



Ministerial Dialogue

Investing in Climate Change Adaptation Action through the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) –Dialogue and Pledging Session–

24 September 2019, 1:30PM to 2:30PM

Lunch provided from 1:00PM

**Madison Ballroom
The Westin Grand Central
212 East 42nd Street, New York, New York**

Context:

The event aims to highlight the importance of investing in climate change adaptation action in least developed countries (LDCs), which are most vulnerable to impacts of climate change yet the least able to adapt.

Leaders from LDCs are invited to share their perspectives on how to catalyze adaptation action, and experiences with, and expectations for, the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF). The donor countries are invited to engage in the dialogue and to announce their contributions to the LDCF. The event is also an opportunity to kick-start the year of action on adaptation, spearheaded by the Global Commission on Adaptation.

The event is co-hosted by the Government of Germany, the LDC Group, and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The Ministerial panel session is moderated by the Honorable Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders; former President of Ireland.

About the LDCF:

The LDCF was established based on a 2001 decision from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), along with the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). The LDCF, managed by the GEF, supports the LDCs in their efforts to adapt to the effects of climate change. The Paris Agreement decision also decided that the LDCF shall serve the Agreement. To date, the LDCF has supported over 270 projects exclusively in LDCs, for approximately \$1.3 billion in grant resources. Its strategy draws on the track record of leaving no one behind, with each and every LDC having received LDCF support for adaptation efforts.

Agenda

1:00 PM -	Buffet Lunch
1:30 PM – 1:40 PM 10 minutes	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Gerd Muller, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany • Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, GEF • The Honorable Sonam Phuntsho Wangdi, Chair, LDC Group, Secretary of the National Environment Commission of the Kingdom of Bhutan
1:40 PM – 2:25 PM 45 minutes	Panel Discussion: Perspectives and Support for Adaptation Action through the LDCF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: The Honorable Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders; former President of Ireland <p>LDC Ministers will share their critical adaption needs and how the LDCF is helping address them; Ministers from contributing countries will share their insights on addressing adaptation priorities and announce their support to the LDCF.</p> <p>Panel 1: Empowering communities and livelihoods/ Agriculture and food security (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Prof. Fekadu Beyene, Commissioner for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ethiopia • Mrs. Bounkham Vorachit, Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR, GEF Political Focal Point • His Excellency Gerd Muller, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany • Ms. Henriette Ellermann-Kingombe, Director for Multilateral Cooperation and Climate Change, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs <p>Panel 2: Climate resilient development in SIDS/ Early warning and planning (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vanuatu • His Excellency Quite Djata, Secretary of State of Environment and Biodiversity, Guinea-Bissau

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Johannes Oljelund, Director General for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden • Ms. Carola van Rijnsoever, Ambassador for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands • Mr. Christopher MacLennan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Affairs Canada • Mr. Nick Bridge, Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom <p>Perspectives from additional LDC Ministers and senior representatives (5 to 10 minutes)</p>
2:25 PM – 2:30 PM 5 minutes	<p>Reflections and Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honorable Mary Robinson