Global Climate Change Alliance
Global Policy Event

Informing the International Climate Debate
Brussels, 18-20 September 2013

The GCCA's second global annual event is expected to bring together development and climate practitioners with those responsible for negotiating international agreements in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Our aim is to inform the international climate debate by linking development and climate practitioners with negotiators on issues of common interest ahead of the next Conference of the Parties, when the 195 Parties to the UNFCCC will meet.

The 2013 Global Policy Event aims to

- Extract lessons learned from the GCCA experience on topics relevant to current negotiations

- Promote dialogue and exchange between practitioners and negotiators involved in the UNFCCC and related processes, with a view to informing the next Conference of the Parties

Delegates will come from the many GCCA partner countries, lead development partners, and European Union 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 interpretation.

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

1 From **NAPAs to NAMAs, NAPs, LEDS and DRR strategies**[1]**: the role of country-led climate and DRR mainstreaming**

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

3 From **forests to sustainable land management**: creating synergies between **adaptation** and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation **(REDD+)**

4 **Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV): what are the implications for strengthening climate information and national monitoring systems?**

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

About the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA)

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

The GCCA comprises 45 programmes in 35 countries and across 8 regions and sub-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 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[2]: 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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