



Launch of the UNFCCC CASTT Adaptation Academy

Side event at Climate Week NYC

Date: Friday, 24 September 2021

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 New York City / 17:00 – 18:00 Bonn

Co-organizers: UNFCCC secretariat, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA), Oregon State University, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Venue: Zoom Webinars

Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3hwhNweBTRSK0lRGE1AtA

Background:

The [Climate Action and Support Transparency Training \(CASTT\) Adaptation Academy](#) is a multi-week training programme on the Paris Agreement, with a focus on the adaptation reporting aspects of the enhanced transparency framework (ETF). The Adaptation Academy will aim to strengthen technical capacity for adaptation assessments, planning, policy frameworks and coordination across ministries and governance levels to act on climate change. The Adaptation Academy is under the leadership of the UNFCCC secretariat and the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA) in partnership with IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Oregon State University, Asian Institute for Technology, and Korea Environment Institute.

As part of [Climate Week NYC](#), this side event will be an opportunity to launch the CASTT Adaptation Academy to national experts from developing countries, especially from the LAC, South America, and Africa. Senior leadership from two of the Adaptation Academy’s regional institutions — Oregon State University and IHE Delft Institute for Water Education— and the UNFCCC secretariat will highlight the relevance of contributions from each of their organizations. In addition, high-level representatives from the U.S., the Netherlands, Egypt, and South Africa have been invited to speak to the need for global capacity building around climate adaptation and reporting, with special attention to the integral role of water resilience. Participants in this event will be informed of the Adaptation Academy training for this year and plans for the coming years.

Programme details

Time	Segment	Speaker
2 minutes	Welcome	Mr. Donald Cooper, Director, Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat
3 minutes	Opening Remarks - Launching a Global Adaptation Academy	Dr. John Matthews, Executive Director, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation

7 minutes	Partner Remarks - Oregon State University	Dr. Rebecca Johnson, President, Oregon State University
7 minutes	Partner Remarks - IHE Delft Institute for Water Education	Dr. Eddy Moors, Rector, IHE Delft
7 minutes	Maintaining the Momentum of Paris: Linking Ambition to Action	Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
8 minutes	Climate Leadership in the Western Hemisphere	Ms. Christina Chan, Senior Adaptation Advisor to U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States
8 minutes	Water's Key Role in Climate Adaptation	Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Kingdom of The Netherlands
8 minutes	The Importance of Global Capacity Building and Cross-Country Exchanges	Deputy Minister David Mahlobo, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa
8 minutes	National-level Assessments Driving Climate Policies	Dr. Eman Soliman, Head of Planning Sector, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt
2 minutes	Next Steps and Closing Remarks	Mr. Jigme, Manager, MRV/ETF Support Subdivision, Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat

Connection and Platform Notes:

- Event to be held on Zoom as a webinar.
- Zoom Link: To be shared via email. Specific links for each speaker.
- If possible, speakers should ideally download the latest version of Zoom prior to the event ([instructions here](#)).
- Join 10-20 minutes before the event to test the system.