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Adaptation Research Alliance – overview

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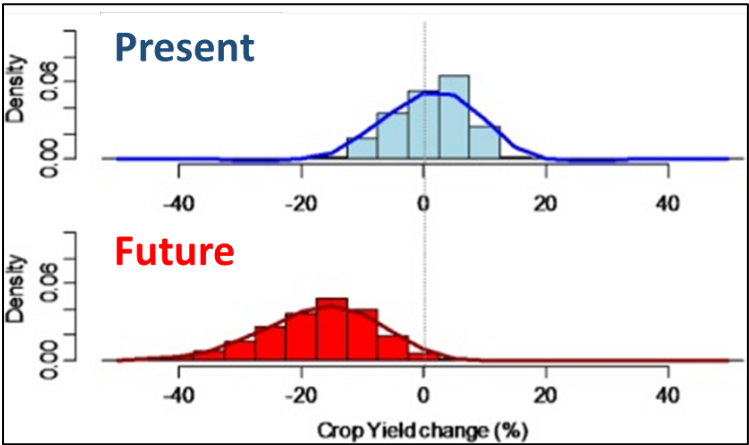


The central role of knowledge in action

- The report of the Global Commission on Adaptation called for three revolutions – starting with a revolution in understanding:
- Understanding climate risks – making them visible
- Understanding solutions – co-creating them with users
- Understanding what works – learning by doing

Action Research is the cornerstone

Research for adaptation & resilience is about analyzing the problem, and finding solutions, in a user-centred, action-orientated manner



**Better risk
information**

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**Better
decisions**

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**Better
solutions**



Images courtesy of Future Climate for Africa AMMA-2050 climate resilient agriculture pilot and Plateau game in Senegal



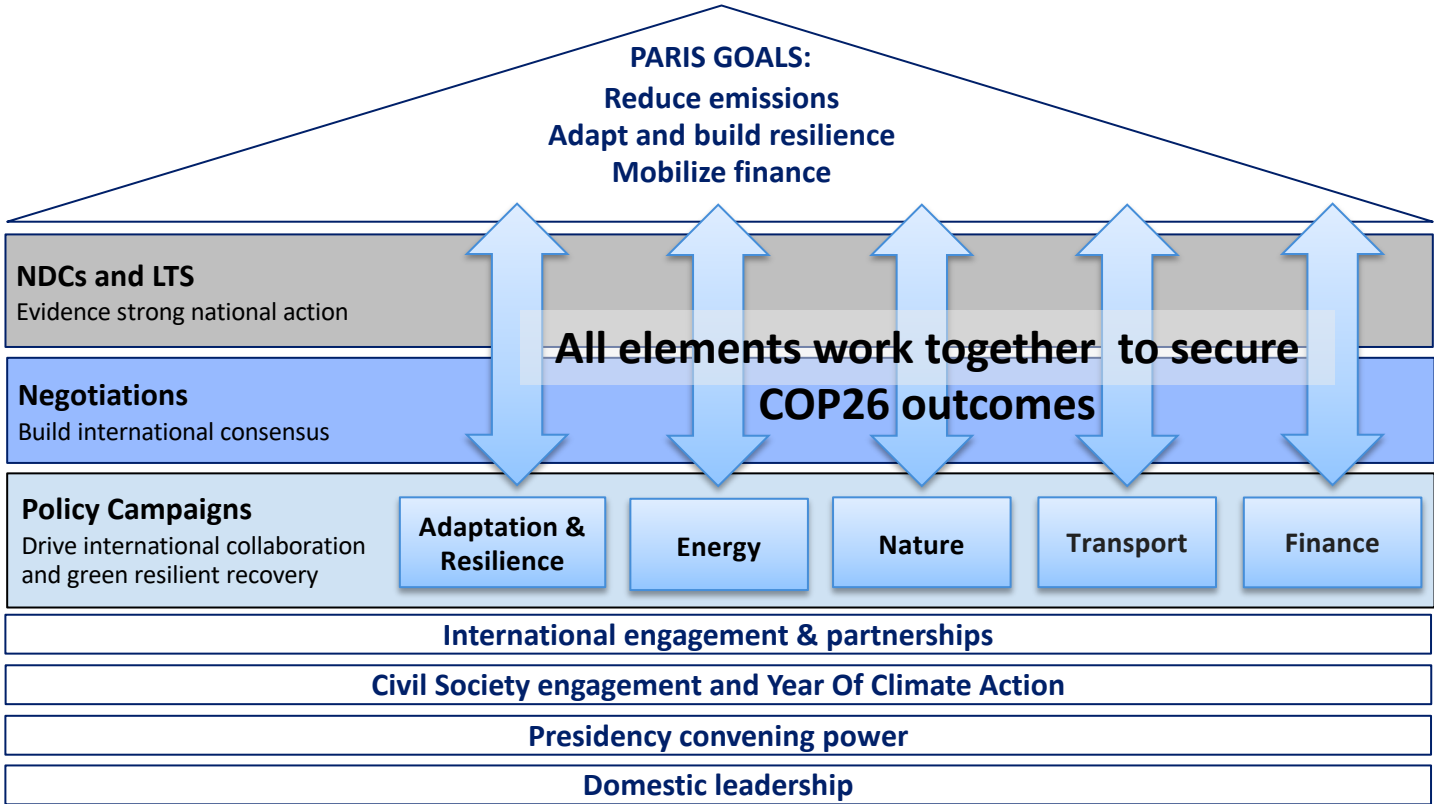
Adaptation Research Alliance – a COP26 initiative

