

UNFCCC secretariat side event at the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5)

## Accelerating climate risk management in the least developed countries (LDCs)

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Virtual meeting

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### INTRODUCTION

Food, water and ecosystems are consistently ranked as the topmost systems vulnerable to climate risks by governments through their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and National Communications. These areas also occupy a greater share of adaptation support under the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility. A nexus between these systems in adapting to climate change is imperative. The side event will focus on the nexus between food, water and natural ecosystems to scale up climate change adaptation in the LDCs and SIDS. It will highlight emerging best practice solutions including active monitoring of crop production using remote sensing, and methods and tools for effectively addressing the interlinkages and complexities in nexus approaches.

### OBJECTIVE

The side event will discuss specific gaps and needs in climate risk management at the regional level, with a focus on food, water and ecosystems, and identify priority needs that should be addressed in the next 10 years to ensure LDCs can make steady and significant progress in addressing the adverse effects of climate change amidst other challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic.

### AGENDA

Time	Agenda item	Speakers
13:15–13:20	Introduction and welcome - Moderator	Luc Gnacadja (Benin)
13:20–13:25	Introductory remarks	UN-OHRLLS
13:25–14:35	Introductory talk on progress in adaptation in LDCs and priority gaps and needs	Paul Desanker, UNFCCC
13:35–13:45	Impacts of COVID-19 and climate change on biodiversity in Madagascar	Minister, Madagascar (tbc)
	Priorities for adaptation in Sao Tome and Principe	Minister, Sao Tome and Principe (tbc)
13:45–14:05	Keynote presentation: Active monitoring and responsive management of food production	Catherine Nakalembe, 2020 Africa Food Prize

	systems - applying space technologies in crop monitoring	winner, GEOGLAM / NASA / Univ of Maryland
14:05–14:15	Addressing water issues in the LDCs	Alex Simalabwi, Global Water Partnership
14:15–14:45	Moderated discussion Closing remarks	Moderator

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