



Adaptation Research Alliance

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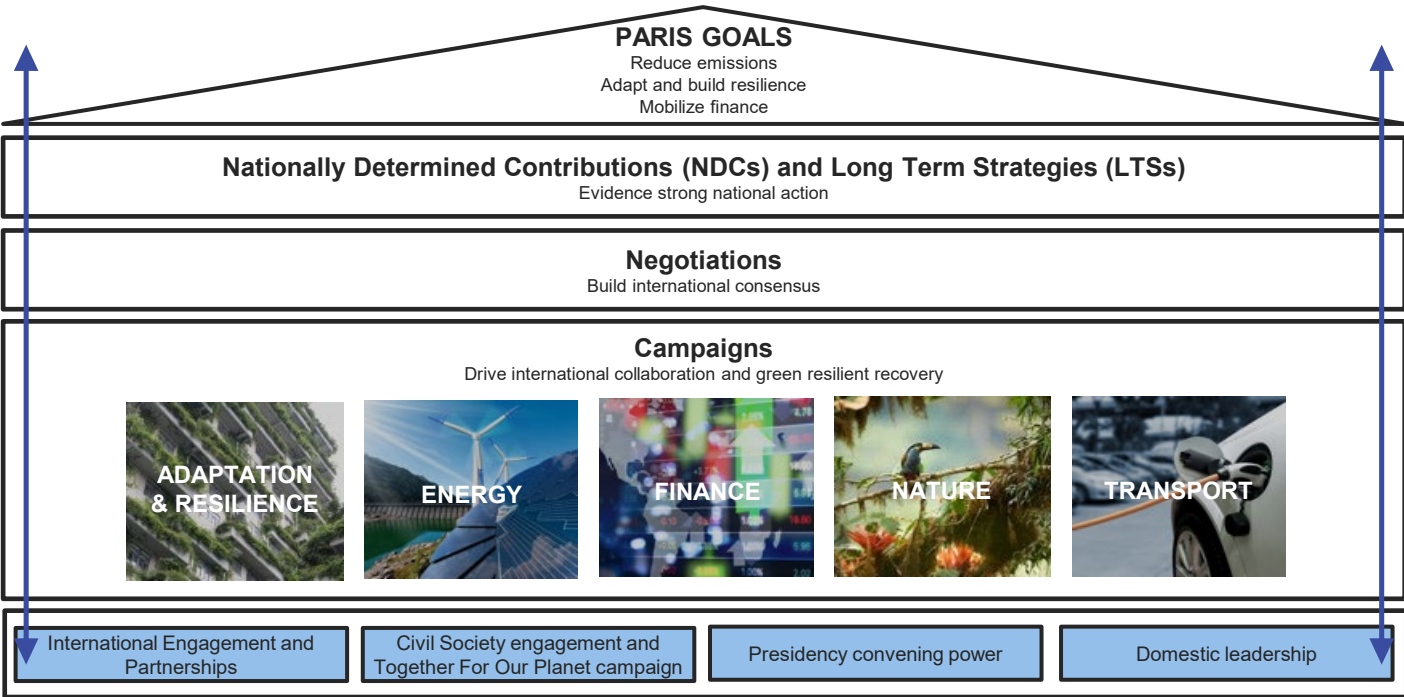
Addressing the challenges and opportunities of multi-lateral collaborations in action research

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



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.

1

Plan

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

2

Act

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

3

Finance

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



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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

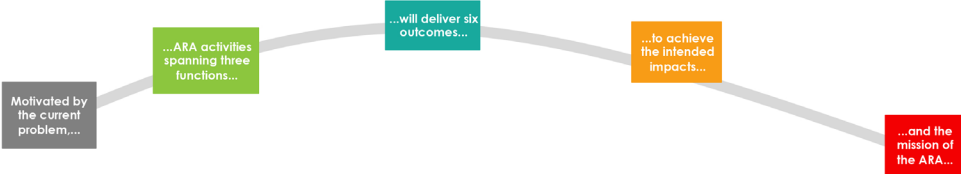
The **Adaptation Research Alliance** (ARA) is a coalition across the adaptation research and action communities, bringing together researchers and both traditional 'research funders' and 'action funders'.

