

Session 3 Concept Note

Session Title	Lead and Co-hosts
<p>Empowering resilience programming in action: leveraging capacities, knowledge and tools</p>	<p>Lead organisations: Climate Investment Funds, Pilot Program for Climate Resilience; Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC)</p> <p>Co-hosting organisations: RMEL CoP, ADB, GRP, IISD, IIED, SDI, RCCC, Lutheran World Relief, Huairou Commission, Women Climate Centers International</p>
<p>Time of the session: 10:30 - 12:30</p>	<p>Room: Starr Hall L.02</p>
<p>I. Short Session Description</p> <p>This session will share in a “learning marketplace” format on how several organizations are acting on learning from evidence and experience to build capacity and strengthen resilience programming and outcomes. The session will feature six focused sharing opportunities in an informal cafe format, to learn from and discuss ideas with people working at global to local levels and to learn what is helping to support resilience empowerment and results.</p>	
<p>II. Background to Session</p> <p>Many international funders, national and local government institutions, businesses, civil society and grassroots organisations, and communities are now committed to building resilience into their practices, policies, programming, investments and plans (including NDCs). The increased attention and commitments on resilience over the past decade is exemplified by international funds (e.g., Climate Investment Funds, Adaptation Fund, LDCF/SCCF, GEF, GFDRR, GCF, bilateral and philanthropic funds, and others), and through global forums such as the UN Climate Action Summit and the Global Commission on Adaptation. At the same time, world-wide demand on what works to build resilience is growing. To realise these ambitious needs and commitments stakeholders, particularly those in the most vulnerable contexts, will need to harness the best expertise, experience and evidence on resilience and accelerate learning across institutions, practitioners and geographies.</p> <p>While there is considerable support for climate action on mitigation and low carbon development (e.g., the NDC Partnership) there is relatively little coordinated strategic or technical support and space for shared learning on resilience and climate adaptation. Yet there is indeed a growing wealth of knowledge and evidence on best practice in resilience, generated from programmes such as DFID’s BRACED programme, GRP’s resilience challenges, DGIS’s Partners for Resilience programme, and multilateral funds such as the PPCR and the LDCF/SCCF.</p> <p>This session will accelerate learning and actions on resilience programming and capacity development by connecting a learning “supply” through experience and evidence with stakeholder “demand” and collaborative synergies across the field. The aim is to place the improved wellbeing of vulnerable and marginalized people (e.g., women, children, Indigenous Peoples, people living with disabilities), at the centre of resilience planning, policies, programmes and investments. The session will provide an overview of the latest knowledge and actions on how to invest in and build capacity around resilience for development according to two strands:</p>	

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Resilience programming: Building on the knowledge of GRP partners and current initiatives (e.g. GRP Insights report and RMEL COP) the session will present actions based on the latest knowledge and lessons on resilience programming.

Capacity building: How communities and countries build resilience depends on their capacity to anticipate, plan and take action. This session component will focus on actions to strengthen the capacities of LDC public, private and civil society organisations in resilience planning, programming, and policies. This includes the CIF Pilot Program for Climate Resilience and Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC) focusing on community and LDC knowledge organisations' active participation in resilience programming.

III. Objectives

- To share evidence and experience-based learning about resilience programs and projects; particularly work focused on building capacity at all levels and empowering vulnerable and marginalized populations in LDCs and other especially climate-vulnerable areas of the world and identify how can these be scaled up, be more ambitious and truly transformative to build a resilient future
- To engage in joint discussion, learning, and collaboration about what works well-good practices, lessons, and insights relevant to participants, including common barriers to progress and how it may be possible to overcome them.
- To reflect ideas on how can resilience capacity building and programming can be tracked to support ambition and transformational results
- To identify at least 2-3 further opportunities to better work across-within sectors, institutions and countries to establish/strengthen partnerships

IV. Key messages

- There is a growing body of knowledge around how to build resilience capacity and empowerment
- Still, resilience needs, opportunities, and good practices are largely context dependent
- Some good practices, such as prioritizing stakeholder engagement throughout the entire process (from initial planning to post-project follow up), can help to improve relevance, uptake, and resilience results
- Today, evidence and lessons on what has (and has not) worked well is also helping to shape new resilience programming, though there is still more opportunity to apply lessons and insights to new investments, implementation approaches, and stakeholder engagement to maximize outcomes.
- With the climate crisis materializing, as well as other needs for resilience as a result of economic and social upheaval, natural disasters, and other forms of shocks and stresses, we as a global community have no time to waste in further learning from each other and further strategic collaboration at all levels to advance resilience capacities and results globally.

