

ARA Consultative Processes

The Adaptation Research Alliance undertook four pilot Consultative Processes in 2021 to explore issues faced in adaptation research and action across the globe. The topic areas selected were:



Food Systems



Global Health



Gender and Social Inclusion



Climate Risk Assessments for national adaptation planning in Least Developed Countries

These pilot Consultative Processes were facilitated by Canada's International Development Research Centre, the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (in collaboration with the UK Health Security Agency) and the Climate System Analysis Group at the University of Cape Town.

A Chair's Summary for each Consultative Process is available on the ARA website in English, Spanish and French.



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KEY FINDINGS



Breaking down silos

- At multiple scales and sectors, across funding types, and the mitigation/adaptation divide
- Encourage transdisciplinary collaboration and welcome all forms of knowledge



More effective communication

- Complex information needs to be appropriately communicated for different audiences on climate risks and adaptation solutions
- Need to create greater awareness of societal risks and climate impacts
- Narrative and stories can provide a useful engagement avenue for communications and advocacy



Better Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Systems

- Need to develop better metrics and methods of evaluation that speak to impact
- Learning should be prioritised so that best practice can be shared



Enhanced collaboration

- Collaboration needed to address gaps in understanding and action
- Establish and enhance networks, esp with new players (e.g. private sector and civil society)
- Engage more with vulnerable groups and help them to contribute equitably



More long-term funding for adaptation

- Access to long term funding for collaboration, activities and research



Build further capacity in the Global South

- Capacity development is needed across all actors to develop and use information as well as effective communication
- Researchers in Global South should be driving the research agenda in their country/region
- Need to identify methods and tools for capacity development that are relevant and useful to those whose capacity is being built

THE ARA INTENDS TO USE THE KNOWLEDGE GENERATED BY THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES TO:



Drive the development of new projects or programmes that address the needs identified in the consultative process



Create communities of practice or networks for actors to continue engagement that can lead to collective problem solving