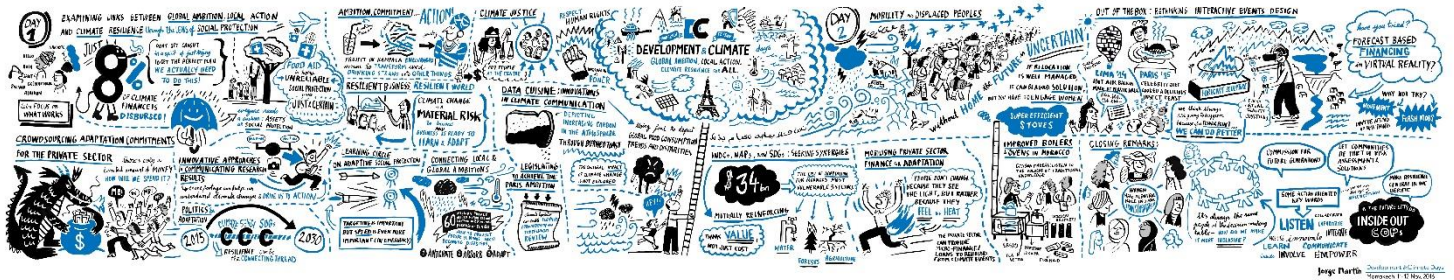


# DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE DAYS 2016

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## Introduction

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**Event:** Development and Climate Days, 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Marrakesh, Morocco

**Objective:** To convene policy-makers, scientists and development practitioners for intensely participatory learning, dialogue and networking around the goal of delivering on the Paris ambition through implementation of the Paris Agreement.

**Partners:** Research organisations convening D&C 2016:

- Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre
- International Institute for Environment and Development
- International Development Research Centre
- Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice
- Centre de Compétence Changement Climatique du Maroc
- Moroccan Red Crescent
- Action on Climate Change, Oxford Policy Management
- World Resources Institute
- We Mean Business, New Venture Fund
- Climate Change Group, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

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## Executive Summary

The main objective of the Development and Climate Days 2016 (D&C 2016) was: To convene policy-makers, scientists and development practitioners for intensely participatory learning, dialogue and networking around the goal of delivering on the Paris ambition through implementation of the Paris Agreement.

More than 330 policymakers, scientists and development practitioners came together over two days to debate three core themes:

- Catalysing climate ambition
- Just and equitable decision-making for climate resilience
- Managing climate risks in resilient development

The D&C Days 2016 programme focused on delivering on the Paris ambition: Global ambition. Local action. Climate resilience for all. Innovative sessions provided a platform for sharing knowledge and learning as well as engaging and challenging participants to debate on delivering on the Paris ambition.

Event partners included two local organisations, Centre de Compétence Changement Climatique du Maroc and the Moroccan Red Crescent, co-facilitating locally relevant and current topics for discussion. Other partner organisations contributed to setting the agenda, facilitating sessions and ensuring debate and dialogue on the event's core themes. Key speakers contributed to the discussions which were organised into 3 main tracks:

"Research needs to respond to needs of people impacted by climate change and move away from being supply driven. Reconstruction is just one of many issues people have to deal with. The burden falls often on women, and this is something I have seen first-hand. Also, the meaningful engagement of youth and women is really important."

Track 1

**Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner**, Spoken-word Artist, the Republic of the Marshall Islands

"Climate change is a social issue and a gender issue. We can't build this new world without women. Women are at the heart of the global transformation. Paris was an amazing and historical agreement. Today we are here at COP 22 to implement the Paris Agreement – this means that we need to change all our habits, the way we produce, the way we are consuming, the way we are building exporting etc."

Track 2

**Minister el Haite**, Minister Delegate in Charge of Environment of the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment of Morocco

"The causes of displacement are complex and varied. So successful approaches require the involvement of all stakeholders so that all people, and in particularly women, receive what they need."

Track 3

**Patrick Phiri**, Community Resilience Manager, Red Cross Malawi

## The Problem

There have been significant conversations on how we implement the Paris Agreement and

- ✓ on how we make sure this great global commitment translates into meaningful and positive change at the local level;
- ✓ on how local communities can inform this change which is being taken ensure that we reach the 1.5°C goal;
- ✓ on how all the time ensuring that people are at the centre – so that we achieve climate justice.

