

# COP 30 Side Event

## SDG Pavilion

**Event ID: E48**

**Title: *Resilient Futures: Delivering Solutions for Loss and Damage to Accelerate the SDGs***

**Date and Time: Tuesday, 18 November, 12:00–12:45**

### Concept Note

#### 1. Background (Expanded)

The escalating impacts of climate change are generating irreversible economic and non-economic losses and damages (L&D) that threaten to undermine progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly in the most vulnerable countries and communities. Impacts such as coastal erosion, drought, floods, biodiversity loss, and destruction of cultural heritage not only directly affect livelihoods but also exacerbate vulnerabilities across development sectors, including poverty reduction (SDG 1), food security (SDG 2), health and well-being (SDG 3), gender equality (SDG 5), clean water (SDG 6), and life on land and below water (SDGs 14 and 15).

Building resilience in this context means enabling countries, communities, and ecosystems to absorb, adapt, and recover from climate-induced losses and damages while continuing to make progress on the SDGs. Addressing L&D is therefore not just about responding to immediate climate shocks—it is about safeguarding long-term development gains, preventing setbacks to poverty alleviation and social equity, and ensuring that vulnerable populations are not left behind.

The Loss and Damage Fund, recently established under the UNFCCC, together with the increasing focus on integrated, SDG-aligned climate action, presents a critical opportunity for countries and partners to develop innovative, collaborative solutions. These solutions can strengthen resilience, enhance adaptive capacity, and directly contribute to sustainable development objectives.

A key element in maximizing these benefits is integrated reporting, which links L&D assessments to SDG monitoring frameworks. By incorporating L&D metrics into national SDG tracking, Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), and reporting systems, countries can:

- **Ensure policy coherence**, connecting climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and development strategies.
- **Mobilize resources effectively**, using L&D data to target finance from the Loss and Damage Fund, climate finance mechanisms, and development budgets.
- **Enhance accountability and transparency**, showing how interventions to address L&D contribute to SDG progress.
- **Promote learning and scaling**, enabling peer learning and replication of effective resilience measures across regions and sectors.

Linking loss and damage to SDG reporting ensures that resilience-building is not siloed but embedded across development planning, creating a more holistic approach that safeguards development gains, accelerates SDG achievement, and strengthens adaptive capacity at all levels.

### **purpose of the Event**

This side event will:

- **Showcase examples and partnerships** enabling countries to assess, address, and report L&D within SDG frameworks.
- **Explore approaches** to link L&D financing, adaptation planning, and SDG monitoring.
- **Highlight opportunities for collaboration**, particularly through South–South and peer-to-peer learning.

### **3. Objectives**

1. **Demonstrate** how systematic L&D assessment informs SDG-aligned policy and investment.
2. **Highlight** mechanisms for integrating L&D finance with SDG progress tracking.
3. **Promote** cross-regional collaboration to scale technical cooperation, peer learning, and resilience-building.

### **4. Expected Outcomes**

- Increased understanding of how **addressing and reporting on L&D accelerates SDG achievement and resilience**.

- Identification of **practical entry points for integrating L&D into SDG policy, planning, and monitoring.**
- Strengthened **partnerships for technical cooperation, capacity building, and peer learning** aligned with the Loss and Damage Fund and SDGs.

## 5. Format & Proposed Agenda (45 Minutes)

| Time   | Segment              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 min  | Opening Remarks      | Welcome and framing by organizers (UNEP-CCC/UNDP/UNDRR).                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20 min | Panel Interventions  | Each panelist delivers a <b>3-minute response to a specific guiding question</b> prepared in advance, highlighting concise insights or examples from their experience. One presentation delivered virtually by UNEP-CCC. |
| 15 min | Moderated Discussion | The moderator facilitates a <b>guided conversation among panelists</b> , using follow-up questions to deepen discussion and draw out linkages between loss and damage, SDG implementation, and resilience.               |
| 5 min  | Audience Q&A         | Participants engage with panelists through brief questions or reflections on integrating L&D into SDG frameworks.                                                                                                        |
| 5 min  | Closing Remarks      | Summary of key messages, next steps, and call to action.                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 6. Proposed Speakers and Roles

| Role             | Name / Affiliation             | Format    | Focus / Contribution                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Moderator        | <b>UNDRR representative</b>    | In-person | Facilitate discussion; highlight disaster risk reduction and L&D-SDG integration. |
| Online Speaker-1 | <b>UNEP-CCC representative</b> | Online    | Present tools and frameworks linking L&D reporting, finance, and SDG tracking.    |
| Speaker 2        | <b>UNDP representative</b>     | In-person |                                                                                   |

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| Speaker 3 and maybe 4? | Government representative or civil research leader from a developing country | In-person | Share national experience embedding L&D into SDG strategies. |
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## 7. Key Discussion Questions

- How can countries **systematically assess and report** L&D to strengthen SDG monitoring and planning?
- What **policy and financing mechanisms** support L&D integration into SDGs?
- How can **South–South cooperation** accelerate L&D and SDG integration?
- What **capacity, data, or institutional gaps** must be addressed to operationalize integrated reporting?

## 8. Audience

- National policymakers and negotiators
- UN agencies and development partners
- Academia and research institutions
- Civil society, youth networks, and community organizations

## 9. Logistics

- **Duration:** 45 minutes
- **Format:** In-person with one online speaker
- **Language:** English (interpretation optional)
- **Output:** Event summary capturing recommendations, practical entry points, and partnership opportunities shared with COP30 organizers and participants

## 10. Conclusion

This session will demonstrate how integrating **loss and damage assessment and reporting into SDG frameworks** strengthens resilience, accelerates sustainable development, and ensures climate impacts do not reverse development gains. Anchored by **UNEP-CCC, UNDP, and UNDRR**, and enriched by perspectives from developing

countries, the event will **catalyze collaboration, innovation, and policy alignment**, fostering resilient futures for all.