



# STATEMENT OF INTENT

## Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) & Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

Tackling the risk of climate change and disasters is the highest priority for governments and non-governmental actors across the world. Achieving this requires efforts across multiple sectors and scales through collaboration between varied actors and institutions- as no single institution can achieve this goal on its own.

The [Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure \(CDRI\)](#) is a partnership of national governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions that aims to promote the resilience of new and existing infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks in support of sustainable development.

The [Adaptation Research Alliance \(ARA\)](#) aims 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. Both entities recognise the crucial importance of partnership and acknowledge the need to collaborate for mutual benefit in at least three ways:

1. **Harnessing partnerships for developing and operationalising action-oriented research:** The ARA with its network of 180 members spread across 63 countries is well placed to mobilise capacity to strengthen the initiatives of CDRI through co-created needs-driven evidence and research on resilient infrastructure development. CDRI with its national and regional partners is well placed to amplify and operationalise research insights and models of practice emerging from ARA's network.
2. **Joint policy-advocacy:** CDRI with its strong partnership network of national governments, multilateral agencies and the private sector has access to key policy arenas. The ARA with its strong membership base among non-governmental institutions (including large numbers of local actors) has a role within a range of complementary policy processes. Therefore, joint advocacy to promote shared agendas holds the potential to deliver substantial and systemic shifts in policies and programmes for tackling risk and building resilience.

3. **Mutual support to programmes of work:** CDRI has a well-developed set of programmes with varied points of focus spanning the power sector, transport, telecom infrastructure, health systems, early warning and fiscal risk. The ARA too has a robust of programme of work spanning learning and sharing, new programme development, localised action-oriented research and policy-advocacy. Both entities recognize the synergies between their initiatives and commit to finding pathways of harnessing these.

This Statement of Intent is valid initially for three (03) years (1 April 2023 - 31 March 2026) and may be extended further based on mutual agreement. The areas of collaboration identified in this document shall be operationalised through joint annual work plans developed by CDRI and ARA in line with agreed thematic and geographic priorities.

Together, through this non-binding Statement of Intent the two entities commit to joint action for tackling the risk of climate change and disasters.

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