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Adaptation Fund COP 27 Side Event

Adaptation Fund Engages Next Generation

Date: November 11, 2022, 15:00 – 16:30, Room 5 Memphis, live webcast

Background

Since its inception, the Adaptation Fund has supported projects that have largely benefited youth. This support occurs both directly and indirectly as youth make up a significant proportion of the population in project locations. Projects have invested especially in building capacity of youth through training and worked with them to raise awareness in their communities. The AF supports locally led adaptation actions to increase the resilience of the most vulnerable social groups. As such, it has a unique position to capitalize on its knowledge bank about youth's role in adaptation across regions of the developing world. From its inception 15 years ago, the AF has been an innovative fund that has pioneered Direct Access while often piloting the first adaptation projects in vulnerable countries and creating a knowledge base to scale up or replicate them. Youth are particularly active in innovative adaptation interventions; youth seek tangible outcomes that can be scaled up.

Objective: this side event aims to discuss youth's participation in climate adaptation projects supported by the AF, their roles as actors and beneficiaries of these interventions and the barriers they faced. The event will include a presentation of findings from a study produced by the Adaptation Fund titled "Youth engagement in climate change adaptation", followed by a discussion on concrete examples by the implementing entities representatives on ways youth were involved in adaptation interventions and the roles they assumed.

AF leaders, country implementers and representatives of NGO networks will speak about the importance of youth engagement in climate adaptation interventions.

Target audience: Adaptation Fund Designated Authorities, National Implementing Entities' (NIEs) focal points and prospective NIEs, executing entities, practitioners in climate finance and other stakeholders.



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Agenda

15:00-15:05 pm... Opening by **Ms. Cristina Dengel, Knowledge Management Officer, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat**

Welcoming remarks

15:05-15:10 pm... **Ms. Omnia el-Omrani, COP27 President Envoy on Youth**

Opening remarks on the role of youth in engaging in climate adaptation on the ground

15:10-15:15... **Mr. Albara Tawfiq, Adaptation Fund Board chair**

AF's strategic focus on Action, Innovation and Learning & Sharing, cross-cutting actions that support most vulnerable groups, including youth and the elderly, advance gender equality, build national capacities

PRESENTATIONS

15:15-15:20... **Ms. Alyssa Gomes, Climate Change Specialist, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat**

Lessons learned from the AF study "Youth Engagement in Climate Change Adaptation: Lessons from the AF Portfolio of Projects and Programs"

15:20-15:30... **Ms. Hajar Chmanti Houari, Investment Promotion Officer, Aggregation and Partnerships, Agency for Agricultural Development (ADA), Morocco**

Role of youth in the AF-funded project in Morocco titled "Climate change adaptation project in oasis zones"

15:30-15:40 ... Ms. Claudia Godfrey Ruiz, Director of development and supervision of projects, Profonanpe, Peru

Role of youth in the AF-funded project in Peru titled "Adaptation to the impacts of climate change on Peru's coastal marine ecosystems"

15:40-15:50 ... Ms. Srilata Kammila, Head, Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP

Reflections on the role of youth in climate adaptation and findings from UNDP implemented projects

15:50-15:55... **Ms. Inger Ashing, CEO, Save the Children International**

Importance of youth engagement in climate change adaptation

15:55-16:00... **Ms. Natalie Mangondo, YOUNGO Finance and Markets Working Group**



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Role of youth in climate change adaptation, perspectives from the ground.

16:00-16:05 ... Ms. Grecia Barcena Calderon, Youth representative, Scout Movement, Mexico

Role of youth in the Scout Movement in demanding action on climate change

16:05- 16:10... Mr. Mawusé Hountondji, JVE, Benin

Role of CSOs in AF projects, youth engagement in climate change adaptation; 227-member Network's role in capturing lessons of effective AF projects, raising awareness and providing localized input.

16:10-16:30 pm...QUESTIONS and ANSWERS