



DA at UN Bonn Climate Change Conference

Gitika Goswami (Senior Programme Director, Development Alternatives) was invited at 50th United Nations Bonn Climate Change Conference in Germany. Gitika represented DA and the Adaptation Fund NGO Network at the conference.

She was on the panel for two side events held on 24th and 25th June 2019. The first event was about sharing learning and findings from Adaptation Fund projects that benefit and empower the most vulnerable communities. There were also active discussions about the role of CSOs in Adaptation Fund projects and their role in capturing lessons for effectiveness.

The second panel discussion was about the 'perspectives on assessing impacts of adaptation finance at different scales'. The panel pondered over important questions such as already visible impacts of adaptation work, challenges in determining and reporting impacts, and also about the issues in transparency and tracking. Both these events witnessed participation from professionals across the globe.

The last event on June 28 was a presentation from the Network to the Adaptation Fund Board on 'Lessons from Adaptation Fund projects in India, recommendations on CSO perspective on lifting the country cap of Adaptation Fund projects and capacities development of grass root CSOs through the network. Gitika also shared the insights on augmenting CSO participation in these projects to increase maximum impacts on ground.

Development Alternatives is one of the eleven board members of Adaptation Fund NGO Network and a core-member of the network being anchored at the Germanwatch. It is an association of more than 250 CSOs worldwide, mainly from the global south, which mutually exchange knowledge and work to strengthen the CSO engagement in adaptation work globally.