These conversations underpinned participants' discussions at the D&C Days 2016 at COP22 in Marrakesh which focussed on delivering on the Paris ambition through implementation of the Paris Agreement. Specifically, three tracks were identified to guide programme planning:

Track 1 - Catalysing climate ambition. This track put into the spotlight ambitious/remarkable efforts to promote climate solutions, and considered practical and politically feasible measures that can be pursued by national level decision-makers, private sector leaders and practitioners to create a low-carbon and climate resilient economy.

Track 2 - Just and equitable decision-making for climate resilience. This track explored the role of local communities and civil society actors, as well as governments, donors and other stakeholders, in promoting transparency and accountability in decision-making so that the distribution of adaptation benefits and climate finance is equitable and just, addressing the needs of the most vulnerable.

Track 3 - Tackling climate risks in resilient development. This track examined the humanitarian-development divide in efforts to increase resilience and explored promising approaches to bridge this gap including new collaborations, social policy, innovative finance mechanisms (such as forecast based financing), and environmental management approaches to climate adaptation (e.g. ecosystem-based adaptation).

The importance of capacity building, engaging the private sector, and developing gender-responsive climate policies were identified as cross-cutting issues for all three tracks.

## Key Conclusions from themes discussed

Informed by the key messages from the parallel sessions held on both days, three key themes emerged and were explored further:

1. Catalysing climate ambition
2. Just and equitable decision making for climate resilience
3. Managing climate risks in resilient development.

The key messages emerging from each track or theme included:

Track 1 - Catalysing climate ambition:

- Resilience, rather than vulnerability, can be a unifying theme between the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework.
- The transformation needed to reach the Paris goals cannot be achieved with the current systems of decision making – we can't just tweak around the edges and expect things to change – we need to rethink and reengineer the whole system (i.e. our current way of doing business).
- Consider your audience and explore the co-creation of knowledge – train young people and first time writers – help journalists to tell the story based on lived experience.
- Go beyond the visual representation of data and use more of our senses. We can use all of our senses to engage our hearts with issues of climate justice – not just our minds.
- In Kenya, parliamentarians went out to tell their constituents about climate change, only to find that their constituents knew more than they did – because they were living with the day to day impacts. This informed their legislation.
- The process of capturing the Paris Agreement in national law triggers actions at the national level that contribute to climate justice.
- The role of parliamentarians in climate action is important as they are both legislators and representatives of local communities. They are also accountable to local communities.
- Business can adopt resilience targets that improve business outcomes, protect ecosystems and contribute to sustainable livelihoods.
- Companies can play a big role in resilience building - especially if they go beyond CSR to address climate risks and build resilience as part of their core business.
- Businesses have processes that can be adapted to climate action like risk management, continuity planning and ecosystem evaluation. However currently it is not sufficiently participative, too short term to be meaningful and not sufficiently measured.
- If we can find cultural ways to connect people to climate we are more likely to drive behavioural change.
- Research needs to respond to needs and move away from being supply driven – the needs of vulnerable people and countries should inform the research we do.

Track 2 - Just and equitable decision-making for climate resilience:

- Different languages between actors are a barrier to bridging and a barrier to engaging local communities and the private sector.

- There is a need to listen and make space for dialogue in our communication efforts. We are in a “Send! Send! Send!” culture – we need to remember how to receive - *how to listen*.
- To capture politician’s attention, we need short sharp solution driven messages that connect with issues that are at the top of their agenda.
- What is needed for business to scale up grassroots action is meaningful partnerships and interest at the highest corporate levels, and not just their CSR and marketing departments.
- People who take decisions need to actively listen to people experiencing the impacts of climate change, and empathise with their situation - then they are more likely to change their minds or take appropriate actions.
- We have insufficient information about what works at a local level. We need to capture local and traditional knowledge through local knowledge hubs to inform policy at a national level.
- Women must be included in decision making and their knowledge must inform sustainable development and climate action. They are the holders of traditional knowledge – they must be listened to and learned from in the decisions being made about climate change.
- Need to build the capacity of women and ensure access to critical information about the decisions that affect their lives. Capacity building is required to help women from communities to engage in these decision-making processes, but the decision makers must have their capacity built too to listen to and understand the needs and priorities of local communities.
- Climate action must respect human rights and ensure free, prior and informed consent from local communities – it should protect communities from exploitation and ensure their rights are respected. The benefits of climate action should reach all people, not just the wealthy.
- Need to make sure that finance flows to the community level. Need gender responsive budgets. This requires strong local governance and gender-responsive budgeting at the national level. But it also requires respect from government, donors and multilateral organisation in local decision making.
- We need to change the mind-set – women champions for behaviour change. They cannot be seen only as victims. Women and men must participate as equals.
- Advocates cannot speak to the believers and expect things to change. Need to move out of the echo chamber of supporters and have conversations with those decision-makers who don’t understand the value of gender-responsive policy making. Help them to understand why gender equality will help them to solve their challenges.
- Also, it is important not to set up a culture of intermediaries – need to ensure that direct participation happens whenever possible. If we do not let the communities speak for themselves whenever possible, we will not succeed in



