

# Scaling Up Finance and Partnerships for responding to Loss and Damage

23 September 2025 • 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
UNHQ - Conference room #1



## BACKGROUND

The operationalization of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) at COP28 marked a historic breakthrough in global climate cooperation, answering the long-standing call of developing countries for dedicated support to address climate-induced loss and damage.

Today, loss and damage is recognized as a critical subject in the global climate agenda. Yet, the gap between the costs associated with climate impacts and available support continues to widen, placing the developing countries at increasing risk. Bridging this gap requires not only resources, but sustained political leadership and strategic partnerships.

As the host country of the FRLD Board and with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. having been invited to serve as the first Champion of the Fund, the Philippines is committed to the fulfilment of the FRLD's mandate and the strengthening of its institutional architecture.

Building on the momentum of the annual High-Level dialogue mandated by the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and co-convened last April by the United Nations Secretary-General and the FRLD, this gathering will bring together world leaders in a concerted effort to galvanize political action for support and tangible contributions to the Fund. It will further seek to forge sustainable partnerships capable of delivering predictable, timely, and needs-based financing to those already bearing the most severe impacts of climate change.



## OBJECTIVES

- **Galvanize political and financial momentum** for the FRLD by encouraging new and additional pledges and contributions, signaling sustained confidence in the FRLD's mandate and operations and forging strategic partnerships.
- **Highlight innovative, country-led solutions** to addressing loss and damage, drawing on the experiences and priorities of developing countries, such as those of the CVF-V20, while underscoring the role of the FRLD in enabling bottom-up and country-led support.
- **Strengthen the architecture of multilateral cooperation for mobilizing and delivering predictable, timely, and needs-based support to developing countries in responding to loss and damage** by deepening collaboration with the Multilateral Development Banks, UN agencies, philanthropic organizations and global climate finance institutions, ensuring coherence, complementarity, and scaled-up resources for loss and damage response.

UNGA80  
High-Level Week



Government of the  
Philippines



Secretariat of the  
Fund for Responding  
to Loss and Damage



## AGENDA

Remarks from the Co-Chairs of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage

- Mr. Richard Sherman (South Africa)
- Mr. Jean Christophe Donnellier (France)

### 1. High-Level Segment

#### Keynote Address

H.E. Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., President of the Philippines

- List of High Level Speakers (Heads of States and Governments/Leaders) - to be circulated

### 2. Panel Discussion

The purpose of this segment is to move from dialogue to decisive action by inviting different stakeholders to share any concrete commitments, and present innovative approaches that can drive measurable progress on loss and damage.

#### Guide questions

1. What concrete innovations in the global financial architecture can be pursued – within multilateral development banks, multilateral climate funds, and other financial institutions – to deliver predictable, timely, and accessible funding at scale to respond to loss and damage?
2. How can partnerships between governments, international organizations, philanthropic actors, and the private sector be fostered and strengthened to reinforce the role of the FRLD and to catalyze the delivery of resources to developing countries and communities facing loss and damage?
3. What actions can be undertaken to support the FRLD in fulfilling its critical mandate, both to ensure success during its start-up phase and to sustain momentum in the long-term?

#### Invitees:

- Heads of UN Institutions
- Government representatives and Ministers
- Multilateral financial institutions
- Development partners, and regional bodies
- Civil society and Academia
- Philanthropic organizations
- Climate Funds

**Moderator:** Ibrahima Cheikha Diong, Executive Director, FRLD Secretariat



Government of the  
Philippines



Secretariat of the  
Fund for Responding  
to Loss and Damage