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’.




It will seek to catalyze increased investment in action-oriented adaptation research driven by end-user needs that will help create practical and effective adaptation and resilience solutions.

It will seek to promote research modalities and activities that are: collaborative and Southern-led, strengthen local universities and research institutions, lead to capacity-building and facilitate linkages between research and implementation at multiple levels.

Context: UK Presidency of COP26



Adaptation & Resilience at COP26: Turning ambition into action

| | Key campaign headlines | Campaign deliverables |
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| 1  | Major shift of the UNCAS Call for Action commitments moving into tangible action on the ground | A framework for action (the political ambition) Driving action by countries & non-state actors. Underpinned by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The UN Group of Friends on Adaptation and Resilience.• LIFE AR (Least-Developed Country Initiative on Effective Adaptation and Resilience)• Adaptation Research Alliance• Enhanced domestic approach• Links to Nature Covenant & Just Rural Transition ambition |
| 2  | Significantly increase access to, and overall quantum of, adaptation and resilience financing. | Financing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobilising public financing; influencing budgets in MDBs, NDBs & DFIs towards adaptation• Mobilising private financing; through Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment (CCRI), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)• Improving access to Finance |
| 3  | Hugely improved preparedness and response to natural disasters and crisis, with greater cooperation between stakeholders. | Disaster Risk Protection <i>REAP</i> (Risk-Informed Early Action Partnership); supported by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PARAC (Public Asset Risk Assessment Centres)• AFIRM (Access to Finance for Risk Management) |

- The **Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA)** will underpin the implementation of the UNCAS Call for Action, providing research that is **user-centred, needs driven and action-orientated**.
- The **GRP Resilience Knowledge Coalition** is a sister initiative to ARA, aiming to support the robust design of resilience components across all scales.



ARA design process - working groups

Working Group 1: Governance – determining how ARA will operate and function once launched at COP26 (*Co-facilitators: Bruce Currie-Alder & Maria Pilar del Bueno*)

Working Group 2: Resource mobilization – securing ambitious commitments from partners to support action-orientated, user-centered research (*Interim facilitator: Suzanne Carter*)

Working Group 3: Research mechanisms – Approaches and mechanisms for conducting research that supports action and implementation and leads to long-term capacity-building (*Co-facilitators: Mizan Khan & Kris Ebi*)

Supported by a coordination unit led by SouthSouthNorth



ARA design process

- Working groups
- Commissioned analysis
- Bilateral engagement and consultation
- Broader stakeholder engagement
- Communications and outreach
- Senior champions



Next steps

- First set of working group meetings held during the week of October 26
- Next round of meetings to start fleshing out specific ideas – late November / early December
- Leverage key events in the run-up to COP-26 to build momentum



It is an open process -
we look forward to working with you!

Please send any questions or comments to
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