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Experiences and Lessons Learned from Direct Access

A workshop jointly convened by ODI and UNDP
on 27th February 2012, from 12.30 – 5.30 pm

Meeting Venue: The Driver, 2 – 4 Wharfdale Road London N1 9RY

Purpose and Scope

‘Direct access’ to climate finance is a concept that has emerged as a major political theme from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations over recent years. This is in part in response to increasing calls from developing countries to take greater ownership over the programming and delivery of climate finance and exists in the context of an intensive global debate over the management of public international climate finance more generally, including through the design of the Green Climate Fund.

However, while significant political attention is paid to this concept, there is a pressing need to undertake a thorough substantive and technical assessment of what direct access means and how it can be put to work at the scale required in the context of climate change.

The workshop will lay the foundation for a more coordinated and systematic research agenda on direct access, including through sharing of practical lessons learned. The aim of the workshop is to bring together a community of practice working on direct access, share key lessons learned to date, and begin to scope both the further research and also critically the national capacity development required to scale up direct access in the future.

ODI and UNDP’s Environment and Energy Group will jointly convene the workshop, using a recent [joint publication](#) on lessons learned from direct access as the springboard for discussion during the event.

Format

The workshop will be structured as an interactive discussion among participants under the Chatham House rule. A mix of presentations, panel discussions, question and answer sessions, and informal breaks will be used to foster rich discussion. The event will be facilitated by ODI and UNDP.

A second workshop on the effectiveness of international climate finance will be held by ODI immediately following the direct access event (28-29 February). While distinct events, by holding both workshops in succession it is hoped that participants can benefit from both events during a single trip and so foster synergies between the themes under discussion.

Agenda

| Time | Session | Presenters |
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| 1230 | Registration (with sandwiches) | |
| 1245 | Welcome | |
| 1250 | Session 1 – Existing Experience | Moderator: Smita Nakhoda (ODI) |
| | Presentation of UNDP-ODI Discussion Paper on Direct Access | Neil Bird (ODI) and Simon Billett (UNDP) |
| | Direct Access in other funds: learning from the experience of the Adaptation Fund (AF) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) | Farrukh Khan (ex-Chair Adaptation Fund Board) Nadia Fuleihan (UNDP) |
| 1330 | Questions & Answers | |
| 1415 | Coffee | |
| 1445 | Session 2 – Future Needs | Moderator: Cristina Colon (UNDP) |
| | Panel discussion on what support is needed to scale up Direct Access | Alhassan Iddrisu (Ministry of Finance, Ghana) Suzanty Sitorus (Indonesian Climate Change Commission) Alexander Froede (GIZ) Benito Mueller (Oxford Energy Institute) |
| 1600 | Session 3 – How to Get There | Moderator: Cristina Colon (UNDP) |
| | Moderated discussion on further research and capacity development actions to scale up Direct Access | Neil Bird (ODI) and Simon Billett (UNDP) |
| 1715 | Concluding remarks | |
| 1730 | Drinks | Followed by a public panel discussion on <i>the effectiveness of readiness finance: lessons from the REDD+ experience</i> , from 6.30 – 8 pm |