



Forging A New Paradigm: The Adaptation Research Alliance

8th October, 2021

17:00 – 18:30 IST | 13:30 – 15:00 CET | 11:30 – 13:00 GMT

This high-level plenary session will introduce the aims and purpose of the ARA, in particular outlining the workstreams and activities. ARA members will make the case for the necessity of the ARA as a paradigm-shifting coalition to achieve results orientated action research; that will harness research for the needs of the vulnerable. It will highlight the importance of results orientated adaptation research implementation and amplifying locally-led adaptation. The 90-minute session will have diverse representation from various organizations and leaders and include the following presentations and discussions:

Panel discussion: Results Oriented Adaptation Research (ROAR) and the ARA

This “Hard Talk” discussion will feature an interview with the ARA members on how ROAR is a new paradigm that will make a real difference in the climate adaptation in action.

- Representatives will discuss the importance of ROAR which is essential for the development of projects and community-based adaptation
- Participants will in particular outline one or two key activities within their organisations that will contribute to systemic change in ROAR
- Participants will discuss the key meaning of the ROAR and implications for how the ARA needs to enable ROAR.
- By 2025, what tangible difference will the ARA have made in global efforts for climate adaptation? Participants will set out a bold challenge to the ARA co-chairs, and will express their commitment to the ARA and to helping realise their visions

What is the ARA:

- Brief introduction to the ARA
- Principles for ROAR
- Consultative process on global health, food systems/small holder agriculture, gender and social inclusion and climate risk assessments in LDCs
- ARA’s long term vision

Q&A with the audience:

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Audience members will be invited to ask questions for clarification on any aspect of the ARA, and to make suggestions. In addition, several poll questions will be asked of the audience in this session, to gauge interest in the ARA and the Principles for Climate Adaptation Action Research.

- Would your organisation be interested in becoming an ARA member?
- Which workstream(s) would your organisation be most aligned with and interested in supporting?
- Do you agree with the ROAR principles?

Conclusion and way forward:

Outline of the next steps, including the launch at COP26. Discuss briefly what this means and that more information would be provided.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

<p>17:00 – 17:05 IST 13:30 – 13:35 CET 11:30 – 11:35 GMT</p>	<p><u>Welcome</u> (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ndoni Mcunu, <i>Adaptation Research Alliance Secretariat member, SouthSouthNorth</i>
<p>17:05-17:45 IST 13:35-14:15 CET 11:35-12:15 GMT</p>	<p><u>Panel Discussion:</u> (40 mins)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Aditya Bahadur, <i>Adaptation Research Alliance Secretariat member, International Institute for Environment and Development.</i> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Rajesh Tandon, <i>Society for Participatory Research in Asia</i> Dr. Judy Omumbo, <i>Science for Africa Foundation (SFA)</i> Dr. Emma Porio, <i>Ateneo de Manila University</i>
<p>17:45 – 18:10 IST 14:15 – 14:40 CET 12:15 – 12:40 GMT</p>	<p><u>What is the ARA:</u> (25 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Rosalind West, <i>Adaptation Research Alliance co-chair, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office</i> Prof. Anand Patwardan, <i>Adaptation Research Alliance co-chair, University of Maryland</i>
<p>18:10 – 18:25 IST 14:40 – 14:55 CET 12:40 – 12:55 GMT</p>	<p><u>Questions & Answers:</u> (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jesse DeMaria-Kinney, <i>ARA secretariat lead, Plan Adapt</i>

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