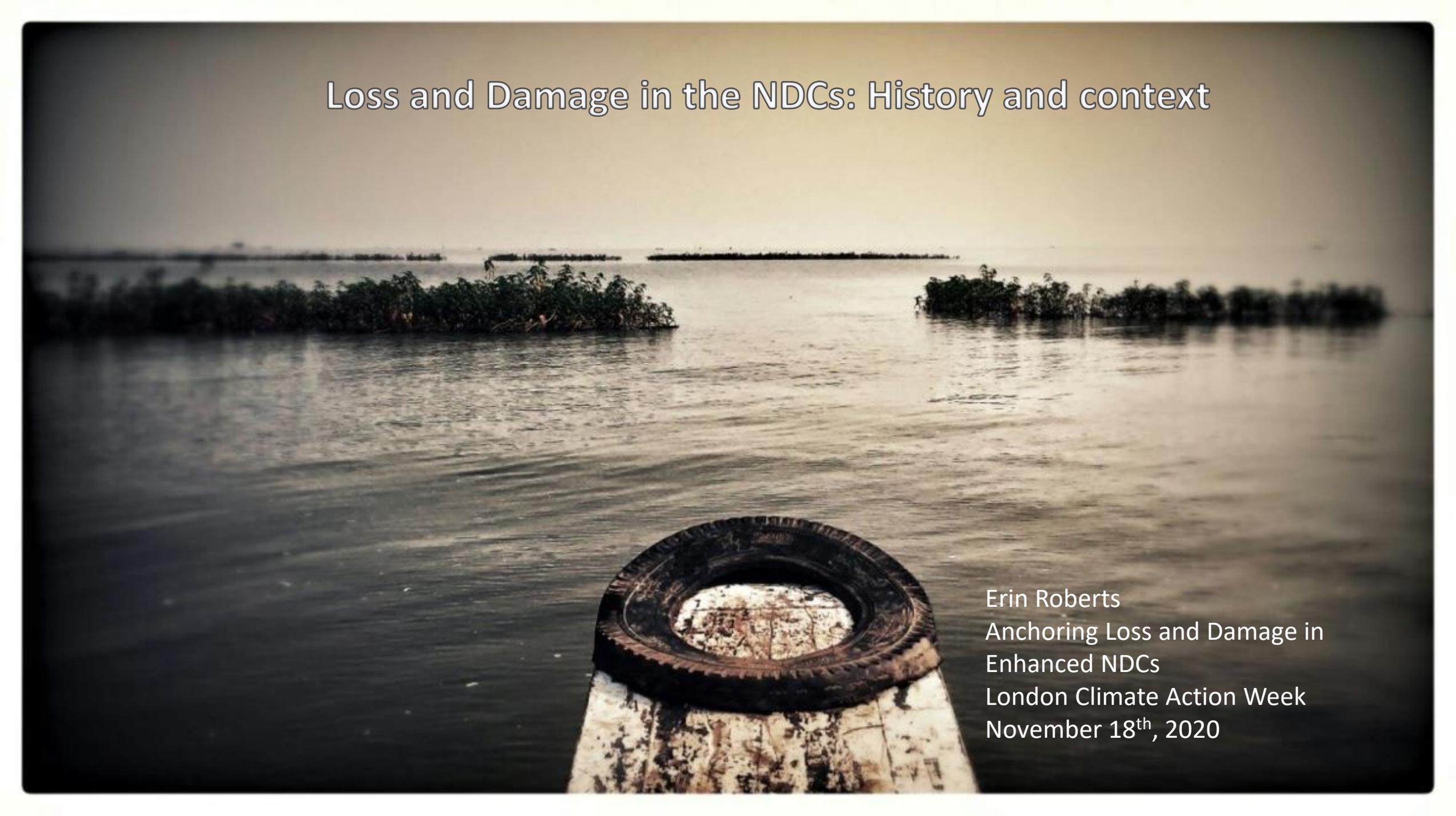


# Loss and Damage in the NDCs: History and context

A photograph showing a flooded landscape. In the foreground, a weathered wooden post is partially submerged, with a black tire rim resting on top of it. The water is calm and reflects the sky. In the background, there are several small, low-lying islands or patches of land with green vegetation, surrounded by water. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting an overcast day.

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"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. **The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.**"

- Theodore Roosevelt -

# A brief history

## Loss and Damage

### **2010:**

- Work programme on loss and damage established

### **2012:**

- Role of the Convention in promoting the implementation of approaches to address L&D determined

### **2013:**

- Warsaw international mechanism established

### **2014:**

- First meeting of the interim Executive Committee

### **2015:**

- First meeting of the Executive Committee
- Loss and Damage inscribed in Article 8 of the Paris Agreement

## NDCs

### **2011:**

- ADP established at COP 17 to guide negotiations on what became the Paris Agreement

### **2013:**

- The concept of INDCs introduced at COP 19

### **2014:**

- At COP 20 determined that INDCs will include mitigation and can include adaptation

### **2015:**

- Paris Agreement established at COP 21

# Including Loss and Damage in NDCs: What are the issues?

- **Power**

- Who has the power creates the narrative and who creates the narrative dictates what matters and what does not
- As such, funders tend to be dictated more by priorities developed countries than those of developing countries

- Loss and Damage deemed **political** - but is it really?

- On the ground **complexities**

- **Capacity**

# How can we ensure the priorities of developing countries articulated in NDCs?

**Centre climate policy at all levels around the priorities of those in the arena:**  
policy and decision makers in vulnerable developing countries

