



# Delivering Money Where It Matters: effective climate action through predictable local climate finance

Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Time: 16:45 to 18:30

Lead partners: IIED and Both ENDS

Additional partners: Under 2 MoU, The Climate Group

**Abstract:** Subnational governments and non-state actors<sup>1</sup> can work alongside climate vulnerable communities to understand their most critical climate risks. Drawing knowledge from the ground, these subnational actors can direct climate finance to help build the resilience of local communities to the escalating shocks and stresses of climate change, and therefore deliver more effective and efficient climate solutions. This event will examine the latest innovations driving local climate action, and explore opportunities to deliver sustainable and predictable climate finance to these subnational geographies. These finance flows will be crucial if we are to collectively deliver the ambition of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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## Event summary

Subnational governments and non-state actors in both the global North and South are delivering climate action at pace and scale. These subnational actors are well-positioned to engage citizens at the frontline of climate change. By responding to the priorities of local communities and helping them achieve sustainable, climate-resilient and low-carbon growth, these governments play an essential part in delivering ambitious national climate objectives.

During this side event, you will hear from governments, NGOs and small grants funds from across the globe sharing first-hand experiences of driving effective, equitable and efficient climate action at the local level. They will explore what needs to happen next for climate finance to evolve and enable developing countries to deliver their own contributions to the

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<sup>1</sup> Subnational non-state actors encompass, *inter alia*: community based organisations; micro, small and medium sized enterprises; local non-governmental organisations; community managed funds.

Paris Agreement. The panel will bring fresh insights to achieving sustained, predictable and regular flows of climate finance to where it is most needed.

This event builds on discussions held at COP22 in Marrakech, where an alliance of government and non-government partners under the Devolved Climate Finance Alliance (DCF-A) set out the benefits of subnational climate funds for delivering effective climate action. At COP23 we look forward, with subnational governments, NGOs and small grants funds partnering with IIED, Both ENDS and Under 2 MOU to debate how to reach real scale and contribute to increasing climate ambition by 2020.

## Panel members

The event will be structured as follows:

- i) Plenary discussion across a selection of government, NGOs and small grants funds from the global North and South: sharing their experiences, lessons learnt and ways forward to scale-up and mainstream subnational<sup>1</sup> climate finance.
- ii) Opportunity for members of the audience to share their own experiences of challenges to and innovations in subnational climate financing.

The chairs, keynote speaker and panel members are as follows:

- **Event chair:** Gebru Jember Endalew, Chair of the Least Developed Countries Climate Negotiation Group
- **Key Note: *Shaping Climate Finance to Leave No One Behind*:** Eva Svedling, State Secretary to the Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden.
  - **Panel speaker I:** Californian Senator
  - **Panel speaker II:** Pa Ousman, Director of Country Programming, Green Climate Fund
  - **Panel speaker III:** Kenyan representatives of the Devolved Climate Finance Alliance: H.E Josphat Koli Nanok, Governor Turkana County Kenya and Chairman Council of Governors; and Peter Odhengo, The National Treasury, The Government of Kenya
  - **Panel speaker IIII.** William Kostka, Director, Micronesia Conservation Trust

## Event agenda

TIMING	SPEAKER	DESCRIPTION
16:45 – 16:50	<b>Event chair</b>	Scene setter on the viewpoint of international financing mechanisms at the UN level for supporting subnational finance, and efforts to mobilise more subnational finance
1650- 1705	<b>Key Note</b>	Shaping climate finance to leave no one behind
17:05 – 17:15	<b>Panel speaker I:</b>	Insights, lessons and forward-looking perspectives on the role of subnational climate action in developed economies, and the opportunities for northern subnational regions to mobilise financial and technical support for southern subnational actors

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17:15 – 17:25	<b>Panel speaker II: GCF Country Programming Director</b>	Experiences of the GCF in reaching the local level in public and private finance, and how the GCF is looking to support subnational finance over the next 1-2 years, and
17:25 – 17:35	<b>Panel speaker III: Kenya representing DCF-A</b>	Insights, lessons learnt and forward-looking perspectives on subnational climate finance and action, and the ways climate finance must evolve to ensure sustained and predictable climate finance gets to the local level
17:35 – 17:45	<b>Panel speaker IV: Micronesia</b>	Insights, lessons learnt and forward-looking perspectives on subnational climate finance and action, and the ways climate finance must evolve to ensure sustained and predictable climate finance gets to the local level
17:45 – 18:15	<b>Question &amp; answer</b>	Q&A: Questions from event participants to the panel to glean further experiences on delivering subnational climate finance, providing insights and lessons learnt on their own innovations in subnational climate financing, and identifying challenges and solutions to delivering sustained and predictable climate finance to the local level

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