bringing about the change we envision – sometimes this means taking ourselves out of the picture.

- The climate regime lags behind some other international processes in terms of participation by local communities and grassroots women. The CBD, for example, includes local communities and indigenous peoples as one of the major stakeholders in its work.
  - Article 8(j) of the CBD recognises the contribution of traditional knowledge to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. Several mechanisms have been established to facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities, including indigenous women, in meetings of the CBD, including through the ad hoc open-ended Working Group on the implementation of Article 8(j).
  - The mechanisms that have been developed within the CBD include financial and logistical support to enable indigenous and local communities to attend meetings as well as participate in formal and informal groups (such as contact groups and Friends of the Chair groups) and capacity-building efforts. The work of the CBD secretariat to engage indigenous peoples and local communities is seen as a good practice model for the rest of the United Nations System and can inform the UNFCCC.

### Track 3 - Tackling climate risks in resilient development:

- We need to achieve a social protection floor for all people. This builds climate resilience. It is important that we don't overload social protection with climate resilience objectives. Social protection mechanisms can be used to achieve climate resilience outcomes but these are additional and require additional resources.
- Build adaptation around and not on social protection.
- We are responding far too late to slow onset disasters and need to be really ambitious to prevent future El Nino events from causing more harm. This requires preparedness and is adaptation.
- Targeting is important but delivering social protection to those in most need quickly is most important. Preparedness and a speedy response in times of crisis is even more important.
- Women's leadership is the key to successful relocation – because the decisions to be made are about their homes, their culture and their livelihood.
- All displacement is traumatic and emotional – and this has to inform the approaches
- No one wants to move - but if they have to move their rights have to protect them at all times. What rights do displaced people have to access adaptation benefits?

- The causes of displacement are complex and varied – so successful approaches need to involve all stakeholders and benefit those at destination and at origin locations.

## Scope and Reach

An important long term objective of the D&C Days is to influence policy makers and community of practice, to disseminate the event broadly and to do this by creating an innovative and creative way of engagement with participants.

IDRC logo was recognised on the front page of all official D&C 2016 materials. It was also recognised as a partner on the D&C 2016 webpage.

A range of outputs from the event included film coverage, twitter coverage and live website updates.

## Participation

330 participants from a variety of sectors attended D&C 2016.

The closing panel of D&C days 2016 brought together the three discussion strands that took place during the event and highlighted the key messages and actions required to ensure that global ambition translates into local action and delivers climate resilience for all. The panellists identified actions required at the global, national and local level to ensure that we deliver on the commitments set out in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Reflecting on the participatory and inclusive nature of the D&C Days and the commitment to highlight the role of local actors and local civil society this panel was not a traditional panel of “high level people” only. The panel included representatives of those communities most affected by climate change, field practitioners and local experts in an interactive climate justice dialogue – where everyone participates as equals.

Amongst the speakers were:

- **Marteen van Aalst**, Director, Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre
- **James Close**, Director of the Climate Change Group, World Bank
- **Minister el Haite**, Minister Delegate in Charge of Environment of the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment of Morocco
- **Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner**, Spoken-word Artist, the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Coordinatrice de l'AFPAT, Tchad
- **Patrick Phiri**, Community Resilience Manager, Red Cross Malawi
- **Mary Robinson**, the former Irish President 1990–97; United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997–2002; founder of The Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice.
- **Youba Sokona**, Head of the interim Independent Delivery Unit, Africa Renewable Energy Initiative and Vice Chair of the IPCC
- **Laura Tuck**, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank



