



Day 1 – 28th September 2020

High-Level Plenary on Resourcing Adaptation

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Climate change today poses as a key threat to global socio-economic growth and stability thus, highlighting a need for us to understand action on climate change within the socio-economic and developmental contexts. Adaptation to climate change, and adaptive capacities, in particular, are closely linked to development indicators. Adaptation also inherently entails within a degree of complexity and uncertainty which goes beyond, but is not unresponsive to, financial and technological capital. This implies that the state of human, social and natural capital and their development play a central role in determining and influencing adaptive capacities. Successful and effective utilization of the financial and technological resources allocated to adaptation is contingent on these components. Furthermore, adaptation resourcing strategies can also play a critical role in systematically supporting a coordinated approach to identify capital needs throughout the adaptation process, allowing to better integrate adaptation with resilient development.

Resourcing and financing adaptation can thus be complex, as a result of which there currently exists an ‘adaptation-gap’, the existence and importance of which is highlighted even further by the current global pandemic. However, it has been noted that when addressing situations of uncertainty, along with fiscal financing, crucial to addressing adaptation and resilience needs are sound institutional, technical and policy capacities. Additionally, the need to move beyond governments and multi-national funding agencies and making space for private entities to invest in adaptation spectrum, as well as the creation and effective management of shared pool of resources to address transboundary adaptation and resilience concerns to better address the adaptation gap are reiterated. It is also argued that taking a comprehensive perspective of integrated and long-term development can improve the resilience potentials.

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The future of climate change carries with it the same uncertainty as has existed with COVID, however, what can be learnt from this experience in order to build back better is the a need to reform the adaptation dialogue to speak of addressing resourcing needs, which refers to a more integrated and wholistic understanding and allocation of resources, and their relation to financial gaps and newer opportunities. Therefore, to better understand climate change adaptation planning and investment and the potential of resourcing, this webinar seeks analyse the current adaptation resourcing and financing landscape. The webinar would address the issues of inadequate support for action on adaptation/resilient investment, tools and instruments for improving adaptation resourcing, ways of integrating climate considerations into the existing financial frameworks as well as the issue of contextualization and scale with respect to adaptation and resourcing. It shall focus on the need for bringing political visibility to the issues of resourcing and through discussion, in an attempt to impact global dialogue towards ‘resourcing’ as opposed to just ‘financing’ adaptation.

Tentative Agenda

5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks: Dr. Ajay Mathur, <i>Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI); Co-chair, Steering Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i>
55 minutes	<p><u>High-level panel discussion: Resourcing Adaptation</u></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Ajay Mathur, <i>Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI); Co-chair, Steering Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, <i>Additional Secretary, MoEFCC, Govt. of India</i> Ms. Patricia Espinosa, <i>Executive Secretary, UNFCCC</i> Ms. Clara de la Torre, <i>Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission</i> Ms. Joyce Msuya, <i>Deputy Executive Director, UNEP</i> Mr. Javier Manzanares, <i>Deputy Executive Director, Green Climate Fund</i>

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20 minutes	Q&A
10 minutes	Closing Remarks: Dr. Anand Patwardhan, <i>Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland; Chair, Science Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i>

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