

Global Climate Change Alliance

Global Policy Event



Informing the International Climate Debate: Experiences from the Global Climate Change Alliance

Brussels, 18-20 September 2013

Last year, the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) held its first Global Learning Event, which successfully supported the exchange of experience among over 160 GCCA practitioners and partners on key GCCA priority areas and informed its future. The event also highlighted the added value that the GCCA could bring in further informing the international climate debate, by linking directly development and climate practitioners and negotiators on issues of common interest.

The 2013 Global Policy Event aims to

- Extract lessons learned through the GCCA experience to date on various topics of relevance to the current negotiation streams
- Based on experiences from GCCA across the world, promote dialogue and exchange between practitioners and negotiators involved in the UNFCCC and related processes, with a view to inform the next Conference of the Parties

Delegates will come from a large number of GCCA partner countries, lead development partners, and EU Member States, and include both development and climate practitioners and negotiators.

Participants will also include representatives from regional organisations involved in the GCCA, the African Caribbean Pacific Secretariat and EU Delegations. The discussions will be informed by a series of the background documents. Key note speakers and facilitators will include international climate and development experts from the development community and think tanks, high-level representatives from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and the European Commission.

The event will be held in English and French, with simultaneous translation.

The Global Policy Event will explore topics which are of critical importance to both climate negotiators and practitioners

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From NAPAs to NAMAs, NAPs, LEDS and DRR strategies¹: the role of country-led climate and DRR mainstreaming

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Making climate finance effective: strengthening national public financial management and budgetary systems

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From forests to sustainable land management: creating synergies between adaptation and Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+)

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Monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV): what are the implications for strengthening climate information and national monitoring systems?

¹National Adaptation Programmes of Action; Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions; National Adaptation Plans; Low-Emission Development Strategies; Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies

About the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA)

The GCCA is the initiative of the European Union to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on climate change with developing countries most vulnerable to climate change, in particular LDCs and SIDS.

By the end of 2013, the GCCA will comprise 45 programmes in 35 countries and across 8 regions within an envelope of € 290 million. The GCCA provides a wealth of experience and knowledge in the areas of climate change mainstreaming into national development processes, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction (DRR), sustainable land management and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), climate finance and aid effectiveness, and institutional strengthening for addressing climate change. As the experience grows across the globe, it is critical that the GCCA ensures that the knowledge generated from its implementation informs the international climate debate.



Highlights of the agenda

Wednesday, 18th September: Setting the Scene and Working Group Discussions

- Opening, International and EU climate policy, and Key Developments of the GCCA, by the European Commission Directorates General for Development and Cooperation, and Climate Action
- Introducing topic 1: From NAPAs to NAMAs, NAPs, LEDS and DRR strategies : the role of country-led climate and DRR mainstreaming, by lead experts from the development community
- Introducing topic 2: Making climate finance effective: strengthening national public financial management and budgetary systems, by lead experts from the development community
- Working groups on topics 1 and 2

Thursday, 19th September: Working Group Discussions

- Introducing topic 3: From forests to sustainable land management: creating synergies between adaptation and Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+), by lead experts from the development community
- Introducing topic 4: Monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV): what are the implications for strengthening climate information and national monitoring systems?, by lead experts from the development community
- Working groups on topics 3 and 4
- Drinks reception

Friday, 20th September – Your Space, High-Level Panel and Closing

- Your Space, breakout sessions to discuss specific topics proposed by delegates
- Policy and technical conclusions from the working groups
- High-level panel discussion on the policy and technical conclusions from the event, with practitioners and negotiators from GCCA partner countries, EU Member States and European institutions
- Closing

The outcomes from the event will feed into a publication to be presented at the next UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Warsaw.

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