LDC University Leadership for Catalyzing Climate-adaptation Finance

Access to climate finance is critical for the ability of LDCs to adapt to climate change. Led by the LDC University Consortium on Climate Change, the University Leadership for Catalyzing Climate-Adaptation Finance in LDCs (UNI-LEAD) project seeks to develop both university and government capacities in climate finance with the goal of strengthening university-government partnerships for more fully accessing national and international sources of climate financing.

1. **Strengthening Capacities**: Webinars and short courses are important components of UNI-LEAD. The webinars are designed to increase skills and understanding by LUCCC universities on key aspects of climate finance, while the short courses support university engagement with government stakeholders. The courses will be developed in consultation with LUCCC members to determine topics that their respective governments need to learn about in order to increase their potential to access climate finance, and the short courses will be designed for LUCCC universities to offer as a service to their respective government counterparts.

2. **LUCCC Think Tanks**: serve as a proof-of-concept for fee-based services provided by universities to governments that enhance climate change adaptation policy development and project design aimed at increasing the ability of governments to access climate finance.

3. **Capturing Lessons**: UNI-LEAD aims to capture learning and insight from the initial 5 think tanks to better understand how to create enabling conditions for other think tanks to be established throughout the LUCCC network.

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