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 Global Water Partnership

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**Climate Rationale in GCF Water Projects:  
Lessons from Project Preparation  
Workshops in Africa and Asia**

**Tuesday 11 December, 15:00-16:30**

Convenors: GWP, WMO, JICA

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**Over 180 participants from 42 countries – GCF National Designated Authorities, GCF Direct Access Entities, and Water Ministries – attended workshops in Africa and Asia to share experiences in project preparation for transformational climate resilient water projects, and accessing GCF resources. This event shares lessons from countries, and highlights available support to develop fundable climate resilient water projects.**

Developing countries face multiple challenges to access climate finance for adaptation. Articulating a clear climate rationale is one of the most significant obstacles for water projects submitted to the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

The GCF is mandated to promote country-driven, climate-resilient and low-carbon development. The GCF requires projects to justify a clear climate rationale, and how project interventions address climate change impacts on the most vulnerable communities, in the most technically robust and financially efficient ways. This entails specifying climate impacts and identifying vulnerabilities, assessing responses to reduce climate risk, and differentiating climate adaptation from traditional development benefits.

To access support, countries need to present projects designed for impact – reflected in prioritized ideas, climate rationale, compelling concept notes, and comprehensive proposals. However, capacity limitations constrain countries in identifying and preparing catalytic water-related adaptation interventions. Limited understanding of the GCF’s funding modalities and proposal requirements poses further barriers for countries wishing to access GCF resources for water related adaptation.

**Expected outcome**

Experiences shared on climate rationale, developing climate resilient water projects, and how to access support from GCF and the Project Preparation Partnerships for Climate Resilient Water Projects.

## AGENDA

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| 15.00-15.05  | <b>Welcome &amp; Introduction by Session Chair:</b> <i>Prof. Amadou Hama MAIGA, GWP Chair of Regional Chairs</i>  |
| 15:05-15:15  | <b>Climate Rationale and Programming Support to GCF Direct Access Entities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Lifeng LI, Coordinator of Support Programmes, Division of Country Programming, GCF</i></li> </ul>  |
| 15:15 –15:25 | <b>Climate rationale for GCF water projects: Experience from regional project preparation workshops in Africa, Asia and follow up support in North Africa &amp; Mediterranean regions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Sarra Touzi, GWP Africa &amp; Mediterranean</i></li> </ul>  |
| 15:25-15:55  | <b>Climate rationale in GCF water projects (5 mins each)</b><br><i>Country case studies will illustrate experiences, challenges, and lessons.</i> <p><b>Case Study 1: Zambia NDA.</b> The process of defining the climate rationale - How Zambia NDA has organised different actors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Mainga Luwabelwa, Ministry of National Development Planning</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Case Study 2: Namibia DAE.</b> How Namibia articulated the climate rationale in a GCF SAP project: Improving rangeland and ecosystem management practices of smallholder farmers under conditions of climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Benedict Libanda, Namibia Environmental Investment Fund (EIF)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Case Study 3: Sri Lanka NDA.</b> Climate rationale in approved GCF project: Strengthening resilience of smallholder farmers in the Dry Zone to climate variability and extreme events through an integrated approach to water management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Deepa Liyanage, Director, International Relations-Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Case Study 5: Senegal DAE.</b> Climate Rationale in approved GCF Project in Senegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Déthié Soumaré Ndiaye of GCF DAE Centre de Suivi Ecologique au Sénégal'</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Case Study 6: Grenada.</b> Climate Rationale in Small Island States (SIDS): Perspective from an approved GCF climate resilient water project in Grenada, Caribbean.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Trevor Thompson, Land Use Officer, Grenada &amp; Chair of GWP Caribbean</i></li> </ul> |
| 15:55-16:15  | <b>Interactive discussion with presenters on climate rationale (20 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Moderated by Dr. Maxx Dilley, Director Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, World Meteorological Organization, WMO</i></li> </ul>  |
| 16:15-16:25  | <b>Scaling up country support through south-south cooperation and exchange:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Megumi Muto, Director General, Global Environment Department, JICA</i></li> </ul>   |
| 16:25-16:30  | <b>Wrap up and close, with reflections from follow up country support in West Africa.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prof. Dr. Amadou Hama MAIGA, GWP Chair of Regional Chairs</i></li> </ul>  |

### Project Preparation Partnership for Climate Resilient Water Projects

Technical assistance and south-south exchange enables countries to prepare well-prioritised climate resilience water projects that can secure climate finance. Countries are seeking clarification on the structured yet evolving GCF funding modalities, especially around climate rationale for GCF financing, enhanced direct access, GCF financing instruments and project proposal development. Regional Project Preparation Partnerships for Climate Resilient Water Projects recently launched in Africa and in Asia, provides an opportunity for countries to access continued technical support for preparation of climate resilience water security investments for GCF and other climate funds.