Scaling-up community driven innovations for inclusive climate change adaptation

Date and Time: 11 November 2021, 09:00 – 10:30 GMT

The impacts of climate change on agriculture depend on the ecosystems, the enabling environment and specific farmer conditions including his/her ability to invest in adaptive practices. Community driven approaches are found to help address the diverse climate challenges by valuing local knowledge and empowering farmers to identify and experiment what works best for them. While the importance of community driven approach and experiential learning are known for some time, such approaches are often considered difficult to scale. The event invites practitioners to discuss the values of such approaches and key lessons to ensure impacts and scale by investing in capacities, partnerships, knowledge networks and digital innovations.

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Time	Intervention	Speaker
09:00	Opening of the event	Mr David Radcliffe (FCDO Consultant to ASAP)
	Part 1: Investing in scalable community driven adaptation to address diversity of climate challenges faced by smallholder farmers	
09:06	Central role of farmer innovations, farmer-to-farmer training and mentoring, Farmer Field Schools and Women Self Help Groups in scaling Andhra Pradesh Natural Farming Programme in India	Mr Vijay Kumar (Government of Andhra Pradesh)
09:12	Local Adaptation Plan for Action (LAPA) and community extension systems for scaling community driven climate adaptation in Nepal Adaptation for Smallholders in Hilly Areas (**Asha**) Project	Mrs Shila Gnyawali (IFAD)
09:18	Agroecological Logbooks and the Community Seeds Systems to promote community driven adaptation in the Semi-arid Region of Bahia, Brazil through the Rural Sustainable Development Project	Mrs Fernanda Thomaz Da Rocha (IFAD)
09:24	On-farm Planned Comparisons to empower communities and farmers to test various options across locations to identify what works best for them; IFAD-EU grant in East Africa on 'Research in Development'	Dr Leigh Ann Winowiecki (CIFOR-ICRAF)
09:30	Panel discussion & Q&A: lessons to reach inclusive impacts at scale	Mr David Radcliffe
09:45	Wrap up of Part 1	Mr David Radcliffe
	Part 2: Investing in knowledge and network in a digital world to increase impacts and empower community driven adaptation at scale	
09:49	Introduction : Scaling community driven adaptation: Lessons for Pluralistic Extension And Advisory Services	Dr Rasheed Sulaiman (CRISP, GFRAS)
09:55	Results and lessons learned to scale climate resilient sustainable land management from IFAD-WOCAT collaborations	Mrs Nicole Harari (WOCAT, CDE)
10:00	Digital climate advisory to scale community driven adaptation: insights from the Blue print from the Commission on adaptation	Mrs Katiuscia Fara (WFP)
10:05	Audience Q&A	Mr David Radcliffe
10:20	Concluding remarks	Mr Christophe Larose (European Commission)
10:25	Conclusion	Mr David Radcliffe

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David Radcliffe

FCDO Consultant to ASAP, organisation

David Radcliffe was a senior adviser for DFID on rural livelihoods and environment, initiating support to rural livelihoods in Afghanistan and leading DFID support to livelihoods and climate change in India. He previously worked on FAO field projects in Botswana, Ethiopia and Mozambique, and is currently advising FCDO on identifying and scaling up lessons from IFAD's ASAP programme.

Vijay Kumar

Former Special Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India

Vijay Kumar has spent 28 years in Tribal and Rural development and has served in various positions in Govt. of Andhra Pradesh till 2010. He was on deputation to Govt. of India for 5 years from 2010 to 2015, as the first Mission Director of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (N.R.L.M). He returned to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in April 2015 as Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Govt of Andhra Pradesh. He Superannuated from this position in 2016. At present, he is an advisor to the Govt. of A.P. and is leading the implementation of climate resilient Zero budget Natural farming in A.P.

Shila Gnyawali

Planning Officer ASHA Project, IFAD

Ms. Shila Gnyawali is a Forest Officer, employee under Government of Nepal. She has more than 27 years of experience in community-based forest management, climate change adaptation planning, gender responsive budgeting focusing on improvement of livelihoods of rural vulnerable and women issues. Currently, she is working as a Planning Officer and Gender Focal Person in ASHA Project (www.asha.gov.np), supported by IFAD and ASAP.

Fernanda Thomaz Da Rocha

Senior Regional Technical Specialist, IFAD

Fernanda Thomaz da Rocha is IFAD's Senior Regional Technical Specialist in Rural Institutions for the Latin America and the Caribbean region, based in Lima. She joined IFAD in the last year and has been working in LAC country programmes in strengthening farmers' organizations and rural institutions, rural extension and advisory services, agroecology and other sustainable approaches. Before joining IFAD she was a senior Manager at the Brazilian Development Bank-BNDES with 15 years of experience in development projects.

Dr Leigh Ann Winowiecki

Soil systems scientist, World Agroforestry

Dr Leigh Ann Winowiecki is the Soil and Land Health Research Leader at CIFOR-ICRAF. A soil scientist, her research focuses on scaling locally appropriate farmer-centered landscape restoration and soil organic carbon dynamics. She is based in Nairobi, Kenya. Since 2009 she has co-developed and implemented ICRAF's Land Degradation Surveillance Framework (LDSF) in over 40 countries to assess ecosystem health.

Dr Rasheed Sulaiman

Director, Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP)

Dr. Rasheed Sulaiman V is Director, Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), Hyderabad India (www.crispindia.org) and is a Board Member of the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS). His main areas of research are Agricultural Extension and Innovation Systems. Rasheed also serves as the focal point of AESA (Agricultural Extension in South Asia) Network (www.aesanetwork.org).

Nicole Harari

Research scientist, WOCAT

Nicole Harari is a Research Scientist at the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, member of the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) Executive Team. She is managing the WOCAT Global Network on Sustainable Land Management (SLM) with its UNCCD recommended Database for SLM best practices on behalf of CDE. She has extensive experience in knowledge management and decision support for SLM and has been guiding government and non-government actors in scaling up SLM interventions in over 20 countries around the globe.

Katiuscia Fara

Senior Climate Services and DRR Advisor in Asia Pacific, World Food Programme (WFP)

Katiuscia Fara is a Senior Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor with the World Food Programme in the Asia Pacific region. With over 20 years of experience, her work has focused on climate and disaster risk management, sustainable development, poverty reduction and community-based adaptation. Katiuscia has co-authored the recently launched Blueprint on Climate Informed Digital Services, where she focused on the importance of ensuring equity, co-production and inclusiveness.

Christophe Larose

Head of Sustainable Agriculture, European Commission

Christophe Larose holds a Master degree in Development Economics from Auvergne University, France (1996). He has been involved in consultancy work and joined the European Commission as administrator since 2003. He has been posted in several EU Delegations: Mauritius (with responsibilities over Seychelles, Comoros and Indian Ocean), Madagascar and South Africa. He came back to Directorate-General for Development and International Cooperation (EuropeAid), European Commission, Brussels in September 2016.