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15:00-16:30
Room 2



ACCESSING CLIMATE FINANCE

**Increasing Ambition for Water in NAP
Implementation and NDC Delivery**

**Preparation of resilience-building water
projects for the Green Climate Fund:
experiences from Latin America & the
Caribbean**

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Developing countries face multiple challenges to access climate finance for adaptation. The GCF is mandated to promote country-driven, climate-resilient and low-carbon development. Articulating a clear climate rationale – or how a project’s interventions specifically address impacts of GHG-induced climate change – is one of the most significant obstacles for water projects submitted to the GCF. Other barriers cited by countries include capacity limitations within countries, and weak coordination among in-country entities including Ministries of Water, Ministries of Planning, and Ministries of Finance. Limited understanding of GCF investment requirements, financing instruments, and inexperience in structuring project finance pose further barriers in accessing required resources.

Over 320 officials – GCF National Designated Authorities, GCF Direct Access Entities, and Water Ministries – from 77 countries across 4 continental regions – Africa, Asia, the Mediterranean, and Latin America & the Caribbean – participated in a series of regional workshops in 2018-2019, to share lessons from their growing experience in preparing, financing, and implementing GCF water projects. At the workshops, country teams worked on 132 country-prioritized potential GCF water project ideas, sharpening their climate rationale and paradigm-shift potential.

This event will share lessons from countries and discuss support available to countries via the regional Project Preparation Partnerships that have emerged from these workshops. Taking place under the Presidency of the Government of Chile, this COP25 event will highlight examples from Latin America & the Caribbean.

The Project Preparation Partnerships provide regional platform for coalitions of NDAs, DAEs and Water Ministries and agencies, regional institutions, climate and development financiers, private sector and other entities that are committed to working together to enable countries to access the technical and financial support they need to prepare and implement climate resilient water projects efficiently and effectively.

Expected outcome

Experiences shared on articulating the climate rationale, on designing and financing resilient water projects, and on accessing support from the GCF and the Project Preparation Partnerships for Climate Resilient Water Projects.

INDICATIVE AGENDA

15:00–15:05	Welcome & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Leandro Diaz, Chair, GWP South America</i>
15:05–15:15	Climate Rationale in GCF Water Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Amir H. Delju, Senior Scientific Coordinator – Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, World Meteorological Organization, WMO</i>
15:15–15:25	Experience from Climate Resilient Water Project Preparation Workshop in Latin America & the Caribbean <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sara Oppenheimer, Network Officer, GWP Latin America & the Caribbean</i>
15:25-16:05	Water & Climate Resilience: Challenges & Opportunities for GCF Programming <p>Grenada. Balancing infrastructure and institutions while building resilience via water: Grenada’s policy processes and GCF investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Trevor Thompson, Chief Land Use Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands</i> <p>El Salvador. NAPs, NDCs, water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Edwin J. Castellanos, Dean, Research Institutem</i> <p>Argentina. Adaptation planning – foundations for project preparation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ing. Emanuel Ayala, Coordinator Tecnico, Red Argentina de Municipios Frente al Cambio Climático</i> <p>Ecuador. Water in resilient cities and ecosystems: challenges and opportunities in the Galapagos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Norman Wray Reyes, Ministro, Presidente de Consejo de Gobierno de Regimen Especial de Galápagos</i> <p>Guatemala. Water and climate resilience: the experience of Guatemala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Edwin J. Castellanos, Dean, Research Institute, Universidad Del Valle</i>
16:05-16:20	Interactive discussion with countries, partners, and audience <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Moderated by Leandro Diaz, Chair, GWP South America</i>
16:20-16:30	Summary and Path Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Donneil Cain, Project Development Specialist, CCCCC</i>