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

CFAS - Germanwatch Access to Finance for the Most Vulnerable Concept Note

Background:

The Climate Finance Advisory Service (CFAS) was launched in 2013, to build up the capacity of negotiators, Board members, advisors and other delegates, especially from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to participate in the global climate finance negotiations. CFAS works in collaboration with a consortium of climate finance experts from developed and developing countries, including Germanwatch, CARE, the Prakriti Resources Centre and the greenwerk.

In the run up to COP26, the CFAS published a policy brief analyzing the gaps and challenges that LDCs and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) still face in accessing climate finance. The policy brief explores existing challenges for “access to climate finance” at the national, sub-national, regional, and local level, taking into account recipients and stakeholders that are involved in funding application processes. The brief relies on publicly available literature and data, as well as input received from stakeholders during a dedicated thematic roundtable in which negotiators and representatives from National Designated Authorities (NDAs), implementing entities, NGOs and academia from LDCs and SIDS shared their experiences and perspectives.

Objectives:

- To discuss some of the existing gaps and challenges of accessing climate finance, faced by the most vulnerable countries.
- To present and discuss recommendations on how the accessibility of climate finance can be systematically increased at the national level, but also be more prominently promoted in the international debates on climate finance.





Format:

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

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 9th, 2021, Tuesday

Length: 60 minutes

Language: English

The session will include presentations from the authors of the policy brief on access to finance as well as from one representative of an LDC or SIDS that participated at the dedicated thematic roundtable on access to finance. A Q&A segment will follow these interventions.

General Structure:

- Opening remarks on the status quo of LDCs and SIDS' access to climate finance – 10 minutes
- Presentation on the gaps and challenges that LDCs and SIDS still face in accessing climate finance and recommendations to improve access – 15 minutes
- Q&A – 20 minutes

Speakers		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Representative from LDC or SIDS		TBC
Michel Koehler	Founding partner	the greenwerk
Raju Pandit Chhetri	Director	Prakriti Resources Centre

Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Bertha Argueta	Policy Advisor Climate Finance and Development	Germanwatch

Outcomes:

- A dialogue on how to improve access to climate finance for the most vulnerable is promoted and specific recommendations are shared and discussed with relevant stakeholders.

Relevant Links:

CFAS policy brief on access to finance for the most vulnerable available at:
https://cfas.info/sites/default/files/anhang/CFAS_Policy_Brief_Access_to_climate_finance.pdf