## Dissemination and Outputs

Jorge Martin's Mural	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B8sVCIZZ0znmWVZOMXIXdzFaZTQ">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B8sVCIZZ0znmWVZOMXIXdzFaZTQ</a>
D&C Days films of individuals including Saleem Huq, Agnes Leina, Constance Okollett, Mary Robinson	Google drive: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwwtxsoeYQRCLU1CQ3NhVW5TNkk">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwwtxsoeYQRCLU1CQ3NhVW5TNkk</a> You tube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvNfCDoCGRXzWz5EF9Vqj9hqPNAvYyHfK">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvNfCDoCGRXzWz5EF9Vqj9hqPNAvYyHfK</a>
Photographs from 2 days (RCCC)	<a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/climatecentre/albums/72157674939629302">https://www.flickr.com/photos/climatecentre/albums/72157674939629302</a>
Video Clare S opening remarks	Speech: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOK04AI-Nr8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOK04AI-Nr8</a> Slides: <a href="http://www.slideshare.net/IIEDslides/development-climate-days-what-our-community-of-practice-can-achieve">http://www.slideshare.net/IIEDslides/development-climate-days-what-our-community-of-practice-can-achieve</a>
Video of Robert Hofstede day one rap up	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXAo0HdwcJg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXAo0HdwcJg</a>
Video of the High-Level Panel	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlb6Nm1rxYc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlb6Nm1rxYc</a>
Storify summaries of live twitter coverage of D&C Days (IIED)	Day 1: <a href="https://storify.com/IIED/d-c-days-day-one">https://storify.com/IIED/d-c-days-day-one</a> Day 2: <a href="https://storify.com/IIED/d-c-days-day-two">https://storify.com/IIED/d-c-days-day-two</a>
Development and Climate Days 'open for business' in Marrakech alongside COP 22 UN climate talks (RCCC)	<a href="http://www.climatecentre.org/news/796/development-and-climate-days-a-open-for-business-in-marrakech-alongside-cop-22-un-climate-talks">http://www.climatecentre.org/news/796/development-and-climate-days-a-open-for-business-in-marrakech-alongside-cop-22-un-climate-talks</a>
Women from agricultural cooperatives in semi-arid regions of Morocco exhibited their wares to development and climate specialists at the D&C Days (RCCC)	<a href="http://www.climatecentre.org/news/797/spicing-d-c-days-moroccan-women-farmers-battling-climate-impacts-exhibit-in-marrakech">http://www.climatecentre.org/news/797/spicing-d-c-days-moroccan-women-farmers-battling-climate-impacts-exhibit-in-marrakech</a>
<a href="#"><u>Poor women's voices still missing from UN climate talks</u></a> (TRF)	<a href="http://news.trust.org/item/20161112221549-v92yb">http://news.trust.org/item/20161112221549-v92yb</a>
Virtual reality game puts players in the disaster driving seat (TRF)	<a href="http://news.trust.org/item/20161112223814-bpihw">http://news.trust.org/item/20161112223814-bpihw</a>
More women, more listening, more cash: Keys to building resilience (BRACED)	<a href="http://www.braced.org/news/i/?id=f0469978-2039-4530-a11e-4a6d281decc1">http://www.braced.org/news/i/?id=f0469978-2039-4530-a11e-4a6d281decc1</a>
Saleemul Huq calls for 'inside-out' climate summit (IIED)	<a href="http://www.iied.org/local-voice-must-take-pride-place-dc-calls-for-inside-out-cop">http://www.iied.org/local-voice-must-take-pride-place-dc-calls-for-inside-out-cop</a>
IISD reporting on IDRC at D&C Days	<a href="http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop22/idrc-at-cop22/12nov.html#event-1">http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop22/idrc-at-cop22/12nov.html#event-1</a> <a href="http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop22/idrc-at-cop22/12nov.html#event-2">http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop22/idrc-at-cop22/12nov.html#event-2</a>
IIED D&C Days page has been updated	<a href="http://www.iied.org/development-climate-days-2016">http://www.iied.org/development-climate-days-2016</a>

## Format

D&C Days aim to implement an innovative, dynamic format to create a platform at the COP that links policy, knowledge and practice in a way that enables substantial cross learning and dialogue. The parallel sessions facilitated during the event presented a key platform for knowledge sharing and learning. By employing a range of innovative facilitation techniques and session styles, the D&C Days both engaged and challenged participants to accelerate desired progress in bridging policy, knowledge and practice in development and climate issues.

