



Wilton Park

Provisional programme

Loss and Damage: How transformational? | WP3213

Tuesday 21 March 2023, 1230-1530 GMT (0830-1130 EST)

To be held virtually on Zoom

The climate crisis and its impact is a defining issue of our time. It continues to threaten societies globally and its economic, social, and environmental impacts are a challenge for us all. The world demands a collaborative, coordinated, multilateral response that is inclusive to those countries on the frontline of climate change. The United Nations Climate Change Conference COP27 facilitated a breakthrough agreement to provide “loss and damage” funding for vulnerable countries hit hard by climate disasters they cannot avoid or adapt to. The fund aims to help governments rebuild vital infrastructure and provide social protection to help communities bridge crises and avoid the poverty spiral after climate disasters.

As mitigation efforts fall short of limiting average global temperature rise to 1.5°C, and the investments in adaptation fail to prepare societies for the resulting disaster, loss and damage is an inevitable progression within climate investment funding. The burning question is whether the proposed measures will address the underlying systemic issues at the speed and scale required for the rehabilitation, recovery, and innovation in vulnerable countries. In partnership with the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) this Wilton Park dialogue will discuss how transformational is the loss and damage agenda? Has loss and damage paved the way for more sustainable development where no one is left behind? What more can be done?

We will bring together, virtually, about 80 participants from the worlds of policy action, research and evaluation.

This dialogue will address:

1. How transformational COP27 was on loss and damage?
2. How can this agenda be made more transformational going forward?

This meeting is held in partnership with the Transformational Change Learning Partnership hosted by the Climate Investment Funds (CIF)

(Speakers invited and themes proposed; * denotes confirmed)

1220-1230

Participants join

1230-1245

Welcome and introduction

***Kristina Henly**

Wilton Park Chair

***Mike Ward**

Senior Sustainability Specialist, Climate Investment Funds (CIF), United States of America



1245-1330

1. Reflections of COP27 and loss and damage

While many thought it would be unachievable, countries formally recognised the need for finance to address loss and damage associated with climate change at COP27. This session will draw on reflections and dig deeper into how transformational was COP27 on loss and damage? How did COP27 take the loss and damage agenda forward further than before? What value did COP27 add?

Speakers followed by roundtable

*Saleemul Huq

Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Bangladesh

Speaker to be confirmed

1330-1340

Break

1340-1415

2. How to make this agenda more transformational going forward?

Will the proposed measures address the underlying systemic issues at the speed and scale required for the rehabilitation, recovery, and innovation in vulnerable countries? Has loss and damage paved the way for more sustainable development where no one is left behind?

This session will explore what is needed from the loss and damage agenda. What is currently planned? And how to align the two?

*Preety Bhandari

Senior Adviser, Global Climate Program and Finance Center, World Resources Institute (WRI), United States of America

*Kehinde Balogun

Associate Project Manager, Institute for Environment and Human Security, United Nations University, Bonn, Germany

1415-1450

3. Discussion groups – taking the agenda forward

Small discussion groups will build on the previous discussion and explore what systemic change is needed to take the loss and damage agenda forward? How could this be implemented? Who would need to be involved and how?

1450-1520

4. Reflections from discussion groups

Report back and further round table discussion.

1520-1530

5. Next steps

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This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

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