



State & Trends in Adaptation: Governance & Young People

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The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) has published the first State and Trend in Adaptation report earlier this year during the Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS 2021), which takes stock of climate adaptation action and provides recommendations on best practices in adapting to the effects of climate change and building resilience to climate risks. In advance of the 2021 UN Climate Conference in Glasgow, GCA will publish a special report, dedicated to state and trends in climate adaptation in Africa.

This webinar invites participants to discuss state and trends in adaptation governance, and to set priorities in understanding, supporting and accelerating climate adaptation action around the world.

This webinar will also feature young people as key stakeholders in climate change adaptation and as current and future decision-makers. Their engagement locally, nationally, and internationally are vital for building resilience and for developing effective adaptation policies.

Drawing from personal experiences, recent research, and GCA's 'Young People and Drivers and Barriers to Climate Adaptation Action' report, an expert panel discusses perceptions about climate impacts and successful adaptation; factors that contribute (or inhibit) engagement by young people; and the willingness of young people to make lifestyle changes for effective climate action.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

12.30 - 12.35 CET 16.00 - 16.05 IST (5 min)	<p><u>Welcome Remarks & Housekeeping Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adaptation Futures 2020 Secretariat
12.35 - 12.55 CET 16.05 - 16.25 IST (20 min)	<p><u>PART 1: State & Trends in Adaptation governance (45 min)</u> Dr Michiel Schaeffer, <i>Chief Scientists, Global Centre on Adaptation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State & Trends in Adaptation report 1 Outlook State & Trends in Adaptation 2 – Africa
12.55 - 13.10 CET 16.25 - 16.40 IST (15 min)	<p>Q&A and Discussion with the audience</p>
13.10 - 14.00 CET 16.40 - 17.30 IST (50 min)	<p><u>PART 2: Young people and Drivers and Barriers to Adaptation Action</u> Introduction and brief overview of main findings of the report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Sander Chan, <i>Sr Scientist Non-State Climate Action, Global Centre on Adaptation</i> <p>The role of education as a driver of adaptation action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Srishti Singh, <i>Programme Coordinator- Climate Change, Centre for Environment Education</i> <p>The role of networks as a driver of adaptation action in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joshua Amponsem, <i>Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO)</i> <p>How do young people transition from being affected by climate impacts to becoming empowered as champions of climate adaptation action?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Chang, <i>Kai Analytics and Survey Research</i> <p>Sharing experiences as a “GCA young leader”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mishel Mohan, <i>Research Analyst, Global Centre on Adaptation</i>
14.00 - 14.25 CET 17.30 - 17.55 IST (25 min)	<p>Q&A and Discussion with the audience Moderator: Dr Sander Chan, <i>Sr Scientist Non-State Climate Action, Global Centre on Adaptation</i> Q&A and Discussion with the audience</p>
14.25 - 15.00 CET 17.55 - 18.00 IST (5 min)	<p>Closing</p>

Speakers:

Dr Michiel Schaeffer, Chief Scientist, Global Center on Adaptation

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Dr Michiel Schaeffer is Chief Scientist at the Global Center on Adaptation and has over 20 years of experience in the science of climate impacts and risks, adaptation and mitigation, and the interlinkages with sustainable development. His long experience brings high-level scientific skills, experience in the international climate policy world and a broad understanding of climate policy and science. Based earlier a.o. in Accra, Ghana; Kigali, Rwanda; and New York, USA, he has worked on building up partnerships across regions for many years and providing advice at the science-policy interface in both developing and developed countries. A biophysicist by training, he received his PhD at University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, specializing in the interactions between atmosphere, ocean, ecosystems and policy interventions. He is an author of a.o. UNEP Emissions and Adaptation Gap reports, World Bank Turn Down the Heat reports, IPCC Fifth Assessment Report and many peer-reviewed papers.

Dr Sander Chan, Senior Researcher, Global Center on Adaptation

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Sander Chan, PhD, is a political scientist specialising in transnational climate action and global environmental politics. He is senior researcher at the [Global Center on Adaptation \(GCA\)](#), associate researcher at the [German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik \(DIE\)](#) and adjunct assistant professor at the [Copernicus institute of Sustainable Development](#), Utrecht University. His research areas include: public-private partnerships, sustainable development, orchestration of transnational action, and corporate voluntary environmental behaviour.

Sander is a steering committee member of [Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions](#), a network of experts that facilitates a series of open dialogues, aiming to bring the groundswell of climate actions from cities, regions, companies, and other groups to a higher level of scale and ambition.

Sander obtained his PhD from [VU University Amsterdam](#) (2014) on the emergence and effectiveness of partnerships for sustainable development in global and local implementation.

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Srishti Singh leads the Climate Change Programmes at the Centre for Environment Education, India. She has close to 8 years of experience in working with the sub-national, national and international level programmes comprising policy research, multi-stakeholder consultations, participatory approaches, community-resilience, youth engagement and education materials development.

For the past three years, she has been involved in the UNFCCC negotiations with a focus on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and has been leading several youth campaigns including the UNEP Tide Turners Plastic Challenge. Srishti currently convenes the Regional Hub Network for Australasia as a Coordinator and a part of the Knowledge Mobilization Working Group of Monitoring & Evaluating Climate Communication and Education (MECCE), a global research-based partnership of over 80 leading agencies to accelerate climate literacy and action. She also led a report on Youth for Adaptation Action in partnership with the Global Centre on Adaptation (GCA) a short while ago, and is currently working with the GCA Youth Leadership team to develop a Global Training of Trainers Youth Toolkit on Climate Change Adaptation.

Previously, Srishti worked as a Coordinator for building the climate-resilience capacities of urban poor in seven cities across three countries of South Asia under the aegis of Global Resilience Partnership Programme (2015-18). She has Masters in Environment Management and Climate Change from Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, India. She also has published work, policy studies and popular articles to her credit.

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Kevin is the founder and CEO of [Kai Analytics](#), a highly rated data science consultancy that works primarily in the higher education, healthcare, and international development space. Before starting his own practice, he led data strategy at multiple universities where his work in survey research inspired him to help other organizations turn their unstructured data into actionable insights. In addition to his consultancy, Kevin and his team have developed [Unigrams](#), a qualitative data analysis platform that is powered by natural language processing technology.

Kevin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph.

When he is not busy crunching data, he enjoys telling dad jokes, making paper craft and tending to his coffee tree.

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Joshua Amponsem is a Ghanaian environmental and climate activist. He is the founder of [Green Africa Youth Organization \(GAYO\)](#) and currently serving as the Climate Programme Specialist to the Office of the UN Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth. Joshua focuses on the role of youth in Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Resilience Building. He is the lead author of the first-ever background paper on [youth and climate change adaptation](#) which provides a pathway for youth engagement in global adaptation efforts. Previously, he was an Adaptation Fellow at the [Global Center on Adaptation](#) (GCA) and in Ghana, he is leading the [Water for Adaptation](#) and [Sustainable Communities Project](#) – where he builds the capacity of youth to support community resilience through ecosystem-based adaptation measures, sustainable agriculture practices, circular economy and disaster risk reduction.

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Mishel is a research analyst and previously, a Young Leader at the Global Center on Adaptation. She has been working on non-state climate action, disaster risk reduction, youth in climate action, wetland vulnerability and resilience among other topics. Mishel was previously a Disaster Governance and Risk Reduction (DGRR) fellow with Sphere India. For her Masters dissertation she worked on *Economic loss and damages assessment of the 2018 Kerala Floods* focusing on quantification of damages and risk sharing mechanisms to cope with future disaster losses. She completed her Masters in Climate Change and Sustainability Studies from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai in 2020.