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Concept Note Crosscutting Roundtable: Resilience

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Scaling up investments in climate resilience to meet the needs of vulnerable people

Description

This roundtable will focus on the need for accelerating action and investment for climate resilience across and within sectors. It will identify the actions that public, private and community actors are taking or will be taking to scale up investments to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people.

Overall Narrative/Background

2017 was not only the hottest year on record but also the costliest in terms of damages from severe weather and climate events. Followed by extreme weather continuing to claim lives and destroy livelihoods in 2018, there is an urgent need to scale up anticipatory, preventive and transformative action and investment into climate resilience across and within sectors. Building on the high-level events on resilience at COP23, the roundtable will highlight the need for scaling up investment in climate resilience actions that meets the needs of the most vulnerable people and countries. It will also examine the actions needed to incentivize blended finance for climate resilience.

The recently released 1.5 degree IPCC report demonstrates clearly the need for a substantive increase investment into climate resilience. This requires investments in a broad range of capacities, tools and interventions. They include understanding hazard risks at a landscape level and addressing climate risk governance across scale, anticipating risk with early warning systems, absorbing risk with social protection and risk transfer measures, and taking preventive action by investing in ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction and adaptation and risk-proofing grey infrastructure.

The roundtable will explore the actions that public, private and community actors can take to scale up investments in climate resilience that meet the needs of most vulnerable people. This will mean including a consideration of SIDS, Least Developing Countries (LDCs), as well as countries and regions exposed to climate extremes and variability (i.e. drought, flood and storms), water scarcity, and natural resource degradation which can exacerbate fragility, conflict or forced displacement, and affect peace and stability.

The roundtable will be organised around two complementary questions that bring together community, private and public perspectives. The discussion will include starter interventions giving time for spontaneous dialogue. While the roundtable will give participants the opportunity to speak about current work, it will also focus on new commitments and future plans. This is expected to include actions on building climate resilience from the seven thematic MPGCA areas: human settlements; transport; water; land use (agriculture and forests); oceans; industry; and, energy. The event will be inclusive and gender balanced – ensuring we do not leave people behind – and will include representatives from grassroots.



Objective of the event: Impacts and progress made in 2018

Action on climate resilience has gained momentum since the Paris Agreement established the global adaptation goal of “enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change”. It was reinforced during COP23 in four high-level events on climate resilience. Resilience is one of the themes of the UN Secretary General’s Climate Summit in September 2019, and the Global Commission on Adaptation has been launched to raise the ambition on climate adaptation and resilience action. The urgency of action emerged throughout the Talanoa Dialogue and the Resilience Day held at the Global Climate Action Summit in California (September 2018). This urgency was reinforced in the IPCC Special Report on 1.5 Degrees. Climate resilience will also be a core theme at the Development and Climate (D&C) Days held on the margins of COP24 (8-9 December 2018), and linkages are being fostered between the D&C Days and this roundtable.

This event builds on this momentum to advance action on climate resilience, with a focus on reaching the most vulnerable across and within sectors and has three specific objectives:

- To share how we put the needs of the most vulnerable communities at the centre of increased climate action and investment into resilience.
- To provide an opportunity for stakeholders to set out what they have done, and most importantly what they plan to build climate resilience, putting people needs at the center.
- To identify how we can use public finance to increase investment from the private sector and serve communities to build climate resilience.

Speakers:

15 high-level participants representing public, private, community and civil society viewpoints sitting at roundtable and with 25 other at the (square) table either invited ahead of the roundtable. Space for 50 observers to sit around the table. There is space for 50 people in an overflow room.

Speakers will be asked not to use PowerPoint, but a screen and computer will be needed to run the mentimeter interactive software, and ideally (CART) Communication Access Realtime Translation to ensure an inclusive and highly participatory event. The session will be in English only.

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