

# POLI- TICAL CAFE

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Wednesday **12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

from 16:00 to 18:00

**Café Dudok**

Hofweg 1-a, The Hague

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## THEME

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# Climate funding going south?

**The urgency of climate funding with a focus on  
bottom-up approaches to adaptation**

Though local initiatives are crucial for sustainable adaptation to climate change, they are not taken into account sufficiently in the allocation of funds. Climate funding should focus more on bottom-up approaches to adaptation.

## Ghana - Local actors in the driver's seat of adaptation policies

In the Dayi river basin in Ghana, Bob Alfa of the Water Resources Commission, a local authority responsible for river basin management, and Ken Kinney of the NGO Development Institute have joined forces. Their aim is to ensure involvement of local communities and other major stakeholders in determining water resource use in the basin.

Civil society representatives are now on the Dayi River Basin Board. Moreover, for the first time in Ghana climate change and adaptation considerations are taken into account in the development of a river basin management plan. This example shows that the vision of ADAPTS, a joint project of ACACIA Water, Both ENDS, Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) and Southern partners, on the bottom-up development of adaptation measures is effective. It contributes to climate change resilience in a sustainable way.

## ADAPTS approach to adaptation

Climate change is affecting people that directly rely on their natural environment. In the Dayi River Basin, severely decreased rainfall in the past years has a negative impact on the traditional rain-fed agricultural practices. Based on scientific research on climate change and its impact on the availability of natural resources, ADAPTS gives support to successful farmer initiatives in sustainable small-scale irrigated agriculture to cope with the decrease in reliability of rainfall. This will contribute to climate proofing the basin's water management.

*ADAPTS invites you to a debate and drink afterwards together with our panel:*

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## PANEL

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- **Mr Bob Alfa** - Water Resources Commission, Ghana
- **Ms Lam Thi Thu Suu** - The Center for Social Research and Development, Vietnam
- **Mr Christoph Nuttall** - United Nations Development Programme
- **Mr Alex Simalabwi** - Global Water Partnership
- **Ms Sjoera Dijkers** - PvdA, Dutch Parliament

Moderator: **Mr Farid Tabarki** (Studio Zeitgeist)

### **Our aim**

Bottom-up programmes should become part of adaptation programmes and financing mechanisms. ADAPTS aims to increase developing countries' adaptive capacities by including climate change and adaptation in water policies, local planning and investment decisions.

Significant commitments have been made by Western donors to adaptation funds. But serious challenges remain in ensuring these funds reach those most vulnerable to climate change. Based on concrete experiences in different countries, ADAPTS promotes political commitment by European governments to make sufficient climate finance available for the engagement of key local actors.

### **The time is now**

The next Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Durban in December 2011 will most likely make small steps in reaching global agreement on climate funding. Also, in the Netherlands the priorities for development cooperation have been revised, which will lead to an adjusted development agenda. This political cafe is a good opportunity to evaluate what has been done so far, what next steps could be, and aims to contribute to the international and national discussions.

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**Talk and think along at  
our Political Cafe,  
drinks afterwards**

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