

# Climate Change Adaptation: Canada Needs to Get Talking

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# Climate Change Adaptation

- Central role in global climate talks
- Will it supplant regular development assistance?
- Will it lessen the guilt over lack of mitigation?
- Ethics: differentiated responsibility
- National leadership required

# Canada's 1.2 Billion

- \$1.2 billion in new and additional climate change financing – some goes to adaptation – for the years 2010-2013

# Funding recipients (Canada's Action on Climate Change Website)

- [International Finance Corporation \(IFC\)](#) – World Bank -- \$291.5 million – this includes \$100 million already given to a World Bank Pilot Program on Climate Resilience over 2008-2009; loans not grants; “Canada's contribution will support greenhouse gas abatement opportunities and will be deployed to catalyze private sector financing for clean energy projects”
- [World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility \(FCPF\) Readiness Fund](#) -- \$40 million
- [Least Developed Countries Fund \(LDCF\)](#) – World Bank -- \$20 million

[World Bank BioCarbon \*plus\* Fund](#) -- \$4.5 million

[African Adaptation Research Centres Initiative \(AARC\)](#) -- \$10 million -- International Development Research Centre work

**Managing Environmental Resources to Enable Transitions to More Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative in Ethiopia** -- \$7 million of Canada's fast start financing was combined with other international assistance resources, for a contribution totaling \$15 million to this World Food Programme.

**Adaptation to Climate Change in Haiti** -- \$4.5 million

**Vietnam Support Program to Respond to Climate Change**-- \$3 million of Canada's fast start financing, combined with other international assistance resources, for a total of \$4.45 million – CIDA money

**Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)**-- \$237,000 – sponsored one conference in lead-up to Cancun

**UNFCCC Participation Fund** -- \$763,000 in fast-start financing, combined with other international assistance for a total \$1 million

**Global Environment Facility (GEF)**: total contribution to the GEF from 2010-2014 is \$238.4 million, an increase of over 50% over the previous four year period. In fiscal 2010-11, \$18.5 million were drawn from fast-start financing to support our increased annual payment.

# Conclusions

- Dialogue needed on this ethical imperative
- Canadian technical, policy, and financial expertise
- No way to unload or pass the buck: centralized resources, redistributed throughout the country and through multilateral funding mechanisms, needed
- Adaptation funding should not supplant more traditional emergency, humanitarian, or environmental funding; accountability is key
- Green Climate Fund: hopefully Canada can rejoin the UNFCCC process and play a significant role: it permits Canada to play a part in a multilateral effort that has established modes of accountability and a relatively long-term timeline.