

## **Joint UN DESA and Government of Egypt capacity development workshop on “Mainstreaming climate adaptation into development cooperation policies and practices”**

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**St. Regis Almasa, New Administrative Capital, Egypt**

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### **Background**

*One of the most significant challenges that African countries are navigating is climate change and how to adapt to it.* Africa has contributed the least of any continent to climate change yet is facing its worst impacts and has the fewest resources to manage it. Consequently, African countries have long advocated internationally for more emphasis on climate change adaptation. A global goal on adaptation was established, but not clearly defined, in the Paris Agreement. Years later, while developed countries agreed at COP26 to double adaptation finance by 2025, the goal remains to be elaborated and agreed upon. To respond to this, COP26 also established a comprehensive, two-year Glasgow-Sharm-el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation (2022-2023) to promote action and assist developing countries to address their adaptation challenges. ***Development cooperation, in all its forms – financing, capacity support, collective action for policy change and multi-stakeholder partnerships – can and should do more to support African countries in meeting their climate adaptation goals.***

The 2022 United Nations Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) Survey Study, launched on 3 July 2022, takes a fresh look at how ***developing countries can use the “enablers” of effective development cooperation to navigate crises posed by climate change, the current pandemic, and other long-term risks and uncertainties.*** It distils evidence-based policies, actions, and measures to increase adaptive capacities to long-term risks through: (i) national development cooperation policies; (ii) country results frameworks; (iii) national development cooperation forums; (iv) data and information systems for development cooperation; and (v) support for capacity development. Data from the 2021/2022 DCF Survey indicate that more than one-third of participating African countries will be revising or redesigning their National Development Cooperation Policies (NDCPs) to better account for risks such as climate change. Such reviews represent a critical opportunity to advance more risk-informed and climate smart development cooperation and better integrate climate action and national DRR strategies into NDCPs.

The DCF survey study also finds that ***climate adaptation requires medium-to-long-term planning and greater and more predictable adaptation financing from development partners.*** The study reiterates some key findings of the [2022 IPCC adaptation report](#). Similar to the report, it underscores the importance of institutional frameworks, policies and instruments in order to strengthen and sustain adaptation actions. Such frameworks must set clear adaptation goals that define responsibilities and commitments and that are effectively coordinated amongst actors and governance levels. An important question is thus how institutional frameworks, policies and instruments can effectively link National Adaptation Plans with NDPCs in a way that better integrates climate adaptation in development cooperation and strengthens donor support for it.

## **Objective of the workshop**

**Support African countries in leveraging their enablers of effective development cooperation, especially their NDCPs, to enhance support by development partners for climate adaptation needs (building on the DCF survey findings and two-year Glasgow-Sharm-el-Sheikh work programme).**

The workshop will focus on peer learning and knowledge exchange to highlight good practices in the African region. This will be done in the following ways:

- The workshop will discuss Africa-specific survey insights on making development cooperation more agile, risk-informed and effective. For that purpose and to help lay the table for the discussions, an expert consultant will present a short policy note on the enablers of effective development cooperation and how they are practically being used toward mitigating risks and enhancing the quality and impact of development cooperation in Africa.
- Based on the sample of National Development Cooperation Policies (NDCPs) shared through the DCF survey exercise, workshop participants will exchange experiences on how their NDCPs have, in particular, integrated climate adaptation priorities, where there are opportunities for improvement in this area and how NDCPs can be leveraged for more effective support from development partners for climate adaptation. Another expert consultant will assist country presenters in preparing the case studies in advance of the workshop.
- Through the lens of NDCPs, discussions will also hone in on specific effective practices of the other enablers to support climate smart and risk-informed development cooperation, such as Country Results Frameworks, Development Cooperation Information Systems (DCIS) and National Development Cooperation Forums (NDCFs). Workshop participants will also be encouraged to bring relevant documents to the workshop to reflect on their own policies considering these good practices and identify opportunities for improvement.

