

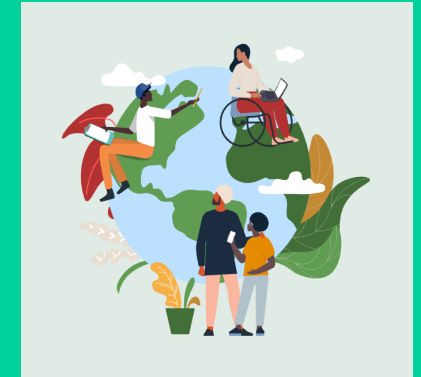
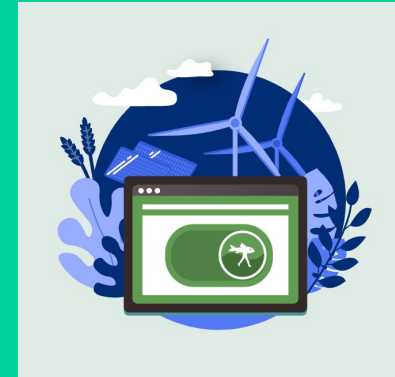
weADAPT Open House: an introduction to SEI's pioneering climate adaptation platform

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Agenda

- Background
- About weADAPT
- **Learn:** What others are doing
- **Share:** Increase the visibility of your work
- **Connect:** Build connections and develop collaborations
- weADAPT services: Microsites and networks
- How can you get involved?



Background: key challenges to knowledge exchange on climate adaptation

Information overload: Leads to confusion, replication and redundancy

Inequalities in access to knowledge: who accesses knowledge, how, when, where

weADAPT's vision: To accelerate learning, collaboration and climate action in a just and equitable way

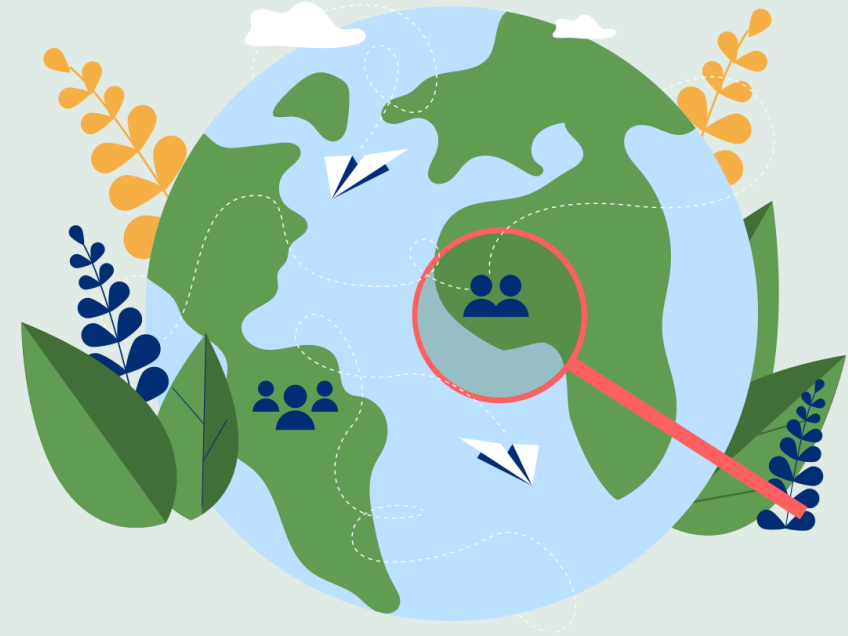


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weADAPT is a global, collaborative community of research, policy and practice on climate change adaptation issues. Find the latest knowledge, share your work and connect with others working on similar issues.

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What's new from the weADAPT community

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About weADAPT

WHAT



- Launched by SEI in 2007, weADAPT is one of the world's leading and longest-running platforms for **knowledge exchange on climate change adaptation**.
- Through the platform users can **LEARN** about practical, relevant and trusted information on climate adaptation, **SHARE** their work and **CONNECT** with other users.

WHO

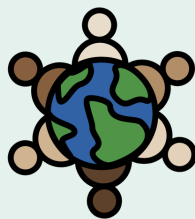


The platform brings together a dynamic global community of over **8,000 users from 5,000 organizations involved with adaptation research, policy and practice**. These include: universities and research institutes; NGOs; INGOs; government ministries; think tanks; planners; students; civil society etc.

Key weADAPT principles



Open to all, user-led and free to use. We want good climate information to be as accessible as possible



Inclusive by supporting all voices and encouraging contributions from local to global actors



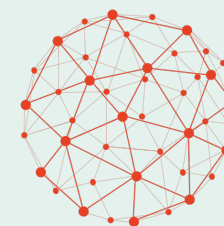
Aims to increase accessibility and connectivity with settings for low internet access, non-technical language, language options etc.



