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**COP26 CATALYST
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Launch of the COP26 Catalyst Call to Action for transformational capacity building

Date: Thursday 11 November

Time: 1800-1930 GMT (followed by a reception)

Venue: The UK Pavilion (Zone D)

Online: via [UK Government COP26 YouTube channel](#)

The Paris Agreement provides a truly global framework for climate ambition and action. To unlock its full potential, it is important that all countries can participate to their maximum potential and that a lack of capacity does not hold them back.

In its role as the COP26 Presidency, the UK has been committed to better understanding the capacity-building challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to climate impacts.

Throughout this year, COP Catalyst partners have consulted hundreds of stakeholders from every region of the world to gauge views and ideas on capacity building to support implementation of the Paris Agreement. At this event, we will launch the COP26 Catalyst partners' Call to Action, which will set out a vision of the transformational impact that enhanced capacity building could have for climate ambition and response.

AGENDA

Time	Theme and speakers
1800	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Chair: James Corre, Wilton Park, Secretariat for COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action</p> <p>COP 26 Catalyst to Call to Action</p> <p>Yamikani Idriss, Environmental Officer, Environmental Affairs Department, Government of Malawi</p> <p>Nick Bridge, UK Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change</p> <p>Mattias Broman, Sweden; Chair, Adaptation Fund Board</p>
1815	<p>1. Access to Finance</p>

	<p>Action Group partners will consider a range of short, medium and long term practical actions which can support capacity building to improve the ability to access finance for climate action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mattias Frumerie, Head of Delegation to UNFCCC, Government of Sweden • Tessa Vaetoru, (<i>pre-recorded video</i>) Development Programme Manager, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Government of the Cook Islands
1830	<p>2. Transparency and Reporting</p> <p>All countries need to be able to produce reliable, transparent and comprehensive information on emissions, climate actions and support under the Enhanced Transparency Framework. This session will introduce the COP26 Catalyst’s work on transparency and reporting: outlining existing support, challenges and experiences and presenting our headline conclusions and recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamikani Idriss, Environmental Officer, Environmental Affairs Department, Government of Malawi
1840	<p>3. Adaptation Action</p> <p>Action Group partners will outline the challenges faced by developing countries in their preparation of their first Adaptation Communications (ADCOMs) to the UNFCCC. They will propose recommendations for different stakeholders that can support capacity building to strengthen ADCOM preparation and contribute to well-coordinated national adaptation planning and implementation processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anju Sharma, Lead, Locally-led Action, Global Center for Adaptation • Shehnaaz Moosa (<i>pre-recorded video</i>) Lead, Finance Hub, Southsouthnorth; Director, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)
1850	<p>4. Carbon Markets Participation</p> <p>Many developing countries plan to take advantage of carbon markets, but have highlighted their need for related capacity building support. This session will introduce the COP26 Catalyst’s work examining national objectives and approaches to carbon markets, with a focus on removing identified barriers to participation, including in LDCs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aglaja Espelage, Perspectives Climate Group
1900	<p>Transforming capacity building</p> <p>Transforming capacity building to support developing countries achieve their ambitions and take action under the Paris Agreement.</p>

	<p>Sonam Wangdi, (<i>video contribution</i>) Secretary of the National Environment Commission for the Royal Government of Bhutan; Chair, Least Developed Countries, Bhutan</p> <p>Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh</p> <p>Makoto Kato, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan</p> <p>Representative from Germany</p>
1925	<p>Close of session</p> <p>Karl McAlinden, UK COP26 Presidency</p>
1930-2100	<p>Reception</p>