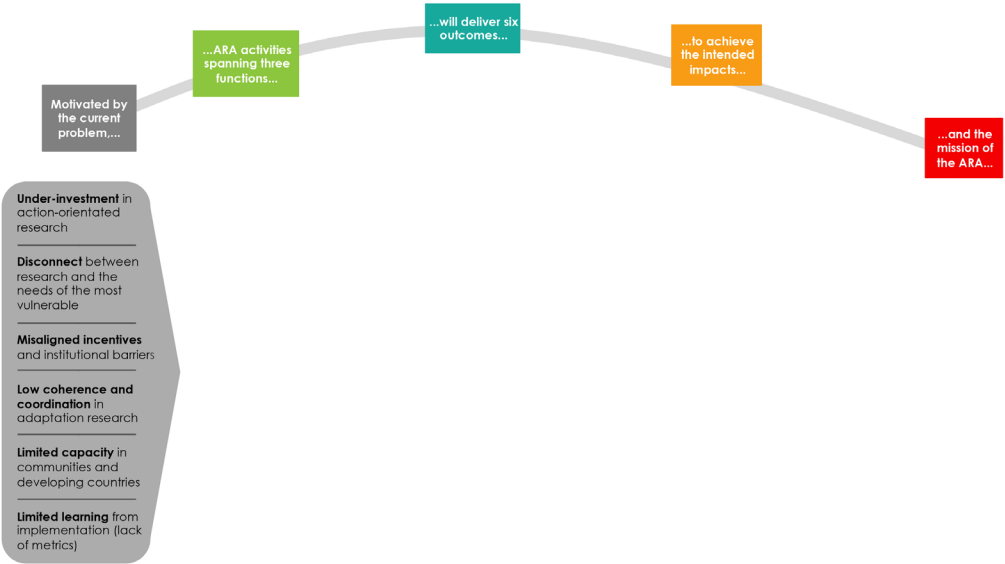
ARA Mission

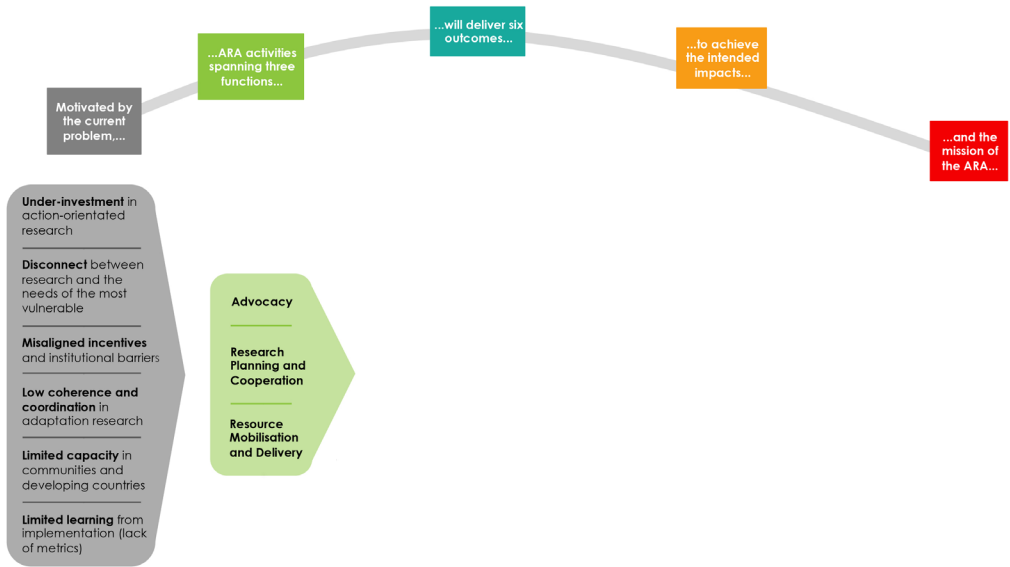
To accelerate and scale investments in **action-orientated research** in developing countries, that addresses the pressing knowledge needs for adaptation and resilience of the most vulnerable, builds capacity at all stages from research to action, strengthens research–implementation linkages, and promotes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