Supports peer-to-peer horizontal learning, collaborations and knowledge exchange to accelerate climate action



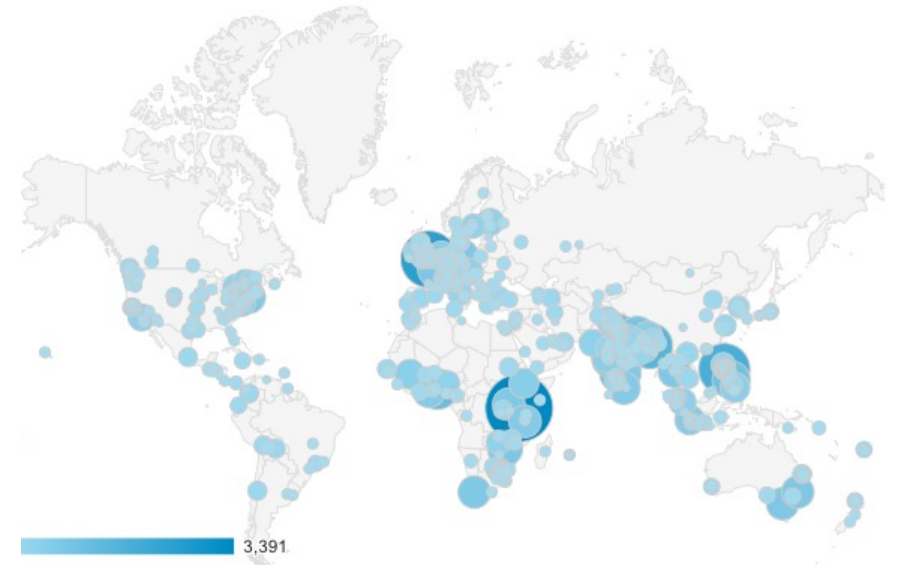
We want to make it easier for people to **find trusted, credible and relevant information** on climate adaptation



Aims to reduce silos, redundancy, replication and fragmentation of climate knowledge

A global, growing community

- **+230,000 annual visits (May 2023-May 2024)**, from 220+ countries and territories
- **Content accessed in +85 languages** (via our translation functionalities)
- **A leading platform for learning and sharing climate adaptation content**, with +2,500 articles and +1,000 case studies
- **An active online presence**, with 8K followers on Twitter/X, 5K followers on LinkedIn, +4K followers on Facebook and +7K newsletter subscribers



Visitors in 2021 came from more than 5,000 cities in more than 220 countries and territories globally, showing a high density of visits from East Africa and the Asian subcontinent.

Learn

We want credible, trusted information on climate adaptation to get to where it's needed



Up-to-date, practical, quality information on climate change adaptation and associated fields



Easy access: Information presented in 20+ themes and in non-technical language



Information you can trust: All content goes through a review process to ensure quality & clarity



Green settings: Reduce energy use & increase accessibility for users who have low internet access



Read in your language: Content across the platform is available to read in over 100 languages



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weADAPT Themes


- Adaptation decision making
- Adaptation in mountains
- Adaptation without borders
- Cities and climate change
- Climate adaptation training
- Climate finance
- Climate services
- Climate resilient pathways
- Climate, food security, agriculture
- Community-based adaptation
- Disasters and climate change
- Economics of climate change
- Gender & social equity
- Governance, institutions & policy
- Human mobility
- National adaptation planning
- Nature-based solutions
- Small islands and climate change
- Vulnerability
- Water security

Theme

Climate, Food Security and Agriculture

This theme explores climate-smart agriculture, land use and land degradation and the connections and challenges linked to the water, energy and food sectors.

59 Members 28 Articles 40 Case studies



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How do we move forward, and build on, strengthen, or even go beyond COP28's commitments? Twelve leading voices on climate adaptation share what they believe are the top priorities to address urgent adaptation needs worldwide.

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Governance, institutions and policy

Community governance to conserve moor water as an adaptation measure in Ecuador

Discover how climate change and gender criteria are being integrated into Water Protection Areas (APH in Spanish) in Ecuador with the help of the Resilient Andes project guide. The guide aims to strengthen community governance and increase the climate resilience of family farming.

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Vulnerability

Underfinanced. Underprepared. UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2023.

UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report 2023: Underfinanced. Underprepared – Inadequate investment and planning on climate adaptation leaves world exposed finds that progress on climate adaptation is slowing when it should be accelerating to catch up with rising climate change impacts.

