



Day 2 – 29th September 2020

Strengthening Knowledge to Action Linkages: Importance of “Action Research”

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Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals in a changing climate requires renewed and accelerated global effort to **prioritise and target** investment in **science, innovation and technology that can support transformational adaptation** - from research through to application - driven by **local needs**. Research agendas need to be set and implemented in ways that are **user-centred, needs-driven and action-orientated**, and which build lasting institutional and knowledge capacities in the communities, regions and countries facing the greatest climate adaptation & resilience challenges. The Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) is a new initiative that seeks to respond to this challenge – and increase investment in research and knowledge to action linkages.

This webinar will explore the concept of “action-orientated, user-centered” research through specific examples and case studies. It will highlight its importance for accelerating and scaling action, and suggest ways through which it may be supported and made more widespread. Speakers and panelists drawn from a wide array of stakeholders – research organizations, action organizations and funders and sectors will present their perspectives and views. In this way, the webinar will provide important and timely inputs for the development of the ARA.

Tentative Agenda

16:30-16:50	<p><i>Welcome Remarks & Setting the Context</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kavya Michael: <i>Associate Fellow, TERI; Co-Chair, Organising Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i>
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	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sheela Patel: <i>Director, Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC)</i> • Ms. Helen O'Connor: <i>Senior Climate Change and Environment Adviser, Africa Regional Department, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office</i> • Dr. Rosalind West: <i>Climate Science Theme Lead, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office</i>
16:50-17:00	Q&A
17:00-17:40	<p>Panel Discussion: What is “action research”, and why is it important?</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anand Patwardhan: <i>Professor, University of Maryland; Chair, Science Committee, Adaptation Futures 2020</i> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Farah Kabir: <i>Head, Action Aid, Bangladesh</i> • Dr. Shiraz Wajih: <i>President, Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group</i> • Ms. Jenny Frankel-Reed: <i>Advisor, Climate Adaptation Strategy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</i> • Mr. Daniel Morchain: <i>Policy Advisor, IISD</i> • Dr. Lapologang Magole: <i>Senior Lecturer (Regional Planning); Head, Department of Architecture and Planning, University of Botswana</i> • Dr Judy Omumbo: <i>Senior Programme Manager, Affiliates and Post-doctoral Fellowships, African Academy of Sciences</i> • Ms. Deissy Martínez Barón: <i>Regional Program Leader Latin America, CCAFS:CGIAR</i>
17:40-17:55	Q&A
17:55-18:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anand Patwardhan

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