

The GEF Adaptation Program and Beyond: Exploring Lessons Learned and Pathways to Scale

Tuesday, 27 May 2014, 2:15-3:45 PM

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The GEF, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, has played a unique role in directing funding for climate change adaptation to vulnerable developing countries. Through the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) and the Strategic Priority on Adaptation (SPA), the GEF has financed more than 240 tangible adaptation projects and programs in 124 developing countries, with total grant resources amounting to some \$1.18 billion.

With a view to exploring the challenges ahead and what needs to be done to accelerate the scaling-up of adaptation action over the next four years and beyond, the side event, “The GEF Adaptation Program and Beyond: Exploring Lessons Learned and Pathways to Scale” takes stock of success stories, lessons learned and emerging knowledge from the cutting edge of adaptation practice, so as to elaborate on possible opportunities to pave the way towards adaptation at scale.

These discussions will contribute towards an ongoing GEF effort to share lessons, experiences, and insights gained from financing adaptation under the LDCF, the SCCF and SPA, to culminate in a forthcoming book.¹

14:15- 14:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Introduction</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Rawleston Moore, Acting Climate Change Adaptation Cluster Coordinator, GEF</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Opening remarks</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, GEF</p>
14:20- 14:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keynote address I</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">H.E. Rolph Payet, Minister of Environment and Energy, Seychelles</p>
14:30- 14:40	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keynote address II</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">H.E. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda (to be confirmed)</p>
14:40- 15:40	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Technical presentations and panel discussion</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, Senior Technical Advisor, Adaptation, UNDP-GEF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Banu Setlur, Sr. Environmental Specialist, World Bank</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Elwyn Grainger-Jones, Director, Environment and Climate Division, IFAD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Ermira Fida, Head, GEF Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>moderated by</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Rosina Bierbaum, Chair, GEF STAP</p>
15:40- 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Overview of the forthcoming book</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Saliha Dobardzic, Sr. Climate Change Specialist, GEF</p>

¹ There will be a meeting for contributing book authors in bilateral meeting room 2, 4:00-5:00 PM.