



Global Climate Change Alliance

Global Learning Event

Brussels, 12-14 September 2012

“Innovative and effective approaches to climate change: Experiences from the Global Climate Change Alliance”

The Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) is a flagship initiative of the European Union to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on climate change with the developing countries most vulnerable to climate change, notably the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The GCCA was launched in 2007. Since then, several policy dialogue and training events between the EU and partner countries have been organised addressing common concerns on tackling climate change.

The Alliance provides also technical and financial cooperation on climate-related topics. By 2013 the GCCA will be funding 49 climate programmes (national, regional and global) with an overall envelope of €289.5 million (of which €37.7 million comes from ad-hoc contributions to the initiative from EU Member States, €40 million from the 10th European Development fund for Africa, Caribbean and Pacific and the rest from the European Commission's budget.)

GCCA programmes intervene in one or several of the following priority areas:

- **Mainstreaming climate change into poverty reduction and development efforts**
- **Adaptation**
- **Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation**
- **Enhancing participation in the carbon market**
- **Disaster risk reduction**

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The event aims to:

- **Extract lessons learned through the GCCA experience to date**
- **Promote dialogue and the exchange of experiences on climate policies across the partners of the GCCA, looking at informing policy processes at national, regional and international level**
- **Inform future developments of the initiative (GCCA+)**



The discussions will be informed by the European Commission, as well as high profile representatives from LDCs and SIDS and technical briefings and key note speakers from Oxford University and the World Bank. The outcomes from the event will feed into a publication on the achievements and lessons learned from the GCCA to be presented at the next UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Qatar and future GCCA activities.

Delegates are already confirmed from a large number of GCCA partner countries, development partners, as well as representation from EU Delegations, and the ACP Secretariat. We are also seeking to extend the invitation to attend this event to representatives from EU Member States.

An outline programme for the three day event is presented below.

Highlights of the agenda

Wednesday, 12th September - **Plenary sessions: Setting the scene**

Welcome speech and presentation of the **EU climate policy** development, the **role of the GCCA** and its key developments to date, by the European Commission, Directorates General for Development and Cooperation, and Climate Action.

Presentation of the **preliminary findings of GCCA** in the areas of mainstreaming of climate change, adaptation, disaster risk reduction and financing and aid delivery modalities by senior experts from National Governments of GCCA beneficiary countries, development community and think tanks.

Drinks reception in conference venue

Thursday, 13th September - **Working group discussions**

Facilitated by thematic experts, participants will enter into technical discussions based on their own experiences along the following themes:

Mainstreaming climate change into national planning and poverty reduction

Adaptation to climate change in water and agriculture sectors

Forests and climate change: mitigation and adaptation synergies

Aid delivery modalities for climate support

Disaster risk reduction through integrated coastal zone management

After the working groups, a synthesis of the discussions will be presented back to the plenary.

Friday, 14th September -

Open space, technical conclusions and closing

Open Space, breakout sessions to discuss specific **topics proposed by delegates**. The main highlights will be reported to the plenary.

The **technical conclusions of the event** will be presented in the afternoon, serving to inform a **panel discussion** among representatives from partner countries, civil society, academia, EU Member States and European institutions.

Limited places available. For registration, please contact DG EuropeAid at EuropeAid-GCCAevent2012@ec.europa.eu