



STATEMENT OF INTENT

Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) & Building Approaches to fund local Solutions with climate Evidence (BASE)

The ARA is joining the BASE initiative, a programme driven by ARA member Fundación Avina. In turn, BASE will formally be recognised as an Affiliated Programme of the Alliance.

WHAT IS BASE?

[BASE](#) was designed as a task force to work collaboratively with partners and associated initiatives on a specific challenge: promoting more and better access to climate finance for local communities, simplifying the ways to develop a climate rationale and demonstrating the impact that the solutions implemented have on mitigation or adaptation. BASE addresses this challenge pragmatically and with a view toward systemic change, by convening local organizations, funders, knowledge organizations, and intermediaries to build solutions through an approach that combines research, action, and advocacy.

WHAT IS THE ARA?

The [ARA](#) is a global coalition responding to the urgent challenges faced by vulnerable communities from climate change. Our membership is made up of researchers, funders, policymakers, development bodies, and community-based organisations committed to action for adaptation that supports climate resilient futures.

WHAT THIS PARTNERSHIP MEANS FOR THE ARA

Linking climate evidence and funding accessibility is a key aspect of the ARA's and BASE's agenda for ensuring climate finance reaches the local level and contributes positively towards reaching adaptation and resilience goals. ARA's partnership with BASE will build on the [consultative process](#) on financing climate resilience at the local level, which was organised by BASE and the ARA and carried out in August 2022. This process sought to unpack different perspectives on how to link climate evidence and funding accessibility, in order to identify solutions that ensure adaptation finance can reach local organisations and help generate resilience.

WHAT AFFILIATED PROGRAMME MEANS FOR BASE

BASE works to ensure evidence that climate adaptation projects respond to problems related to climate change is produced, so that funding is effective in terms of its impact on enhancing resilience to climate change and appropriate in terms of the speed and manner in which it reaches the communities. It builds upon existing work in the field, particularly existing initiatives focused on strengthening organisational capacity for climate action, which it views as part of the solution.

With over 170 members spanning the global climate adaptation community, the ARA is well-placed to mobilise resources, support evidence-based decision making, and enhance knowledge-exchange that enables these goals to be met.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR STAKEHOLDERS?

This Statement of Intent signals commitments from the ARA and BASE to collaborate toward enhancing the resilience of those most vulnerable to climate change through the availability of effective and equitable funding.

BASE and ARA members and stakeholders benefit from links to each other's networks and working-level connections through collaborative and co-produced processes. Please feel free to share your ideas with us on enhancing evidence and strengthening action.

You can visit the ARA website [here](#), the BASE website [here](#), or you can email us at: secretariat@adaptationresearchalliance.org & basecommunications@avina.net