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Strengthening Access to Climate Finance: Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities & Preparing Successful Climate Resilience Water Projects

MONDAY, 9th December 2019 | 13:00 - 14:30

Capacity-Building Hub, Hall 4, IFEMA

Direct Access puts country ownership at the center of addressing climate change challenges by empowering developing countries to be in the driver's seat when it comes to identifying and designing projects, accessing climate finance, and implementing activities. The Adaptation Fund enables Direct Access via its accredited National Implementing Entities (NIEs), and the Green Climate Fund via its accredited national and regional Direct Access Entities (DAEs).

National and regional institutions that are accredited to both funds as NIEs and DAEs have come together to establish the Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE) – to exchange knowledge, share experiences and learnings; develop capacities on identified thematic areas; and collaborate and support peers in the programming of climate adaptation and mitigation finance. Through exchange and mutual support via the CPDAE, members aim to more effectively access resources and implement country-prioritized adaptation and mitigation projects.

[This event will launch the CPDAE, introduce its governance, objectives, and benefits to members and other stakeholders, inviting all NIEs and DAEs to join.](#)

The event will also share support available to enable Direct Access for climate resilience water projects. In their NDCs and NAPs, countries prioritize working on water to address climate impacts on food security, energy security, public health, and flood and drought risk. However, there are prominent barriers to accessing climate finance for water, including: challenges in articulating clear climate rationales, capacity limitations, and weak coordination among Ministries of Water, Environment, Planning, and Finance.

To address these barriers, in 2018-2019, over 320 officials – GCF National Designated Authorities, GCF Direct Access Entities, and Water Ministries – from 77 countries across 4 continental regions – Africa, Asia, the Mediterranean, and Latin America & the Caribbean – participated in a series of regional workshops to share lessons from their growing experience in preparing, financing, and implementing GCF water projects.

[This event will present the regional Project Preparation Partnerships for Climate Resilience Water Projects that have emerged from these workshops, providing platforms for coalitions of NDAs, DAEs, Water Ministries, climate and development financiers, private sector and other entities that are committed to working together to enable Direct Access for climate resilience via water.](#)

AGENDA

13:00-13:05 Welcome

- Farayi Madziwa, Readiness Programme Coordinator, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

13:05-13:15 Keynote Remarks

- Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat
- Yannick Glemarec, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund

13:15-13:35 Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities

- Claudia Godfrey, Chair, CPDAE
- Discussion with audience

13:35-13:55 Enabling Direct Access for Climate Resilience via Water: Project Preparation Partnerships

- Alex Simalabwi, Head – Climate Resilience, Global Water Partnership
- Discussion with audience

13:55-14:15 Supporting Project Development in the Water Sector

- Frederik Pischke, Senior Specialist on Water-Climate Extremes & Hydro-Climate Services, Global Water Partnership & World Meteorological Organization
- Discussion with audience

14:15 - 14:30 Discussion and Path Forward

- Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership
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