

Partnerships and Practices for Place-based Problem Solving in Climate Adaptation & Resilience

Joint Meeting of the Adaptation Committee and the Nairobi Work Programme:
Available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional Knowledge (ITK) and
practices for adaptation, needs of local and indigenous communities, and the
application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation

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Start with People in “Their” Place

- **Establishing a full *partnership* that includes indigenous and local peoples at all stages of climate assessment and adaptation:**
 - Recognition and mutual respect with associated rights and responsibilities
 - True “**co-production**” of knowledge & solutions’
- **Place, history and current context matter:**
 - Start with local knowledge, values and practices
 - Set climate in the context of critical existing problems
 - Address today’s problems while planning for the future

Addressing Critical Problems: Water Resources



In the islands, “water is gold.”

Effective adaptation to climate-related changes in the availability of freshwater is thus a high priority. We can help reduce damage even if island communities cannot completely counter climate-related threats to water supplies.

Explore Traditional Practices and Evolve New Ones

- Ahupua'a resource management in Hawai'i



- Culturally-appropriate ways to engage all community members
 - Elders, teachers, men, women and, of course, youth



Characteristics of a Climate-Resilient Community (World?)

AWARE

ENGAGED

INFORMED

EMPOWERED

RESPONSIVE

PREPARED

ADAPTIVE

SUSTAINABLE

ADAPTING TO A CHANGING CLIMATE

People



Places



Problems



Partnerships



Reducing Risk & Enhancing Resilience