

Introduction of the presentations and speakers

*Case studies on locally-led adaptation in
Nepal, Vietnam and
the Philippines*

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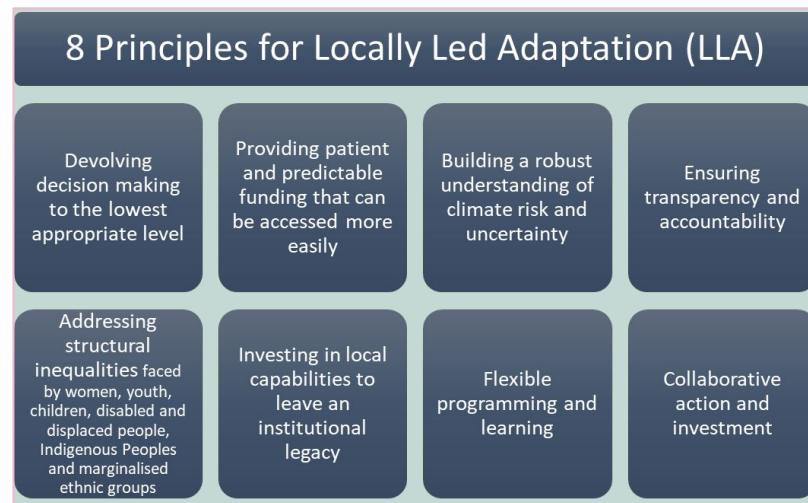


Locally-led adaptation

- Asia-Pacific region is diverse and adaptation plans need to be tailored to individual countries and regions, as one size does not fit all. There has been a paradigm shift from **top-down to bottom-up** in developing and implementing adaptation plans.
- In this regard, **locally-led adaptation (LLA)** challenges the status quo of climate finance by ensuring local people and communities have decision-making power in adapting to the effects of climate change.

Current situation of locally-led adaptation

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) has defined 8 Principles for Locally-Led Adaptation. These principles are intended to guide efforts to promote Locally-Led Adaptation. At COP27 in 2021, global leaders committed to a shift towards the Locally Led Adaptation principles, with over 70 organisations endorsing its initiatives and programmes.



APN-IGES project on locally-led adaptation in Asia and the Pacific

Objective:

- To catalyse local adaptation innovations by addressing capacity gaps at the local level.

Key Activities:

- Primarily focus on model case sites covering three subregions of South Asia (Nepal), Southeast Asia (Vietnam) and the Pacific (Fiji) and will be led by local partners with an emphasis on youth engagement.
- Create local adaptation innovation hubs to: (1) understand climate risks; (2) innovate, co-develop adaptation solution based on traditional/local knowledge systems; (3) strengthen adaptation planning and governance; and (4) consider local funds to support bankable ideas.

Expected outputs and outcomes:

- Guidelines and tools on local adaptation planning and implementation
- Model cases and lessons on local adaptation innovation.
- Upscaling and impact generation.



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Speakers

Dr Ho Ngoc Son

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Dr Son, an Associate Professor at Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry, and a climate scientist at Vietnam's Institute of Forestry and Sustainable Development, is dedicated to indigenous knowledge and climate change, fostering equality and empowerment of ethnic minority and marginalised communities in Vietnam. With a rich publication history, he's engaged in teaching, research and leadership roles, including Deputy Director of the Mountainous Region Research Center.

Dr Son will introduce a case study on locally-led adaptation in mountainous communities in Vietnam, assess the situation of locally-led adaptation against the 8 Principles for Locally-Led Adaptation and identify potential adaptation innovation and solutions.

Ms Menila Kharel

Thematic Lead-Sustainable Agriculture and Markets, Practical Action



Ms Menila Kharel is currently working as a Thematic Lead for Sustainable Agriculture and Markets at Practical Action. She is a development professional with over 17 years of experience in the areas of food security, climate adaptation, sustainable agriculture and the empowerment of women and marginalised groups for creating a more equitable, sustainable and resilient agriculture, both in Nepal and around the world.

Ms Kharel will discuss the shift towards practicing commercial agriculture for better income and quality of life in Nepal and the adverse effects of farmers adopting unsustainable agricultural practices. She will also discuss the revitalisation of indigenous, traditional and local knowledge, which can offer insights into locally adapted farming practices that are more resilient to climate change.

Prof. Juan M. Pulhin

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Prof. Juan M. Pulhin, currently leads the University of the Philippines Los Baños Interdisciplinary Studies Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Environment Management and is an Academician in the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines. He has significantly contributed to the IPCC as a lead and coordinating lead author for the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Assessment Reports. Prof. Pulhin's impactful climate research has garnered national and international acclaim, solidifying his influential position.

Prof. Pulhin will introduce a case study in Aurora province on adaptation initiatives by enhancing the technical proficiency in formulating its climate action plan and furnishing Albay province with a framework to address multifaceted stressors posed by climate hazards.