

Event title	Scaling up Climate Change Adaptation action in Vulnerable Countries – The LDC perspective.
Time and Place	Wednesday 4 December 13:15-14:45 PM; Room No. 2 Area/Hall 4 COP 25 Venue
Event context	<p>The Adaptation side event will highlight the importance of urgent action for adaptation in the most vulnerable countries especially the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Leaders from LDCs will share how they are scaling up action through their proactive leadership and adopting integrated approaches. Leading donor countries supporting adaptation in LDCs through the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) will also present their views on the importance of adaptation in LDCs and globally.</p> <p>The event will also reflect on the need for innovation, inclusion and predictable long-term finance for adaptation. The side event is an opportunity to share the adaptation programming strategy of the GEF, examples of recent LDCF projects that are striving for higher impact and needs and expectations for the LDCF.</p>
Agenda (1:15 to 2:45)	<p>Introduction (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory remarks- Mr. Gustavo Alberto Fonseca, Program Director, GEF Secretariat (5 minutes) - Special remarks- Mr. Sonam Phuntsho Wangdi, Chair, LDC Group (5 minutes) <p>Panel Discussion (50 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Ms. Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environment Specialist, GEF <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Say Sam Al, Minister of Environment, Government of Cambodia - H.E. Mr. U Ohn Win, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar - Mr. Mattias Frumerie, Director, Chief Negotiator and Head of Delegation COP25 Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden - Dr. Heike Henn, Commissioner for Climate Policy and Climate Finance, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany - Ms. Tawonga Mbale Luka, Director, Environmental Affairs Department, Government of Malawi (TBC) - Ms. Tirhas Mebrahtu Hindeya, Director, Resource Mobilization, EFCCC, Government of Ethiopia <p>Panel questions:</p> <p>1. As LDCs are highly vulnerable to climate change, adaptation needs to be a policy priority and requires strong political leadership. What are your adaptation priorities? How are you leading adaptation action in your country through your policies and programs?</p> <p>2. The scale of climate change impact is much wider than in one sector or one village or a city. Therefore, adaptation requires more integrated approaches across landscapes and value chains for impact at scale. What are your views on scaling up adaptation action</p>



	<p>using integrated approach? What challenges do you see in such approaches and how funds like LDCF can support?</p> <p>3. Engagement of local communities and entrepreneurs is key to innovative and effective solutions for the communities. How are you empowering communities and building capacity of local actors including women for implementation of adaptation solutions? What role do you think climate funds such as the LDCF can play in this?</p> <p>Open session (20 minutes) This dialogue is an opportunity to hear from other LDCs and representatives on their adaptation needs and priorities, and to explore how adaptation action can be facilitated towards more impact through funds such as the LDCF.</p> <p>Concluding remarks (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Youssef Nassef, Director, Adaptation, UNFCCC Secretariat (TBC)
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