



### Sharing insights from Adaptation Fund NGO Network at UNFCCC - COP25

**G**itika Goswami, Senior Programme Director, Development Alternatives (DA) was part of a panel discussion on ‘Promoting gender-just climate finance for greater local resilience action’ along with three other panellists - Sven Harmeling, CARE International; Robert Bakiika from Uganda; and Titi Akosa, Green Climate Fund, at a side event organised at COP25 in Madrid, Spain on 11 December 2019. . Gitika shared insights from the six Adaptation Fund projects that are being implemented in vulnerable regions of India. The discussion was centred on how gender has been included in each stage of the Adaptation Fund projects in India, from the conceptualisation and planning to project designing and implementation stage. She also shared some of the success stories from the field where she mentioned the adaptation project work being done in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh by DRCSC and MSSRF respectively.

The Adaptation Fund NGO Network (AFN) had a booth set up at COP 25 on 9-11 December 2019 to popularise the network’s activities, to inform the CSOs to actively engage with the Adaptation Fund projects and to attract the decision-makers to include CSOs in the adaptation finance projects. As a board member of AFN, DA participated in the booth and communicated organisation’s work in gender issues addressing climate vulnerability. Around 160 people visited the booth and engaged with the representatives. The attendees of the booth were encouraged to write a message encapsulating their views on what adaptation finance needs to do. These messages will be compiled and submitted to the next Adaptation Fund’s Board Meeting in March 2020.

This event was followed by a Strategy Meeting of the AFN Board, coordinated by the representatives from the German Watch where representatives from 11 countries participated to chalk out the plan for the next three years.