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## Poverty and climate change

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**Yuejiao Zhang**, ADB, notes ADB provides funding for, inter alia, technical and emergency assistance for floods and disasters

Joke Waller-Hunter, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, introduced the report on "Poverty and climate change: Reducing the vulnerability of the poor through adaptation," and the agencies involved with its preparation.

Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank, said the report aims to address the likely impacts of climate change on poverty reduction and the approaches to reduce developing countries' vulnerability to climate risks. She stressed that adaptation measures are crucial for meeting the Millennium Development Goals. Alvaro Umaña, UNDP, stressed that adaptation strategies must be included in poverty reduction policies and underscored the importance of: financial, human and technological resources; local knowledge and ownership; and economic growth and distribution of its benefits. Hans Schipulle, Germany's Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), said the report recommends that development agencies, donors and governments in developing countries act in order to, inter alia, strengthen assessment and information, and mainstream adaptation concerns into sustainable development and poverty strategies.

Yuejiao Zhang, Asian Development Bank (ADB), said ADB is integrating poverty reduction in Asian countries' strategy programmes. Linda Brown, UK's Department for International Development, stressed the linkages between poverty and climate change and noted the need to integrate domestic climate change and poverty policies.

Marc Debois, European Commission, stressed the need for mainstreaming and integrating climate change into poverty policies.

Rémi Paris, OECD, noted that OECD is mainstreaming climate change into agricultural and transportation planning, and carrying out case studies to assess their investment in developing countries.

Njeri Wamukonya, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), said UNEP is focusing on, inter alia: integrating the poverty agenda into climate change activities; and fostering capacity building for CDM projects.

Ajay Mathur, World Bank, said the Bank aims to integrate climate change in its work by developing screening methodologies to assess how its projects impact climate change, and redesign strategies that have adverse impacts.

Arun Kashyap, UNDP, said climate change is a cross-cutting issue within the WEHAB "water, energy, health, agriculture and biodiversity" agenda, especially regarding crisis prevention, insurance policy and water governance.

Philipp Knill, BMZ, said poverty reduction is an overarching objective of Germany's cooperation with developing countries in development goals and programmes.

Jaap Roóimans, the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs, highlighted that his Ministry is raising staff's awareness of the linkages between climate change and poverty.

**More information:**

<http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00039000/M00039990.pdf>

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