



Zero poverty.
Zero emissions.
Tough talk on poverty and climate.
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Event Programme

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DAY ONE

Saturday 5 December 2015

9.00 Registration and coffee

9.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

9.45 Session 1. Zero poverty Zero emissions: eradicating poverty and decarbonising development in the climate crisis

Building on discussions from last year's D&C days, this session will review how the climate crisis jeopardises our ability to sustain poverty eradication beyond 2030 and highlights how resilient low-carbon development can deliver the sustained, more equal and pro-poor growth necessary to eradicate poverty permanently.

10.45 Coffee and networking break

11.15 Session 2. The coming energy transition

Sustainable Development requires both the rapid expansion of energy services and the rapid decarbonisation of them. The session will debate three key questions: How do we close the energy access gap at the bottom of the pyramid while decarbonising energy systems? What is the relationship between the phase out of high-carbon power sources and the future of economic development? How far can reform of energy subsidies take us toward decarbonising development?

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Session 3A. How can knowledge drive climate-compatible development?

This session will showcase leading-edge experience from Peru, Nepal and Uganda, where participatory processes are bringing together researchers, interest groups and politicians to establish the evidence base on climate vulnerabilities and low-carbon development opportunities – and chart solutions to take forward together.

Session 3C. Disruptive Change: Innovation game changer

What incentives and opportunities can drive greater adaptation at the scale necessary to attain and secure development goals in a changing climate?

Panellists will be invited to propose and enhance adaptation actions. Audience members will be invited to challenge the panel.

Session 3B. Adaptation and Finance: Participatory Games to learn and explore options

An intensely interactive session where we will experience, through serious gameplay, the complexity of available information, decisions and consequences regarding climate adaptation – with an emphasis on the changing financing landscape. You will learn innovative tools for learning and dialogue.

Session 3D. Unlocking the economic potential of livestock systems: climate resilience for Africa's arid and semi-arid lands

This session will bring together decision-makers, practitioners and researchers from East and West Africa to discuss ways to build the 'business' case for investment in resilient livestock markets, ecosystems and livelihoods in Africa's arid and semi-arid lands.

15.30 Coffee and networking break

16.00

Session 4. Radical Adaptation – far-reaching and far-sighted

This provocative session will ask: Is climate adaptation, as currently planned, fit for purpose? Have we become absorbed in the means rather than the ends? Will adaptation leave no one behind? And what about universality? Case studies of the water, smallholder agriculture, migration and social protection sectors will respond with evidence. Experience from delivering the CRGE agriculture fast-track in Ethiopia will be presented by representatives of the FDR Ethiopia Government. Then a discussant from the independent LDC expert group will provide an overview assessment. A facilitated plenary discussion will close the session.

17.30

Session 5. Closing remarks

DAY TWO

Sunday 6 December 2015

9.00

Registration and coffee

9.30

Session 6. Opening and Welcome

9.45

Session 7. Lightning Talks: exciting opportunities, unresolved questions for achieving zero-zero

This session includes brief introductions to specific products, tools, technologies or approaches that are being implemented by adaptation and development practitioners, followed by small group discussions on each topic. The talks will follow a world café format, where participants would move from one table to another in 4-6 rounds of conversation.

11.00

Coffee and networking break

11.30

Session 8. Out of the box: Taste the change: An experiential approach to rethink our climate choices through food

The causes and consequences of global climate change are intensely linked to our individual and collective decisions regarding food, from agricultural production to cultural preferences. In this innovative session we will learn about the expansive range of unusual yet tasty choices we could embrace as we aim for zero poverty and zero emissions within a generation.

12.45

Lunch

13.45

Session 9A. High level panel on climate resilient growth in the drylands

The session will involve posing a provocative question to panellists and asking them for short responses then follow up questions from the audience. The opening question might be: Fast-forward to 2030... how resilient do you think 41% of the earth's land surface will be to more frequent and intense climate extremes? What will be happening in these economies?

Session 9B. Success of climate and development - adaptation in Least Developed Countries

This session will seek to understand how climate adaptation can be managed for developmental outcomes in LDCs and Small Island Development States. Focusing on the design and implementation of adaptation interventions, ways to channel finance to local action, and how adaptation successes can influence the development of National Adaptation Plans.

13.45

Session 9C. Rising to the Challenge: how to support institutional learning to help achieve zero-zero

Recognising the multitude of good practice examples for reducing poverty and responding to climate change at the project and programme level, this session focuses on the key role institutional learning plays for more effectively responding to the climate challenge.

Session 9D. Institutionalising climate information services for impact at scale

Climate information services are informing decision-making on adaptation and helping to safeguard agriculture-dependent livelihoods. Pilot projects in developing countries are seeing early successes, yet bringing these to scale through sustainable and institutionalised systems is a challenge. Join this session to learn how initiatives in Bolivia, India, and Uganda are addressing this challenge.

15.00

Coffee and networking break

15.30

Session 10. High-Level Closing Panel

Ambitious action on climate change will be vital to eradicating poverty in a generation: this session takes on the bottom line. What action on climate change will be essential in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of eradicating extreme poverty by 2030? Is the world on track? What are the 'must haves' from the Paris negotiations in order to deliver on the promise of the SDGs and a promising future for the world's people beyond 2030?

This session aims to set the scene for the final week of the Paris climate talks and will feature speakers from the host country government, France, from Least Developed Country and Small Island States governments, and grassroots organisers who are addressing climate change impacts and solutions on the ground.

16.45

Session 11. Closing remarks and cocktail reception