### Parallel Session

#### **“DataCuisine!” Innovations in climate communication through food experiences**

**Lead: Climate Centre, IFAD**

If a pie chart can be made of actual pie or even pizza to represent proportions that matter to climate and development, what else can we do to enrich events with food-based data representations and experiences? Starting with a sample of carefully chosen, tailor made snacks, this session illustrates the potential of designed food experiences including “data cuisine”: the multisensorial representation of quantitative information that matters, embedded in food. We will brainstorm creative approaches, such as thought-provoking art installations and the poetics of linking food stuffs to climate impacts and food security.

**Guest presenter:** Artist Silas Birtwistle

### Parallel Session

#### **Art, Climate, Food: A taste of what's to come**

**Lead: Climate Centre, IFAD**

Connecting one of our most personal experiences (eating) with the greatest global challenge of our time, this session will lead to the creation of communication approaches that link global ambition with local action through the culinary arts. Emerging ideas will subsequently be integrated into initiatives with entities engaged in helping reshape cultural discourse, including through collaboration with art museums, journalism networks, and civil society organizations.

**Facilitator:** Rebeka Ryvola, Climate Centre

### Parallel Session

#### **Out of the Box: Rethinking how we design interactive events in the climate and development space**

**Lead: Climate Centre (Room: Marrakech)**

If we want ‘Action Towards Ambition’, how can we better inspire ambitious, out-of-the-box action? If we want ‘Just and Equitable Decision making’, how can we design interactions in ways that enable the emergence of more prominent roles for those normally excluded? When aiming for ‘managing climate risks in resilient development’, how can we better adapt to change and surprises, ambitious, out-of-the-box action? If we want ‘Just and Equitable Decision making’, In this intensely participatory session we will explore innovative yet proven, safe ways to become comfortable, connected and creative in the face of the unknown. We will learn and experience how climate and development practitioners are already benefitting from the inspiration, skills, methods and mindsets developed by the fields of applied improvisation.

**Facilitator:** Pablo Suarez

## Evaluation and Recommendations

### Participants' feedback on overall event

#### Day 1

33 responses:

Did you follow a track?		Rate the day		Top 4 sessions
Track 1	5	Poor	0	Parallel session 3C - Catalysing climate action and leadership – innovative approaches to designing, implementing and communicating research
Track 2	4	Adequate	2	Parallel session 2B - Climate Justice – putting people at the centre, ensuring frontline communities have their voices heard in climate decision making
Track 3	4	Good	17	Session 1 - Examining the links between global ambition, local action and climate resilience through the lens of social protection
No track	20	Excellent	14	Parallel session 2A - Ambition, Commitment, ACTION! Perspectives on implementation toward the Paris agreement

#### Day 2

19 responses:

Did you follow a track?		Rate the day		Top 4 sessions
Track 1	3	Poor	0	Session 6 - Out of the box: Rethinking how we design interactive events in the climate and development space
Track 2	4	Adequate	1	Session 8 - High-level closing panel
Track 3	3	Good	7	Session 5 - Mobility and displaced peoples
No track	9	Excellent	9	Parallel session 7A - INDCs, NAPs and SDGs: Seeking synergies

**Improvements**

Better timing/time management

Ensuring all people can participate/inviting audience to participate more

Better translation

Coffee in the morning/on arrival/ at reception

Increasing mix of experiences from more countries/regions/ include more indigenous people/traditional knowledge

Game was too long/Game not long enough

More women speakers - particularly from the private sector

More time for networking/co-learning/guided networking for those with less experience/facilitate one-on-one connections

Concrete case studies

**What will you do differently as a result**

Think more critically about projects

I will think hard about the way that I communicate information and try to do it in a way that attempts to truly connect with the group I am working with.

Rethinking the way we plan our community events on the ground, and inspired to continue to pursue creative ways to get people to think differently about climate issues.

Follow the work of We Mean Business more closely

Mobilize money to help other peoples touched by climate change

Think about using actions in my messaging of complex concepts

Think more creatively about how to communicate climate change.

Develop interactivity with other sectors before making decision related to climate change

Think more about different senses and opportunities for effective communication (based on data cuisine)

Share what I have learnt

Explore virtual reality as a means to communicate differently/ Seek out more virtual reality as a teaching tool experiences

Always respect the voice of the most vulnerable communities and ensure participation of them in planning, implementation and evaluation process.

I'll focus more on gender process on my R&D

The participation today has energised me to be very vigilant in my advocacy with policy makers mainly to push for legislation that demands government to ensure participation of Civil Society in decision making