

How to Integrate Disability Inclusion into Climate Finance? Approaches from FCDO and the Climate Funds

Monday, June 10, 10.00-11.15

Background

Persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change, yet remain under-represented in climate policy-making. Without targeted measures flows of climate finance risk reproducing and deepening exclusion and inequality.

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), [Disability Inclusion and Rights Strategy](#) (2022-2023), commits to ensuring that all its climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts will incorporate disability inclusion considerations by 2030. It specifically commits to investing in disability-inclusive research and aligning climate finance with disability inclusion goals. As part of this commitment, FCDO works with Multilateral Climate Funds (MCFs) – such as Climate Investment Funds (CIF), Green Climate Fund (GCF), Global Environmental Facility (GEF), and Adaptation Fund (AF) to advance this agenda.

The CIF has been leading advocacy efforts on disability inclusion in climate finance, by publishing a [Background Paper](#) and conducting dissemination workshops. In collaboration with CBM Global and the Global Disability Innovation Hub, practical sectoral guidance notes focusing on energy transitions, climate-smart cities, and nature-based solutions are being drafted based on a consultative process.

The seventeenth session of the Conference of States Parties ([COSP17](#)) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) will take place at UN HQ in New York on June 11-13, 2024. It will bring together representatives of the member countries to discuss progress on the commitments made in CRPD. On June 10th, the International Disability Alliance will host a Civil Society Forum (CSF) to leverage the opportunity to amplify the voice and facilitate adequate and active participation of persons with disabilities.

Event description

FCDO and CIF will be hosting a workshop as part of the official program of COSP/CSF activities to reflect on the best approaches for disability-inclusive climate strategies in climate investment projects and seek inputs directly from the organizations of persons with disabilities.

It would aim to advance dialogue with climate finance providers and representatives of CBM Global, GDI Hub, UN partners and World Bank to generate new actionable knowledge, as well as facilitate networking and coalition building.

The workshop would aim to bring together **representatives of:**

- Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
- Representatives of Donor Governments providing bilateral finance to the climate agenda
- Representatives
- Representatives of MCF's Implementing Agencies – Multilateral Development Banks (WBG, ADB, AfDB, IADB, EBRD) and UN Agencies

Tentative Run of the Show for the Workshop

	Intervention	Speakers	Time
1	Opening Remarks	Diana Dalton, Head of Gender and Equalities Dept, FCDO	10:00-10:05
2	Disability Inclusion in Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Measures	Diana Dalton, Head of Gender and Equalities Dept, FCDO	10:05-10:15
3	Climate Investment Fund's take on Disability Inclusion: Practical Entry Points	Nina Kolybashkina, Gender and Social Inclusion Lead, Climate Investment Funds	10:15-10:25
4	Best Practices in Disability Inclusion in Climate Action	Ola Abualghaib, Manager, UNPRPD	10:25-10:35
5	Partnerships with OPDs in Climate Finance	David Bainbridge (Executive Director, CBM Global) Anna Landre, Researcher, Global Disability Innovation Hub	10:35-10:45
6	Panel Discussion	All Participants	10:45-11:10
7	Closing Remarks	Charlotte Vuyiswa McClain-Nhlapo, Disability Inclusion Lead, World Bank	11:10-11:15