

SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION-RELATED ACTIONS AND PROJECTS

“Searching for Funding Opportunities”

9 – 10 September 2014

Hilton Mexico City Reforma Hotel, Mexico DF

1. Background Information

Awareness of an urgent need to taking action vis-à-vis climate change has been significantly enhanced by current scientific knowledge on climate change impacts. Climate change adaptation endeavours being pursued in the Latin American and Caribbean region are deemed as one of the major challenges governments are nowadays facing up to and shall be coping with in the short- and medium-term.

Notwithstanding prevalent methodological constraints to setting up a divide between climate change and the climate variability being experienced in the past, the idea that adaptation is necessary and should be deemed as a priority is being shared by both industrialised and developing countries alike. Furthermore, the notion that a timely adaptation shall allow for a proper and gradual cost management of climate change -thus avoiding for those costs to be either transferred or externalised from producers to consumers, from the private sector to the public sector, and from present to future generations- is a fact being deemed as an acceptable and valid assumption. In this sense, it is expected that the enforcement of the policy framework being chosen by governments in the region should be supplemented with the work and the assistance of international organisations, development banks and donors in general. While international, regional and national funding to climate change adaptation endeavours is showing an upwards trend, it is still short of fund requirements to address needs as estimated. Even though both adaptation and mitigation activities are being provided for, the allocation of funds is far from homogeneous, while mitigation-driven funding is prevailing over adaptation-aimed funding at an approximate 1:4 ratio respectively (Source: Climate Funds Update, 2013).

Meaningful inroads have been made by the Latin America and the Caribbean region countries in their understanding of the "climate funding" concept, an idea referring to all mitigation- and adaptation-related financial flows in the local, national, or transnational setting, fund which could be originating in public, private or alternative funding sources. Thus, within the framework of current international negotiations, "climate finance" refers to, in general, all those mechanisms and institutions currently in place to promoting and

monitoring the fulfilment of the collective commitment being entered into by industrialised countries to provide fresh financial resources to developing countries.

Specifically regarding adaptation, technical surveys refer to an "adaptation economics" showing a gap between supply and demand. An important starting point to steering up these efforts is being made up by outcomes of national, sub-national and sub-regional climate change vulnerability surveys being conducted in the region.

This workshop is the second event being scheduled by CAF to facilitating a practical approach between the adaptation efforts being pursued by stakeholders in countries in the region and funding needs / opportunities.

The first event of its kind was held in Lima, Peru in October 2013 with a sub-regional focus on South America. Countries specifically partaking of this workshop were Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

This time, the Workshop: Climate Change Adaptation-related Actions and Projects: "Searching for Funding Opportunities" will be held in Mexico City DF, and countries participating will be those making up the Mesoamerican and Caribbean region.

2. Workshop Objective

Helping strengthening up capabilities in place at public institutions and in the non-governmental sector in Latin American and Caribbean countries, in order to accurately pinpoint funding requirements involved in national climate change adaptation endeavours, and to single out currently available funding options.

3. Particular Objectives:

- i) Becoming acquainted with progress being made with adaptation plans of countries at a national, sub-national and / or regional scale;
- ii) Sharing experiences regarding adaptation projects and activities already identified according to vulnerability surveys and how these surveys are adapting to each country's own plans and policy;
- iii) Becoming aware of climate change adaptation-driven funding opportunities and programmes.

4. Participants:

- i) Government officials involved in adaptation-related planning and investment in Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela
- ii) Member of technical teams conducting vulnerability surveys in above mentioned countries
- iii) Representatives of multilateral co-operation and funding organizations.

