

# GCCA+ shares experiences from the field at COP23

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The EU GCCA+ side event @COP23 in Bonn on 14 November in the EU Pavilion saw participants coming from Haiti, Seychelles, Timor-Leste, Chad, Thailand, just to mention a few countries, to share experiences from the field. As one of the speakers said: *"I came here all the way from my small island in the Pacific to talk about the impact of climate change in my country and share how we prepare for natural disasters."*

## Some quotes from the event

**Roberto Ridolfi, European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development:** "The EU will continue to lead in supporting climate change resilience and the livelihoods of people in vulnerable areas. Governments could include climate change in the curriculum of schools."

**Odre Valbrun, Ministry of Environment in Haiti:** "The importance of long-term planning is vital for our people, especially those on the forefront of climate change."

**Wills Agricole, Ministry of Environment of Seychelles:** "In La Digue, Seychelles, coastal areas are at risk of flooding and erosion, but now the community is aware and more prepared to adapt, they know what to do."

**Isabel Soares Pereira, GCCA+ project in Timor-Leste:** "I, Isabel, as a Timorese young woman, believe we can do much to adapt to the change in climate."

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For those who could not attend, the presentations are online [here](#).

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