



Provisional programme

Exploring pathways to transformational climate action

Tuesday 10 May 2022, 1230-1530 BST

To be held virtually

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. Without immediate drastic action adapting to these impacts in the future will be more difficult and costly, and the world will struggle to get back on track with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS).

Major changes will be necessary in our economies and societies and need to be effectuated in record time. In order to succeed, they will need to be systemic and comprehensive and include perspectives such as climate justice, just transition, and the full range of Sustainable Development Goals.

This third dialogue in the series will continue to look at concrete cases, evaluated and researched, on how transformational climate action can take place.

We will bring together, virtually, about 50 participants from the often disconnected worlds of policy action, research and evaluation. By discussing the existing evidence, we will identify ways to break down the many practical, political and structural barriers to lead to improved collaboration and aligned networks across these sectors.

Questions to address in this and the subsequent session during 2022 (including an in-person meeting in September 2022):

- What are the pathways and actions that will truly work to mitigate climate change risks and foster systemic resilience?
- How do societies innovate, experiment, and scale-up effective comprehensive climate responses as the world builds back better in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- How to better understand how systems function together, and what changes to systems needs to happen for transformational change?
- What processes will generate enough commonly-held beliefs about how to transform cultures, values and societies – and the will to make these changes happen?

- How to create stronger evaluation, research, science, monitoring, evidence and knowledge systems to better understand lessons learnt from transformations that happen as a result of investments and projects? How to ensure these lessons are captured, made relevant and accessible for others through communication? How to ensure learnings are learnt, and implemented?

This meeting is held in partnership with: The International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS), Climate Investment Funds, Global Environment Facility, Green Climate Fund, University of Sussex, Institute of Development Studies, United Nations Development Programme Independent Evaluation Office, International Evaluation Academy, International Fund for Agricultural Development.

1220-1230

Participants join

1230-1240

Welcome and introduction

Nick Linfield

Programme Director and Head of Policy, Wilton Park

1240-1325

1. Transformation in climate action – examples in practice

Sharing examples of transformational climate action from China followed by roundtable discussion.

Session Chair:

Zenda Ofir

International Evaluator, (Interim) Council Chair, International Evaluation Academy (IEAc)

Speakers:

Hongjun Zhang

Partner, Holland & Knight LLP, Washington

Ma Jun

Director, Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs, Beijing

1325-1410

2. Transformation in climate action – examples in practice

Sharing the experience of the CIF's Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC) in Mexico, and its contributions to the understanding of Transformational Change in climate action. Participants will hear about the transformative elements of the initiative and insights on how climate finance projects can support transformational change at a systemic level, from the perspective and participation of IPLCs.

This session will be in Spanish with English interpretation

Session Chair:

Nacibe Chemor

Independent Consultant, Guadalajara

Speakers:

Ricardo Ramírez

DGM Project Manager on behalf of Rainforest Alliance Mexico

Gladis Garcia Osorio

Indigenous Representative from Mexico's DGM National Steering Committee

1410-1415

Break

1415-1455

3. Discussion groups

During this session we will discuss the draft high level note on transformational change. Participants will be asked to provide feedback on the note in smaller groups, reflecting on the case studies we have heard in the series so far. There will also be opportunities to give written feedback at a later date as the note will continue to be developed up until the September Wilton Park meeting.

Rob D van den Berg

Professor, King's College London

Discussion group questions:

1. With regard to the case studies, are there any additional factors which are not included or emphasised in the draft note which should be highlighted?
2. From your perspective, are there any gaps or omissions which you would wish to see incorporated for further consideration and discussion? Which are the most important factors?
3. Who do you think this note should be shared with, or where should it be discussed to have the most influence? For example, COP27.

1455-1515

4. Feedback from discussion groups

1515-1530

5. Next steps

1530-1545

Optional informal discussion and networking opportunity

Goals and objectives:

This series of dialogues will help create a better understanding of evaluative evidence and research findings which policy makers will be able to apply to make the transformative changes our societies need. Specifically, to:

1. Highlight and share existing knowledge and practical evidence from different actors that can inform more effective transformational action in the climate arena.
2. Strengthen productive linkages between power brokers among climate policymakers [public and private] and evidence-gatherers [researchers, evaluators, policy analysts] in support of transformational climate actions.
3. Determine how to unlock evidence, and how the linkages between policymakers [public and private sector decisionmakers, civil society] and evidence-gatherers can be made to be more productive in support of transformational change in the climate arena.
4. Integrate perspectives and finding high-level consensus and inspiring more impactful evidence-based collaborative action towards transformational change across research, evaluation, policy and action arenas for transformational climate action.

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

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