Webinar: Adaptation Fund projects in South and South-east Asia: Insights from CSO perspectives

CAN (Climate Action Network) South Asia and South-east Asia, Development Alternatives and the Adaptation Fund-NGO Network jointly organised a webinar on Adaptation Fund projects in South and South-east Asia: Insights from CSO perspectives. It was held on 14 July 2020 and had 65+ participants. The webinar was organised to draw on the experience of civil society participation policies and practices of other climate funds for further strengthening civil society engagement.

AF NGO Network is a governing body composed of eleven CSOs from the global south which aims to ensure gender balance, regional balance and diversity as well as representation of CSOs from least developed countries (LDC) and small island developing states (SIDS). The CSOs represent the voices and interests of the people most vulnerable to climate change in their region through ongoing engagement with the Network.

Four eminent speakers who are active members of the CAN from Pakistan, Nepal, Malaysia and Bangladesh shared their perspectives on the effectiveness of climate adaptation work and financial needs of developing countries. They also commented on the inclusion of youth and women in augmenting the impact from this work.

Elin Lorimer from Indigo Development and Change in South Africa represented the AF-NGO Network and introduced their work to the audience. Young Hee Lee, Governance Specialist at the Adaptation Fund Secretariat, talked about how the Secretariat translates perspectives from the CSOs and project learnings into its strategy and work plan.