finance Specialist, UNDP

Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Robin Hart	Moderator	Wilton Park
James Corré	Moderator	Wilton Park
Nancy Lee	Moderator	Wilton Park

Outcomes:

Public sharing of the recommendations and building support for their implementation as well as wider capacity building activities.

Relevant Links:

<https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/event/cop26catalyst/>