## **Guiding questions for the workshop**

- What are your NAP and NDCP priorities? How have they been aligned?
- How did the alignment happen? How did governments coordinate internally?
- How did this change dynamics with development partners? Did it help? What have the results been?
- What are lessons learned / advice for mainstreaming climate adaptation into development cooperation policies, including from failures/setbacks/experiments that did not work out?
- What data systems are in place to track development cooperation for climate adaptation at the national level? Are other systems used? How are these coordinated with DCIS?
- What are some lessons learned from engaging stakeholders in climate adaptation and national development cooperation priorities, including in the NDCF?

## Proposed Programme

### Day 1

10:30 – 10:40 AM	<p><b>Welcome remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Elena Panova</b>, UN Resident Coordinator, Egypt</li> </ul>
10:40 – 11:30 AM	<p><b>DCF Workshop Participant Introductions and kick off</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facilitator: <b>Mr. Daniel Platz</b>, DCF Team Leader, FSDO, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)</li> <li>▪ Introductions</li> <li>▪ Understanding participant needs and expectations of the workshop</li> <li>▪ Ice breakers</li> </ul>
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<p><b>Setting the scene</b> (5-7 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator: <b>Mr. Daniel Platz</b>, DCF Team Leader, FSDO, UNDESA</li> <li>• Brief overview of key data points from the 2022 DCF Survey Study</li> <li>• <b>Egypt</b>, brief overview of Glasgow-Sharm-el-Sheikh work programme</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jonathan Glennie</b>, Author, <i>The Future of Aid: Global Public Investment</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Stelios Grafakos</b>, Principal Economist, Climate Action and Inclusive Development Unit, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)</li> <li>• <b>LDC group representative</b> (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
1:00 – 1:15 PM	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
1:15 – 2:30 PM	<p><b>Overcoming challenges with aligning climate adaptation with national development cooperation policies and practices</b></p> <p><b>Country case studies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Mariam Kiggundu</b>, Senior Economist, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Daniel Braima</b>, Assistant Director, Ministry of Planning, Policy and Research, Sierra Leone</li> </ul> <p><i>Q&amp;A</i></p>
2:30 – 4:00 PM	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
4:00 – 5:30 PM	<p><b>Group activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Greg Barrett</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO, UNDESA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>5:30 – 5:45</b>	<b>Report back</b>
<b>5:45 – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Wrap up</b>

## Day 2

<b>10:00 – 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Recap of Day 1 by Facilitator and participants, highlighting best practices and recommendations, also sharing any further questions for presenters from Day 1</b>
<b>10:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<p><b>Experiences with mainstreaming climate adaptation into National Development Cooperation Policies (NDCPs) and other enablers of effective development cooperation– from policy to implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Facilitator: Mr. Daniel Platz</b>, DCF Team Leader, FSDO, UNDESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Country case studies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mr. Innocent Mugabe</b>, Officer, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Diana Phiri</b>, Assistant Director, Strategic Partnerships, Development Cooperation Department, Ministry of National Development Planning, Zambia</li> <li>● Representative of <b>Egypt</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
<b>12:30 – 12:45 PM</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>12:45 – 2:00 PM</b>	<p><b>Group activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Greg Barrett</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO, UNDESA</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Anjali Rangaswami</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO, UNDESA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>2:00 – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>3:30 – 3:45 PM</b>	<b>Report Back</b>
<b>3:45 – 4:45 PM</b>	<p><b>Identification of concrete country-level actions and proposals for next steps</b></p> <p><b>Individual and group activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Facilitators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Daniel Platz</b>, DCF Team Leader, FSDO, UNDESA</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Greg Barrett</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO, UNDESA</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Anjali Rangaswami</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO, UNDESA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

4:45 – 5:00 PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
5:00 – 5:15 PM	<b>Report Back</b>
5:15 – 5:30 PM	<b>Wrap up</b>
5:30-6:30 PM	<p><b>Concluding session and panel on general lessons in policy and practice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of a synthesis of best practices, lessons learned, and recommendations / advice, plus questions for probing in future work and workshops.</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Dr. Rania Al-Mashat</b>, Minister of International Cooperation, Arab Republic of Egypt (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Frank Rijsberman</b>, Director-General, The Global Green Growth Institute</li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A</b></li> </ul>

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