

What is missing to make better progress for adaptation?

Researchers and practitioners working on the frontline of climate adaptation agree that adaptation actions produce positive outcomes for the local communities and people's livelihoods if they:

- Recognise value of ecosystem health to biodiversity and livelihoods
- Integrate inclusive, participatory, and open processes in research design
- Incorporate traditional and indigenous knowledges and follow a bottom-up approach

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GAP
POOR UNDERSTANDING OF ADAPTATION

RESPONSE

Develop awareness-raising, capacity-building, and training for decision-makers, practitioners, local communities, and other key stakeholders and rightsholders.



GAP
UNCOORDINATED ADAPTATION ACTIONS

RESPONSE

Prevent duplication of efforts & wasted resources with strategies for improving horizontal coordination and sectoral integration between different ministries, agencies, departments, and sectors.



GAP
INSUFFICIENT RESOURCE MOBILISATION

RESPONSE

Ensure local level actors can access support for adaptation actions and their scaling-up through adaptation financing from different sources & mechanisms.



GAP
ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF VULNERABILITY

RESPONSE

Develop good governance, with rights-based and participatory approaches, to ensure adaptation actions are just, inclusive, equitable, and effective.



GAP
EXCLUSION OF END-USERS

RESPONSE

Co-develop adaptation actions and solutions with the people intended to use them by strengthening expertise within communities, government, and civil society.



GAP
INADEQUATE LEARNING

RESPONSE

Embed a culture of learning in governance, which moves away from publication-based solutions to more creative modalities.



“Most of the work that is happening is at a level, which doesn't touch the ground. And the work that is happening on the ground is not able to carry its voice up there. We need to find conduits to connect these two scales.”

ANJALI KAROL MOHAN, Integrated Design

“Unless we are prepared to understand community dynamics and identities – as well as whom an intervention is aimed for – then we are reinforcing existing vulnerabilities rather than alleviating them.”

NWAMAKA OKEKE-OGBUAFOR, University of Leeds

“We're awash with toolkits and guidebooks on climate adaptation that local leaders don't read (because publications aren't reaching them), can't read (because they may not have bandwidth), and will not read (because they are long and complicated). We need a different, more targeted, and more empowering approach.”

DR RENZO GUINTO, St Luke's Medical Centre College of Medicine