



CATALYZING CLIMATE ACTION FOR RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

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Introduction

Climate actions by cities, companies, civil society groups, and other actors, individually and in cooperation with each other and with nation states, have great potential to contribute to a low-carbon and climate resilient future. This potential has been increasingly recognized within the UNFCCC process, where non-state actions are showcased in technical examinations and reports, to inspire greater ambition among national governments.

The “groundswell” of non-state and subnational climate action is sometimes seen as driven by the global North. While research shows that Northern actors tend to initiate more “bottom up” actions than Southern actors, it also shows that many cities, companies, national governments, and other actors in the South are taking advantage of these strategies to build low carbon, climate-resilient development. These pioneers demonstrate the extraordinary potential of these kinds of actions to meet immediate development needs ranging from economic inclusion, to health, to agriculture, to energy access. This workshop seeks to expand the scale and ambition of the groundswell of climate actions in the Global South as a way to make sure that this emerging feature of the climate regime directly addresses the needs and priorities of developing countries.

Aims of the workshop

The workshop addresses the much heard critique that - up until now - the discussion on non-state climate action is very 'northern driven'. Given the fact that most non-state climate actions are northern-led, although needs are greatest in developing countries, the event addresses the question **how non-state (and sub-national) climate actions could be catalyzed in developing countries**. Moreover, the aim is to explore how governments, UNFCCC secretariat, and other organizations could ensure more effective non-state action in developing countries, possibly building on existing initiatives, such as the Non-state Actor Zone for Climate Actions ([NAZCA](#)) platform.

In the workshop (in the morning and afternoon of June 5th) experts from developing and developed countries discuss (1) barriers to, and opportunities for non-state climate action in developing countries; and (2) how governments, UNFCCC secretariat, and other organizations could ensure more effective non-state action in developing countries.

Program of the workshop

The workshop programme will address:

- Climate actions beyond mitigation, addressing sustainable development (co-)benefits
- Engaging business in climate action in developing countries
- Strengthening climate action in national and local contexts
- Creating synergies at the national and international levels of climate action

The workshop will feature smaller break-out groups, moderated by experts from science, policy, business and civil society. This format ensures interaction, and joint-up thinking about climate actions for resilient development in developing countries.

A reception, co-hosted with the UNFCCC secretariat will be hosted at the World Conference Center Bonn (the venue of the UNFCCC climate conference).

PRELIMINARY programme

time	programme element
8:30	Coffee & Croissants
9:00	Welcome/Introduction
10:00	Plenary Session 1 : Climate actions beyond mitigation
10:30	Coffee-to-go & transition to breakout groups or table discussions
10:35	Break-out groups (2 or 3) World Café format, discussing climate actions beyond mitigation
12:00	Plenary wrap-up session 1: Climate actions beyond mitigation
12:30	Lunch break
13:30	Plenary Session 2 : Engaging business in climate action Break-out group: Engaging business in climate action in developing and developed
14:00	countries Break-out group: Engaging small and medium enterprises in climate action
14:30	Plenary wrap-up session 2: Engaging business in climate action
15:00	Coffee break
15:15	Plenary Session 3 : Strengthening climate action in national and local contexts
15:45	Break-out group: Strengthening capacity for resilient development in developing countries Break-out group: Leveraging finance for climate actions
16:15	Plenary wrap-up session 3: Strengthening climate action in national and local contexts
16:45	Closing Plenary: brief feedback from rapporteurs of sessions 1-3
17:00	Closing Plenary: keynote
17:30	Wrap-up: concluding remarks with an emphasis on creating synergies and the way ahead
17:40	End and transfer to Networking Event at WCCB (climate conference venue)

Co-hosts

- German Development Institute./ Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
- The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions

About the co-hosting organizations:

German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

The [German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik \(DIE\)](#) is one of the leading think tanks for global development and international cooperation worldwide. It is located in the UN City of Bonn. DIE's work is based on the interplay between Research, Policy Advice and Training. DIE is building bridges between theory and practice.

Research at DIE is theory-based, empirically driven and application-oriented. It provides the basis for the consulting activities of the Institute. DIE develops policy-relevant concepts, advises ministries, governments and international organisations, and refers to current policy issues. The training programmes of the Institute for university graduates and young professionals are integrated into the research and advisory process.

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

A dynamic and flexible organization with a global vision and a local focus, [TERI](#) was established in 1974, with the initial focus on documentation and information dissemination. Research activities, initiated towards the end of 1982, were rooted in TERI's firm conviction that efficient utilization of energy and sustainable use of natural resources would propel the process of development.

All activities in TERI, the largest developing-country institution working towards sustainability, move from formulating local- and national-level strategies to shaping global solutions to critical issues.

Buoyed by more than 40 years of excellence in research and innovation, TERI is now poised for future growth, driven by a global vision and outreach, with a philosophy that assigns primacy to enterprise in government, industry, and individual actions.

Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions

[Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions \(GGCA\)](#) is a series of open dialogues convened by the Stanley Foundation, the Blavatnik School of Government at Oxford University, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Its objectives include:

Bringing the groundswell of climate actions from cities, regions, companies, and other groups to a higher level of scale and ambition;

- Increasing efficient coordination among cooperative initiatives and sub- and non-state networks;
- Improving analysis and understanding of "bottom up" climate actions;
- Building a positive narrative of pragmatic, concrete action on climate change; and
- Identifying opportunities for the groundswell of climate actions and the multilateral process to support and catalyze each other.

Over the past year, GGCA has brought together city and regional networks, company networks, cooperative initiatives, governments, international organizations, and researchers to discuss and advance these objectives. By convening the community of actors that make up and support the groundswell of climate actions, GGCA seeks to realize the full potential of this extraordinary innovation in global governance.