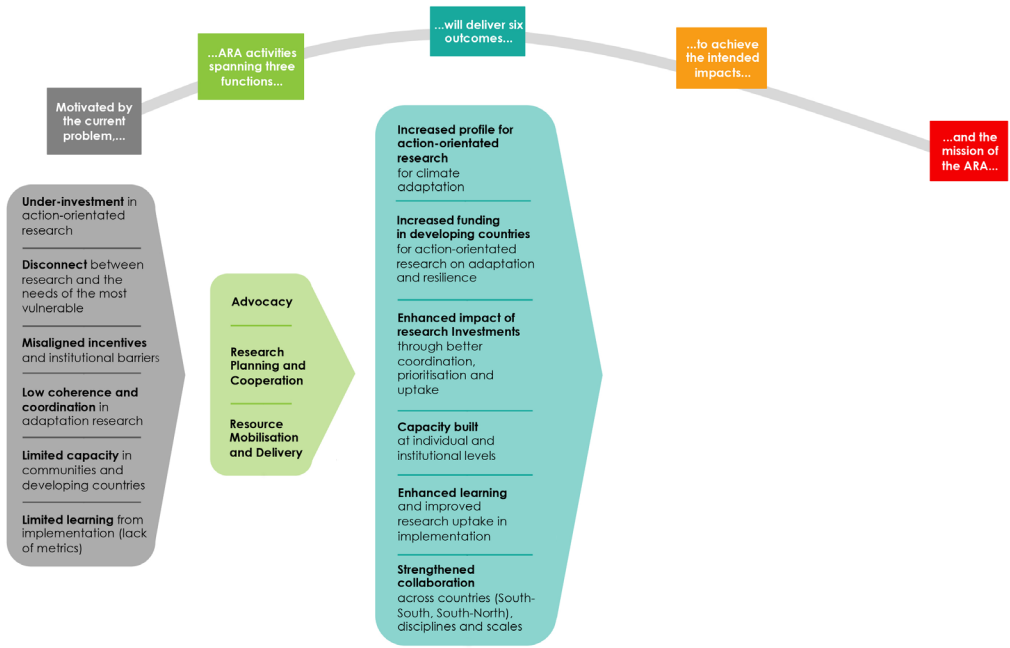


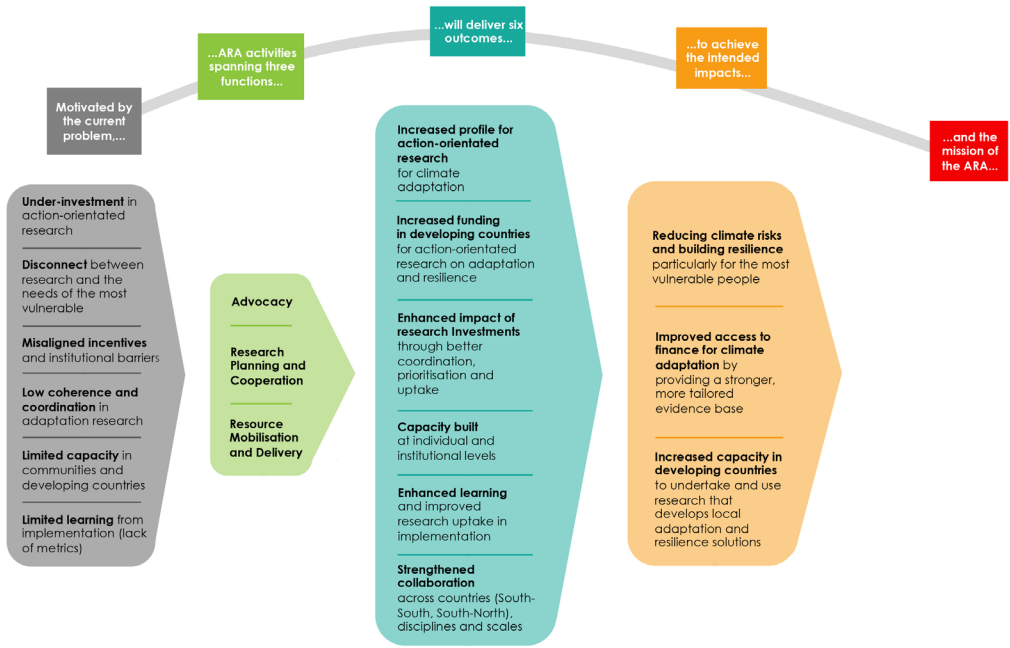
ARA Gobeshona Declaration: 33 signatories committing to co-develop the ARA ahead of COP26

