



THE ADAPTATION RESEARCH ALLIANCE GOBESHONA DECLARATION

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We, representatives of 33 organisations spanning 194 economies, have come together at the Gobeshona Global Conference on Locally Led Adaptation today, to declare our intent to co-develop the Adaptation Research Alliance, a bold new global partnership to catalyse and scale investment in action-oriented research for climate adaptation and resilience.

At a time when the need for evidence-based adaptation solutions is growing rapidly, the global research community is not yet sufficiently mobilised and connected to the actors on the front lines—governments, communities and marginalised people. As a result, research efforts are not adequately meeting worldwide demand for coordinated and actionable evidence to guide effective adaptation and resilience strategies that will reduce the impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable. Without a significantly increased and targeted effort to mobilise research in a trans-disciplinary, action-orientated manner that works hand-in-glove with practitioners on the frontlines and grapples with the prevailing socio-political and environmental contexts, the major risks that arise from climate change will not be addressed with the necessary solutions.

The Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) will, through targeted advocacy, creative cooperation and scaled resource delivery, ensure that the most pressing knowledge needs for adaptation and resilience actions are effectively addressed, and that measurable progress and evidence of the effectiveness of past and ongoing adaptation interventions are at hand. This includes accelerated and scaled investment in developing countries (including the Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States) for action-orientated and user-centred research, in ways that build long-term institutional and human capacity, and help transform the research process, ensuring high quality research that has wider ownership and greater practical impact.

We envision a world by 2030 in which the research community is a highly valued partner to policymakers, practitioners and the most vulnerable communities, and engages effectively to support the delivery of innovative, user-driven solutions for adaptation and resilience from the global to local levels. In endorsing this vision, we commit ourselves to meaningful action and mutual accountability for realising the systemic and structural changes needed in adaptation and resilience research. We will work together in the run up to the 26th session of the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC to co-develop the ARA and ensure that it sets targets for ambitious and realistic outcomes that enable adaptation and resilience research that is led by needs of the most vulnerable and develops solutions commensurate with the scale of the climate emergency.



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