

Contributors to the 12th Focal Point Forum of the Nairobi work programme: Diversifying economic activity as an adaptation strategy

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<p>Case story: Examples of policy interventions on economic diversification in Chile</p>	
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<p>Case story: Understanding economic diversification: What are the biggest myths on economic diversification</p>	

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<p>Case story: Economic diversification in the future. What are commonly overlooked opportunities and challenges?</p>	

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As senior policy advisor at the Climate Centre, Donna Mitzi Lagdameo is directly engaged in linking science, policy and practice in the climate change, disaster risk reduction and development. At the sub-national and national levels, she provides technical support to National Societies and partners in conducting risk-informed climate change, DRR and development planning processes and in ensuring that the needs of the most vulnerable are identified, reflected and addressed at all levels. Her main task is to link science and practice into policies, plans and budgets and ensure that climate-smart policies are operationalized on the ground.

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Since 1995, she has the distinct opportunity to work with different offices and organizations at different levels which allowed her to understand first-hand, their ways of working, priorities and strategies. This unique set of experience strengthened her capacity to seamlessly navigate vertically and horizontally and nurtured her in-depth knowledge on coherent approaches that link DRR and CCA and how they link with the broader set of environment and development issues, challenges and implications.

Donna brings with her long years of knowledge, skills and experience in connecting the dots from local to global; communities to governments; projects to programmes; and science to policy to actions