

Ministerial Dialogue

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

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

Lunch provided from 1:00PM

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

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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 event 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.

Proposed Agenda

Moderator: The Honorable Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders; former President of Ireland.

1:00 PM -	Buffet Lunch
1:30 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, Global Environment Facility• The Honorable Sonam Phuntsho Wangdi, Chair, LDC Group, Secretary of the National Environment Commission of the Kingdom of Bhutan (tbc)
45 minutes	Perspectives and Support for Adaptation Action through the LDCF <p>LDC Ministers will share their critical adaption needs and how the LDCF is helping address them; Ministers from LDC contributing countries will share their insights on addressing adaptation priorities and announce their support to the LDCF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture and food security: Lao PDR, Timor Leste; Denmark, France• Early warning and planning: Bangladesh, Guinea-Bissau; the Canada, Netherlands• Empowering communities and livelihoods: Ethiopia, Uganda; Germany, Sweden• Climate resilient development in SIDS: Kiribati, Vanuatu; United Kingdom
5 minutes	Reflections and Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Her Excellency Sigrid Kaag, Minister for International Trade and Development Cooperation, the Netherlands (tbc)• Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC (tbc)