

Global Forum of Funders

Adaptation Research Alliance

Addressing the challenges and opportunities of multilateral collaborations in action research

28th April 2021

The session will start shortly

AGENDA

Number	Time Allocated	Item
1	5 min	Welcome and setting the scene – Rosalind West
2	5 min	Opening remarks – Debra Roberts
3	10 min	Introduction to the ARA initiative- Anand Patwardhan
4	45 min	Panel discussion – moderated by Bruce Currie-Alder
4	5 min	Wrap up and thanks – Rosalind West





PARIS GOALS

Reduce emissions
Adapt and build resilience
Mobilize finance

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long Term Strategies (LTSs)

Evidence strong national action

Negotiations

Build international consensus

Campaigns

Drive international collaboration and green resilient recovery











International Engagement and Partnerships

Civil Society engagement and Together For Our Planet campaign

Presidency convening power

Domestic leadership

A&R CAMPAIGN COP 26

Climate change is happening now and practical action is urgently required to minimize and avert loss and damage. We need a stepchange on adaptation and resilience, collaborating with governments, business, and CSOs to prepare for climate risks, mobilise further action, and increase adaptation financing.

Impact: People throughout the world, especially in developing countries, are able to thrive in the face of climate shocks, stresses and changes to our climate, with no-one left behind.

COP26 Objective: Through our COP26 Presidency the UK will encourage greater political ambition, tools, finance, coordination and commitments to build resilience through support to practical adaptation and disaster preparedness and response. We will develop activities across three key components through our adaptation and resilience campaign. Central to this will be a campaign ("Adaptation Action Coalition") focussed on adaptation best practice and on actions to avert, minimize and address loss and damage and help create the environments and partnerships necessary to provide countries with the financial and technical tools, and the political attention needed to take action.



Plan

Plan, anticipate and respond to climate change, by enhancing disaster preparedness and embedding climate risk across all investments.



Act

Take action to reduce vulnerability in key priority sectors, strengthening resilience of people, nature and the economy by working and learning from others.



Finance

Significantly increase overall quantum of finance and improve quality and access of finance to local institutions and those most vulnerable.



ADAPTATION ACTION COALITION

The Adaptation Action Coalition (AAC) is a **state-led coalition** to build momentum and galvanize action on climate change adaptation and resilience.

The AAC will:

- drive action by delivering sector-focused events on key A&R areas, including infrastructure, health, water and more [dates TBC]
- will build and maintain momentum by bringing together governments, and working collaboratively
 with non-state actors including businesses, communities through the Race to Resilience to identify
 and implement successful solutions.

STEERING COMMITTEE

UK, Egypt, Bangladesh, Malawi, Netherlands, St Lucia [TBC +6]

MEMBERS

We have invited all 122 countries who have signed the Call for Action on Adaptation and Resilience to join the AAC. Non-signatories are encouraged to sign the Call for Action and join the AAC.

Informed and underpinned by pioneering research and technical expertise of the Adaptation Research Alliance

Collaborating with the Race to Resilience to bring in non-state actors

Working with other initiatives where relevant to the sector focus e.g. **CCRI** and **CDRI** on infrastructure, **REAP** on disaster risk reduction

THE ADAPTATION RESEARCH ALLIANCE

The Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) is a coalition across the adaptation research and action communities, bringing together researchers and both traditional 'research funders' and 'action funders'.

ARA Mission

To accelerate and scale investments in action-orientated research in developing countries, that addresses the pressing knowledge needs for adaptation and resilience of the most vulnerable, builds capacity at all stages from research to action, strengthens research—implementation linkages, and promotes greater learning.







ARA Gobeshona Declaration: 33 signatories committing to co-develop the ARA ahead of COP26





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Functions	Activities / Outputs						
1. Advocacy	Formulation of "ARA Principles" and campaign for endorsement and adoption	High-level commentary paper	Evidence reviews 1 5	Comms, social media and presence at events	Interlinkages with relevant research and action networks		
2. Research planning & coordination	On-going stock-take of action research	Research and Innovation Needs & Opportunities Identification	Potential "co- creation space"	Building a system for monitoring, evaluation & learning	Form cross-links with relevant sectoral initiatives		
3. Resource mobilization & delivery	Finalisation of operating model for ARA	Commitments to align current/ planned activities with ARA Principles	Review of potential funding mechanisms	Commitments to fund new action research programmes	Working with private sector		

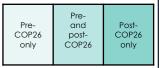


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Time frame:



A Call to Action

- This phase of ARA development aims to establish proof-of-concept and value proposition
- Welcome organizations to engage in ARA codevelopment
- Endorse and adopt ARA principles
- Participate in consultative processes for need & opportunity identification
- Collaborate to develop new long-duration actionorientated research programmes focused on the global South

To get more involved, email: ara@southsouthnorth.org

