

Climate Change and Development

Implementing the Paris Agreement: Perspectives from Least Developed Countries

March 8, 18.00 – 19.30

ETH Zürich, Rämistrasse 101, main building HG D 7.2



Programme

18.00 **Presentation by Dr. Saleemul Huq**

18.45 **Panel discussion**
Saleemul Huq (ICCCAD)
Gernot Laganda (WFP)

19.30 **Apéro**

Summary

At the end of 2015, the 196 parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adopted the Paris Agreement - the world's first comprehensive climate accord. This agreement commits all countries, developed and developing, to take ambitious action to limit global warming to well below two degree Celsius. It also recognizes that the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) need financial and technical support to achieve their climate goals. These countries are not only facing accelerating climate threats, but also widespread poverty.

One of the biggest challenges we face over the next decades is therefore to ensure that the Paris Agreement leads to actions and outcomes that fulfil its objectives and simultaneously guarantees that LDCs are able to achieve their development goals.

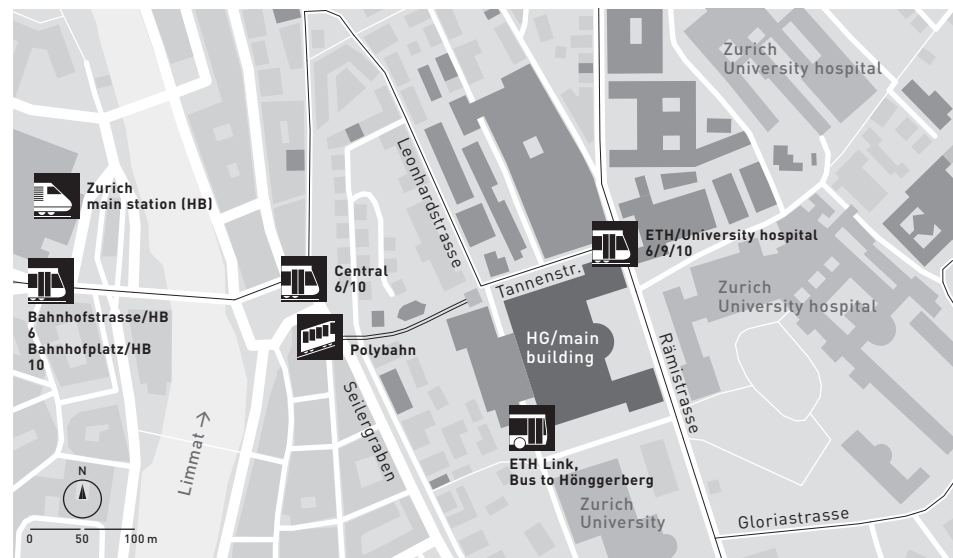
Although many leaders from around the world have praised the agreement struck in Paris on climate change, there are conflicting views about whether or not it is able to protect and address the particular situation of LDCs. This event will give us more insights into some of the challenges the world's poorest countries face in the aftermath of the Paris Agreement and will highlight opportunities for the international community to help address these challenges.

Speakers

Saleemul Huq is the Director of the International Centre for Climate Change & Development (ICCCAD), one of the leading research and capacity building organizations working on climate change and development in Bangladesh. Dr. Huq is also a Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Environment & Development in the UK, where he is involved in building negotiating capacity and supporting the engagement of Least Developed Countries in the UNFCCC. Dr. Huq has published numerous articles in scientific and popular journals, was a lead author in both the Third and Fourth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).



Gernot Laganda is the Director of Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Programmes at the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). For the past 17 years, he has developed and managed climate and disaster risk management programmes in both humanitarian as well as development settings, focusing on rural areas. Prior to joining WFP, Mr. Laganda was Head of Environment and Climate Finance at the United Nations' International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), where he coordinated large programmes to strengthen the resilience of smallholder farmers in developing countries to the effects of climate change.



Map and Directions

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