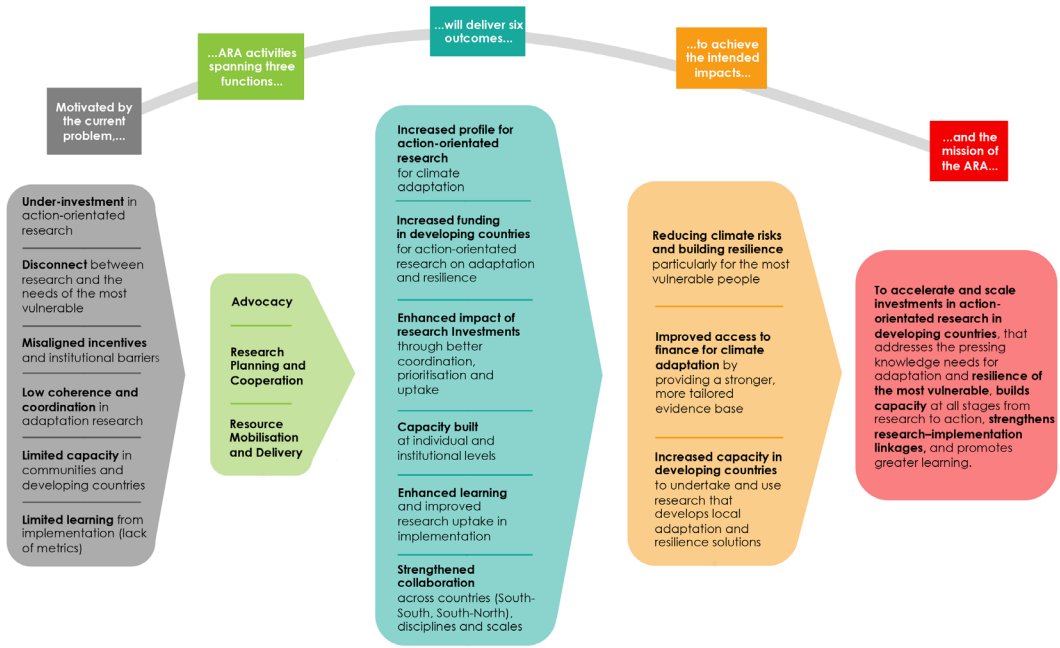




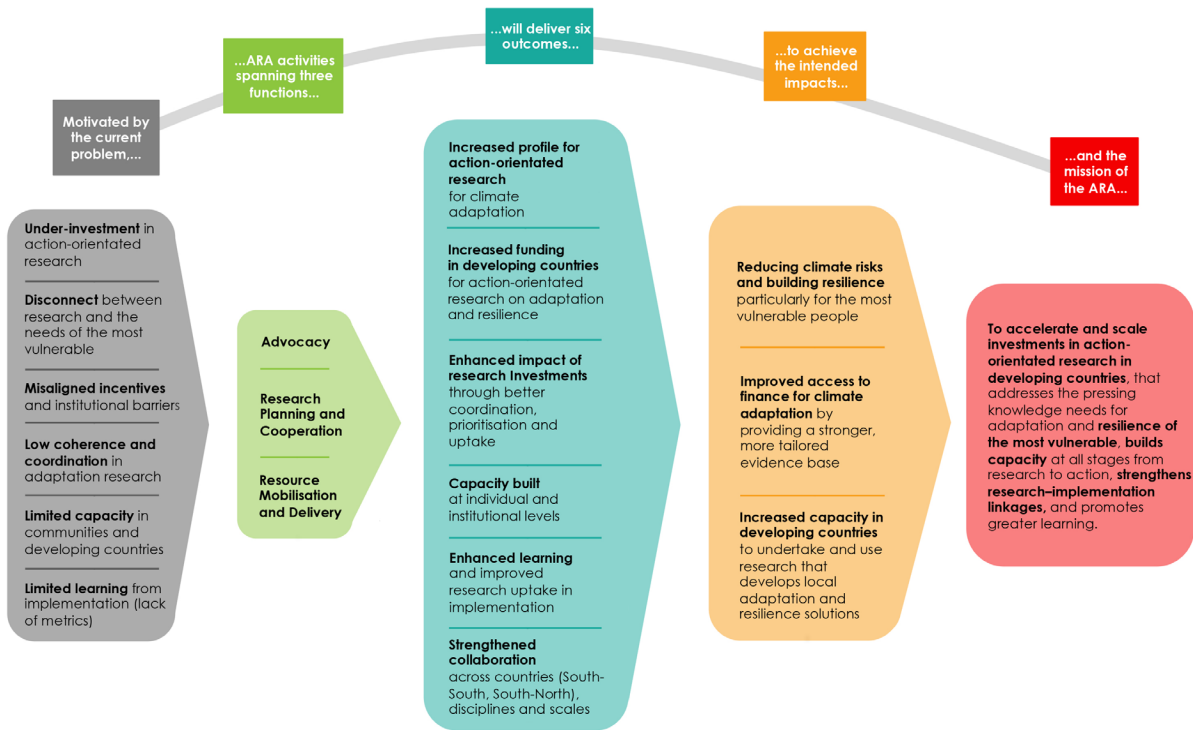








Theory of Change



Our Values

ARA activities uphold operational principles of: openness and transparency; Southern leadership; thinking big and long-term; and gender equality and social inclusion

Functions	Activities / Outputs				
1. Advocacy	Formulation of “ARA Principles” and campaign for endorsement and adoption 6	High-level commentary paper 1 5	Evidence reviews 1 5	Comms, social media and presence at events 1	Interlinkages with relevant research and action networks 6
2. Research planning & coordination	On-going stock-take of action research 3 6	Research and Innovation Needs & Opportunities Identification 3 4 6	Potential “co-creation space” 4 5 6	Building a system for monitoring, evaluation & learning 3 5	Form cross-links with relevant sectoral initiatives 3 6
3. Resource mobilization & delivery	Finalisation of operating model for ARA 6	Commitments to align current/ planned activities with ARA Principles 6	Review of potential funding mechanisms 2	Commitments to fund new action research programmes 2	Working with private sector 2 6

Outcomes: 1 Increased profile for action-orientated research for climate adaptation 2 Increased funding in developing countries for action-orientated research on adaptation and resilience 3 Enhanced impact of research Investments through better coordination, prioritisation and uptake	4 Capacity built at individual and institutional levels 5 Enhanced learning and improved research uptake in implementation 6 Strengthened collaboration across nations (South-South, South-north), disciplines and scales	Time frame:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1071 797 1178 922">Pre-COP26 only</td> <td data-bbox="1178 797 1278 922">Pre- and post-COP26</td> <td data-bbox="1278 797 1390 922">Post-COP26 only</td> </tr> </table>	Pre-COP26 only	Pre- and post-COP26	Post-COP26 only
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A Call to Action

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

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