5. Programme:

Day 9/09/2014 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROGRESSS BEING MADE IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLANNING	
8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-9:00	Opening Ceremony - Ms. Moira Paz, Director Representative CAF - Mexico - Ms. Ligia Castro de Doens, Director of the Environment and Climate Change, CAF - Mr. Rodolfo Lacy Tamayo, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Environmental Policy, Environment and Natural Resources Secretariat of Mexico - SEMARNAT
9:00-9:20	Climate Change-related Funding Mapping Speaker: Ms Ligia Castro, CAF
9:20 – 9:40	National Climate Change Adaptation Agenda Speaker: Ms. Beatriz Bernal, General Director, Climate Change Policymaking – SEMARNAT
9:40-10:20	Vulnerability Status of the Mesoamerica and the Caribbean Region (simultaneous interpreting into Spanish). Speakers (20 minutes each): - Vulnerability Index and Adaptation to Climate Change in LAC Mr. James Allan, Maplecroft - Vulnerability Status Ms. Marta Moneo, UNEP
10:20-10:45	Conclusions Questions and Answers
10:45-11:00	Break

11:00-12:45	Progress in the design and application of Adaptation Plans in the national, subnational or sector setting, and main needs identified. Country Presentation (15 minutes per country): Rep. Belize ; Rep. Costa Rica ; Rep. Cuba ; Rep. El Salvador ; Rep. Guatemala ; Rep. Honduras and Rep. Jamaica
12:45-1:00	Questions and answers
1:00-2:00	Lunch
Afternoon	State-of-the-Art – National Adaptation Policy and Plans
2:30-4:00	Second part (15 minutes per country): Rep. Nicaragua ; Rep. Panama ; Rep. Dominican Republic ; Rep. Trinidad and Tobago ; Rep. Venezuela ; and Rep. Mexico
4:00-4:15	Questions and Answers
4:15-4:30	Break
4:30-6:30	Workshop 1. Prioritizing Adaptation needs by country bearing in mind Vulnerability Analyses, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), other. Country working groups (groups made up by members of: country representations, sector experts, and technical teams)
7:30	Welcome cocktail and presentation of CAF's Latin American Climate Change Adaptation Programme
Day 2. 09/10/2014	RELEVANT EXPERIENCES AND LINKING OF ADAPTATION PRIORITIES WITH FUNDING NEEDS
8:00 – 8:15	Introduction of Day Agenda - CAF
8:15 – 9:35	Presentation of relevant adaptation-related regional initiatives and experiences. Speakers (20 minutes each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Leyla Zelaya, Proyecto Mesoamérica - Mr. Adolfo Lara, Centro Mario Molina - Mr. Fernando Rosales Flores, Instituto de Ecología del Estado de Guanajuato, Silting up Practice in the Turbio River Watershed - Mr. Oscar Vásquez, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente del Distrito Federal
9:35-9:45	Conclusions Questions and Answers
9:45-10:00	Break

10:00-12:00	<p>Typologies and experiences in Adaptation projects by funding institutions: Speakers (20 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Randall Hooker, Central American Economic Integration Bank (BCIE) - Mr. Jean-Marc Liger, French Development Agency (AFD) - Mr. Erick Fernandes, The World Bank - Ms. Mary Gómez, Co-ordinator, Climate Change Unit, CAF - Mr. Daniel Gallagher, Associate Adaptation Official, Adaptation Fund
12:00-12:30	<p>Conclusions Questions and Answers</p>
1:00-2:00	Lunch
Afternoon	Assessment of Adaptation Options and Outcomes
2:30-2:50	<p><i>Resilient Score Card</i> – United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – UNISDR Speaker: Ricardo Mena</p>
2:50-3:10	<p>Methodology: Identification and Prioritization of Climate Change Adaptation Measures - SEMARNAT-GIZ - Mexican-German Climate Change Alliance Project Speaker: Mr. Camilo de la Garza</p>
3:10-3:20	Questions and answers
3:20-4:00	Workshop 2. Review of Day 1 Workshop Outcomes, identifying opportunities on the basis of funding group presentations
4:00-4:15	Break
4:15 – 6:20	Presentation of outcomes per group (10 minutes per country)
6:20-6:40	Conclusions. Next steps. Closure