Locally Led Adaptation

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Addressing climate risk

• More finance for adaptation
• More climate finance to most vulnerable countries and communities
• More locally led adaptation
Why Locally Led Adaptation?

• Local actors have first-hand knowledge of climate impacts and how to cope
• Local actors are the ones who understand the nuanced contexts in which they operate
• LLA means more context-specific, agile and diverse approaches to building climate resilience
Finance not reaching the Frontlines

- < 10% global climate fund finance reaches local levels,
- < 2.5% humanitarian finance flows via local responders
- Most international climate finance goes through large intermediaries
- Complex application processes, reporting requirements, and use of large, hamper access
- System does not support agency and decision-making power for local partners
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 Locally led, gender-responsive finance

 All donors (developed countries, MDBs, multilateral climate funds and other institutional) need to:
- Expand resources and support for locally led action on climate change – in line with developing countries’ own national planning, policies and strategies (including Nationally Determined Contributions) – and track and report on how much climate finance is spent at the local level.
- Urgently increase financial support for climate action with stronger gender equality efforts; ensure that all climate finance projects consider the different needs of women and men in objectives, design and implementation, and have gender equality markers transparently reported to the OECD.

 Winning the Peace: Peacebuilding and Climate Change in Mali and Somalia

 CLIMATE FINANCE SHADOW REPORT 2020

 Assessing Progress Towards the $100 Billion Commitment

 Money where it matters: designing funds for the frontier

 With only US$1 in every US$10 committed from climate funds for local level climate action, climate finance is failing to get money where it matters. We need to reimagine the climate finance system. This paper investigates the flow of finance from primary donor to local actor and presents a new framework to get more finance to local institutions to tackle the drivers of poverty, resource degradation and climate change. It also sets out the ways in which current

 Integrate and localize the approach

 Integrating may not sound like a particularly revolutionary approach to the global climate crisis, but it is indispensable. The main global regulatory frameworks – the SDGs, the Sendai Framework and the Paris Agreement – focus on resilience and adaptation, and are designed to support national strategies, policies and development. However, for national disaster risk management, less and policies fully integrated climate change adaptation and some states simply passive and separate institutional mechanisms and planning processes for climate change adaptation, disaster risk management and development.

 There is also a lack of integration across international finance sources, with climate, development and humanitarian funding streams often operating in isolation, making it difficult to achieve effective coordination. Particularly in fragile states and territories, local humanitarian and civil society organisations can anticipate, respond to, and support the recovery of affected communities. If these communities have the resources they need, multilateral climate finance is extremely difficult for civil society groups to access, and there is a collective need to ensure that organisations can support them from being available for long-term institutional capacity building of local disaster responders.

 The initiative should come from the community, we should build inclusive dialogue in the community. Interviewee, Mali
## Locally Led Adaptation Principles

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We will develop strong climate finance architecture, with at least 70% of flows supporting local-level action by 2030. Mobilize funder and government commitments to expand resources and support for locally led action and in-country action.
Growing political commitment on locally led adaptation

• **COP26 Adaptation Campaign** putting LLA at the heart of Adaptation, Loss & Damage Day

• **Climate & Development Ministerial Summary** stressed the importance of LLA

• **G7 Foreign & Development Ministers communiqué** welcomed the principles

• **Adaptation Action Coalition** integrating LLA

• **Race to Resilience** seeking to champion Principles for LLA among non-state actors
Over 55 endorsements to the 8 LLA Principles
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Locally Led Adaptation at COP26

• Amplifying voices from the frontline, including at Adaptation, Loss & Damage day

• Dedicated spaces for discussion on LLA, including Resilience Hub and LLA

• Endorsements and support for LLA
Looking Ahead

- Growing movement for locally led adaptation
- Commitments and action
- Strengthened evidence and knowledge base