V. Format for the Session

Learning Marketplace

- Opening Plenary (20 mins)
- Introduction to the Learning Marketplace (booth/table leads) (10 mins)
- Two 30 min rounds (60 mins)
- Plenary reflections (from volunteers or booth/table leads) and q/a, discussion (20 mins)
- Closing remarks (co-lead organizations) (10 mins)

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VI. Session Agenda		
Time	Details of programme item	Name/Lead
20 min	Opening remarks by Loreta Rufo, Climate Investment Funds Pilot Program for Climate Resilience, and Bangladesh Govt Rep. (if available)	Saleem LUCCC (moderator)
10 min	Introductions to marketplace “Lighting”-type 1-2 minute introductions to marketplace booths	Booth leads
60 min	Learning Marketplace (6 Groups/topics) Group 1: Learning from ten years of resilience capacity building from the Climate Investment Funds, Pilot Program for Climate Resilience and the International Development Research Centre Group 2: Cross-community collaboration and action Group 3: Business Unusual resilience programming and financing: a whole of society approach Group 4: Evidence and Lessons for Effective Resilience Programming Group 5: Transboundary Flood resilience Group 6: South-South Peer Learning	Feisal/Lorie and Simone
20 min	Reflection & Sharing (15) Quick reflections from marketplace discussions and Q&A/discussion Designated booth lead (or perhaps volunteer) will share 3 take-away ideas or outstanding questions that came up during discussions (2 mins each; allowing 10-12 mins for Q&A/discussion) Any other new initiatives (5-10?) Give audience an opportunity to input	Booth leads
10 min	Closing Remarks [CIF, GRP and LUCCC]	Saleem, Lorie, GRP

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Group 3: Business Unusual: Resilience programming and financing: a whole of society approach			
<p>Innovative approaches of resilience programming and finance mechanisms from different sectors of society that can be scaled-up to better support locally led adaptation and resilience building</p>	<p>IIED</p> <p>ADB’s Community Resilience Partnership Programme (CRPP)</p> <p>Devolved Climate Finance (DCF)</p> <p>SDI locally led adaptation finance</p> <p>Principles and standards for locally led adaptation (GCA LLAT)</p> <p>Adaptation Fund</p>	<p>[IIED as lead/coordinator]</p> <p>SDI</p>	<p>karen.wong@iied.org</p> <p>Wonderful Hunga</p>
Group 4: Evidence and Lessons for Designing and Implementing Resilience Initiatives			
<p>Evidence and Lessons for Designing and Implementing Resilience Initiatives</p>	<p>Global Resilience Partnership (GRP) and</p> <p>Resilience Measurement Evidence & Learning Community of Practice (RMEL COP)</p>	<p>What do we know about how to develop projects and programs that systematically strengthen resilience capacities, assets and mind-sets over time? The table will share actions from the GRP Insights Flagship Report. These will be placed in the wider context of resilience program evidence, developed through the RMEL CoP member knowledge-sharing convenings and the experience of resilience-strengthening initiatives such as BRACED and Partners for Resilience.</p>	<p>mel@globalresiliencepartnership.org /</p> <p>http://www.globalresiliencepartnership.org/ /</p> <p>dorcasrobinson@measuringresilience.org</p>
Group 5: Transboundary Flood Resilience			
<p>Transboundary Flood Resilience (TBR) work in Nepal and India – the Transboundary Citizens Forums (TBCFs)</p>	<p>Lutheran World Relief</p> <p>Mercy Corps</p>	<p>TBCFs are community-based federations of Community Disaster Management Committees from both sides of the border in a transboundary river basin and serve to ensure early warning alerts make it across borders; to share resources, skills and knowledge to improve flood</p>	<p>KFiske@lwr.org</p> <p>gschiche@lwr.org</p> <p>avaughan@mercycorpors.org</p>

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		resilience; and to lobby their respective governments for more transboundary flood early warning, preparedness and recovery collaboration.	
Group 6: South-South Peer Learning			
National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network	International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC)	The National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network and the Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC) are two initiatives that support South-South peer learning and exchange, seeing it as core to scaling up resilience actions rapidly and effectively – particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. This table will be an opportunity for actors to learn about, shape, and participate in South-South peer learning efforts as part of a collective effort to build a resilient future.	Anne Hammill ahammill@iisd.org www.napglobalnetwork.org Saqib Huq saqibhuq@gmail.com www.luccc.org
Other initiatives: Please provide details of the actions and initiatives that organisations plan to discuss or launch during the session, which will not be leading a group in the world cafe but joining as participants.			
Empowering people: Community-Led Resilience through Social Cohesion	Atma Connect	Very little focus in resilience programming has been on the vulnerable person on the ground. We want to spread a model of community led resilience focused of social connectedness globally.	meena@atmaconnect.org Resources: https://atmaconnect.org/ArticleResearchClimateJusticeMovement