

GCF modalities for climate change mitigation and adaptation



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Primary Target Audience

Official delegations to the UN Environment Assembly
All other participants to the UN Environment Assembly

Objective

Provide an overview of how the GCF enables countries to mitigate anthropogenic climate change – resulting from the pollution of the atmosphere with greenhouse gases – and to adapt to its effects. Participants are provided with an opportunity to increase their knowledge of where and how the Fund operates and what resources are available for implementing projects and programmes.

Seating

This workshop is open to all participants of the UN Environment Assembly. Seating is limited – official delegations may reserve seating in advance by sending a request, indicating desired number of seats, to unea-registration@gcfund.org.



The role of the Green Climate Fund in adapting to and mitigating climate change

The emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is one of the greatest sources of pollution of our current time. Apart from local effects – such as high levels of atmospheric pollution in cities and industrialized areas – the effects of this pollution are borne by all human beings and the natural environment through changes in the global climate.

Climate change comes to us as slow-onset activities – such as the melting of the world’s glaciers or changes in rainfall patterns – but it’s enormous potential impact is already upon us through violent events such as hurricanes. This session will see two panelists relate to the audience these extremes of climate change, after which the modalities for support from the Green Climate Fund to developing countries will be presented.

- Lia Nicholson, Technical Officer of the Environment Division of the Government of Antigua & Barbuda, will relate of the destruction wrought upon Barbuda by Hurricane Irma on 6 September 2017, and of the efforts of the Government of Antigua & Barbuda to recover from this dramatic event that destroyed 95% of all buildings on the island and to be more prepared and resilient when hurricanes strike again.
- Benedict Libanda, Executive Director of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, will present on the effects of climate change in the northern zone of Namibia, where increasing temperatures and erratic rainfall threaten the livelihoods and economic viability of the local communities.
- German Velasquez, Director of the Division for Mitigation and Adaptation of the Green Climate Fund, will provide an overview of how the Green Climate Fund supports developing countries in adapting to and mitigation of climate change.

Following these brief presentations, there will be ample time for the audience to interact with the three panelists.

The session will be moderated by Patrick Van Laake, Senior Ecosystems Management Specialist at the Green Climate Fund.