



United Nations
Climate Change

UN Climate Change & Universities Partnership Programme: Building resilience in countries through partnerships with universities

Gobeshona Global Conference Friday 22 Jan 2021

15:00-16:30 UTC 16:00-17:30 CET

Background: The Paris Climate Change Agreement aims to strengthen the global climate change response by increasing the ability of all to adapt to adverse climate change impacts and foster climate resilience.

Launched at the recent United Nations Climate Dialogues 2020, the **UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme**, coordinated by the NWP, is designed to strengthen collaboration between the UN and academic institutions, especially in the global South, with the aim of addressing the knowledge gaps which remain a critical barrier to countries implementing adaptation measures.

How to register:

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Objectives

- Showcase the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme
- Highlight key learning from other partners and initiatives that are engaging young professionals and universities in building resilience
- Explore innovative ways to build meaningful partnerships for building resilience to advance resilience efforts

Time (CET)

Agenda

- 16:00-16:10 **Opening Remarks:** Koko Warner, Manager, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC secretariat
- 16:10-16:20 **Overview of the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme:**
Rojina Manandhar, Programme Officer, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC secretariat
- 16:20-17:00 **Interactive Panel discussion:** Moderator Koko Warner, UNFCCC secretariat
Panellists:
Mizan R. Khan, Deputy Director, ICCCAD and Programme Director, Least Developed Countries Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC)
Karen Hattenbach, Education Programme Manager, United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security
Mzime Regina Ndebele-Murisa, Program Specialist, START International, representing the Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities – Network (EPIC-N)
Amanda Sardonis, Associate Director, Environment and Natural Resources Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School
- 17:00-17:25 **Interaction with audience:** Moderator Fatema Rajabali, Associate Programme Officer, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC secretariat
Explore innovative ways to build meaningful partnerships to build resilience in countries.
Discussants:
Wendy Atieno, Programme Officer, Ecosystem-based Adaptation, IUCN
Annalisa Wilder, Graduate student at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy and the School for Environment and Sustainability
- 17:25-17:30 **Conclusions:** Koko Warner, UNFCCC secretariat