



RCC Caribbean

Collaboration for Climate Action

Concept Note

Webinar on Unlocking Climate Finance for Adaptation in the Caribbean Region

Date: 8 December 2025 | Time: 9 am AST | Format: Virtual

Background

The Caribbean region is one of the most climate-vulnerable areas globally, regularly impacted by hurricanes, sea level rise, droughts, and shifting rainfall patterns. Despite contributing minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Caribbean face severe socio-economic disruptions from climate-related events.

Recognizing this, countries in the region have committed to developing and implementing National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to systematically address medium- and long-term climate adaptation needs and priorities. However, limited access to climate finance remains a critical barrier to implementing these plans effectively.

Although international climate finance mechanisms such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Adaptation Fund, and Global Environment Facility (GEF) are available, Caribbean countries face multiple challenges including:

- Limited institutional capacity for proposal development
- Fragmented data and planning systems
- Complex access modalities

Objective

The webinar aims to create a platform where countries can share their practical experiences in accessing and deploying climate finance for adaptation and engage directly with key regional and international financial institutions to understand the opportunities and requirements for unlocking new financial flows including blended finance.

Expected Outcomes

- Showcase country-led innovations and experiences in accessing climate finance for adaptation aligned with their NAP and climate priorities.
- Facilitate a dialogue between Caribbean governments and regional/international financial institutions to explore financing options, mechanisms and opportunities.
- Identify gaps, opportunities, and next steps to enhance mobilization of climate finance and accelerate the implementation of adaptation plans and projects.

Agenda

Session 1

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 mins)** – UNFCCC RCC Caribbean
2. **Presentation (10 mins)** – Regional Adaptation Targets - Climate Analytics

Session 2

3. **Presentation OECD Blended Finance Guidelines (20 Minutes)**
4. **Country Case Study – Innovative Climate Finance for Adaptation (10 min)**
 - Belize
5. **Q&A (10 min)**

Session 3

6. **Roundtable on Unlocking Climate Finance for Adaptation (40 mins)**
Panel Discussion with Representatives from:
 - Commonwealth Secretariat – Climate Finance Access Hub
 - World Bank
 - Global Green Growth Institute
 - International Climate Initiative
 - Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre
7. **Q&A (10 min)**
8. **Closing Remarks**

Target Audience

The virtual workshop targets government officials, adaptation technical experts, financial experts and organizations; and other actors related to cooperation, good practices, experiences, and lessons learned related to adaptation. This includes:

- National Governments: National Focal points and Adaptation Contact points and stakeholders
- Ministries of Finance, Planning, and Environment officials in the Caribbean.
- National Designated Authorities and Direct Access Entities
- Representatives from key financial institutions. Regional organizations (CARICOM, OECS, CCCCC, CDEMA, CCRIF). International partners and donors.