

Development and Adaptation Days at COP-11 3 and 4 December 2005, Montreal, Canada (a two-day Parallel Event held during COP-11)

Development and Adaptation Days has become an anticipated part of each Conference of the Parties—an opportunity for the international climate change and development communities to share new approaches, explore common concerns and further adaptation efforts in developing countries. The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), together with the Regional and International Networking Group (RING), are pleased to announce that this tradition will continue at COP-11 in Montreal, Canada on 3 and 4 December—“Development and Adaptation Days at COP-11”—as part of the Parallel Event “Understanding and Preparing for Change.”

The workshop will:

- ◆ *bring together practitioners, negotiators, scientists and policy-makers to explore key issues related to adaptation to climate change in developing countries;*
- ◆ *share latest developments and information on climate change and development linkages; and*
- ◆ *facilitate greater collaborative links between to the climate change and development communities.*

Programme

Day One: Development Day

Session 1: ***Linking Development and Climate Change***

Coordinator: **Farhana Yamin** (IDS)

Session 2: ***Health and Climate Change***

Coordinators: **Bettina Menne** (WHO) and **Andrew Githeko** (Kenya)

Session 3: ***Disaster Management and Climate Change***

Coordinators: **Madeleen Helmer** (Red Cross) and **Sarah La Trobe** (Tearfund)

Session 4: ***High Level Panel Discussion***

Coordinator: **John Drexhage** (IISD)

Day Two: Adaptation Day

Session 1: ***Adaptation Science***

Coordinators: **Neil Leary** (START) and **Tony Nyong** (Nigeria)

Session 2: ***Community-based Adaptation***

Coordinators: **Saleemul Huq** (IIED) and **Atiq Rahman** (BCAS)

Session 3: ***Experience with NAPAs***

Coordinators: **Tom Downing** (SEI) and **Bubu Jallow** (LEG)

Session 4: ***High Level Panel Discussion***

Coordinators: **Saleemul Huq** (IIED)

There will be four sessions per day—three topic specific sessions followed by a “High Level” session consisting of senior representatives from either countries or agencies. Participation on all panels will be by invitation only.

Short presentations of no more than 10 minutes each will be made by invited presenters during each session. Session coordinators will be taking the lead in planning and organising each session, including the commissioning of papers/presentations, the selection of session chairs etc. Summaries of papers presented during *Development and Adaptation Days* will be distributed during the workshop.

Selection of papers for presentation during thematic sessions

An open call for papers to be presented at each session of *Development and Adaptation Days*, with the exception of the High Level Sessions, is being launched. Individuals are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 200 words that relates to one of the following six themes:

- ◆ Linking Development and Climate Change
- ◆ Health and Climate Change
- ◆ Disaster Management and Climate Change
- ◆ Adaptation Science
- ◆ Community-based Adaptation
- ◆ Experience with National Adaptation Programmes of Action

Papers will be selected based upon their consistency with the goals and objectives of the workshop and each session, and their contribution to new knowledge and/or perspectives. Preference will be given to presenters from developing countries reporting on recent or ongoing activities taking place, rather than theoretical papers. The session and workshop organisers will make the final selection of papers for presentation based on geographical spread, ***with a preference for papers from Africa and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)***.

A maximum of six papers will be selected for presentation in each session. Funding to support travel to Montreal will be available to a limited number of ***participants from developing countries*** whose papers are accepted for presentation.

All abstracts must be submitted no later than 30 September 2005 to Saleemul Huq, Beth Hughes or Hannah Reid at the International Institute for Environment and Development.

Participation:

Participation in the event is free of charge, but advance registration is encouraged. For registration please contact the organisers.

For further information (or registration) contact: Saleemul Huq (saleemul.huq@iied.org), Hannah Reid (Hannah.reid@iied.org), Beth Hughes (beth.hughes@iied.org) at IIED or Jo-Ellen Parry (jparry@iisd.ca) at IISD.