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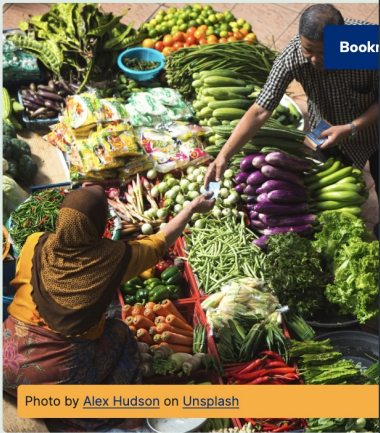
Climate Adaptation Training

Sustainable Diet UN CC:e- Learn course

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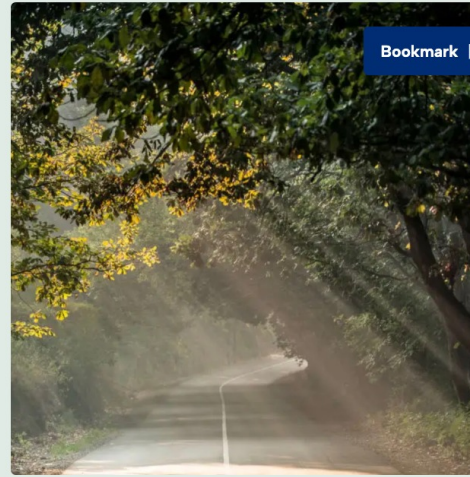
A Roadmap for African Resilience

Explore proposed key actions towards realizing an ambition of the African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022–2032) to “Enhance coordination between the Regional Economic Communities and Member States in addressing and managing transboundary and cascading climate risks” in this Adaptation Without Borders roadmap.



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Transboundary and cascading climate risks manifest when the impacts of climate change in one place generate adverse effects in another – cascading across both national borders and administrative boundaries to generate risks to people, ecosystems, economies, infrastructure, trade and finance. They also occur when responses to climate change (both mitigation and adaptation actions) have consequences beyond the jurisdictions where they are implemented.

African policymakers, experts and practitioners at the frontline of adaptation have begun to consider the implications of transboundary and cascading climate risk. This roadmap proposes key actions towards realizing an ambition of the African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022–2032) to “Enhance coordination between the Regional Economic Communities and Member States in addressing and managing transboundary and cascading climate risks”.

This article is an abridged version of the original text, which can be downloaded from the right-hand column. Please access the original text for more detail, research purposes, full references, or to quote text.

The process

This roadmap is the result of a collaboration between many institutions and individuals. The actions proposed in the roadmap were generated at a multi-stakeholder policy dialogue held in July 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya. This brought together 30 representatives from organizations at the forefront of dealing with transboundary climate risks in Africa, including Regional Economic Communities (RECs). They are also informed by world- leading experts on



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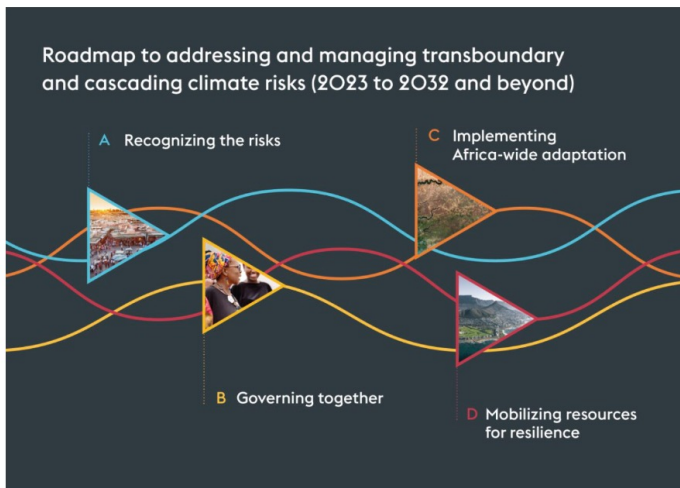
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Visibility to contributors; links to profile to support networking

Keyword tags for enhanced searches



Source: Adaptation Without Borders (2023)

Learn more about the process behind the roadmap on pages 7-9.

The roadmap

This roadmap has been designed through a participatory process to enhance coordination in addressing and managing transboundary climate risks in Africa. It does so by setting out a series of four interdependent 'mini roadmaps', which each identify priority actions for the near, mid and long term:

Mini roadmap 1: Recognizing the risks

This describes a pathway to generate the necessary knowledge, data and monitoring:

- Transboundary climate risks are a new topic in climate risk and adaptation research. Despite increasing awareness about the transboundary climate risks faced by African countries – as raised in NAPs, national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) and NDCs – critical gaps in evidence hold back the design of effective governance arrangements for their management.
- The lack of evidence on specific transboundary and cascading climate risks, including the means to assess their significance, renders decisive political action to manage such risks both less likely and less sustainable (i.e. open to challenge).
- The task for the research community is to cut through this complexity to deliver robust and yet practical recommendations for policymakers on how to build resilience to transboundary climate risks. This will require a 'learning by doing' approach, based on participatory multi-stakeholder engagement and peer-to-peer exchange within and beyond the continent.

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A Roadmap for African Resilience (2023)

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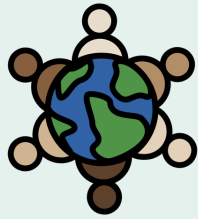


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Anyone can submit content on weADAPT: The content needs to be open access and relevant to climate adaptation



Easy to use: Users can directly upload content through our user-friendly Wordpress interface



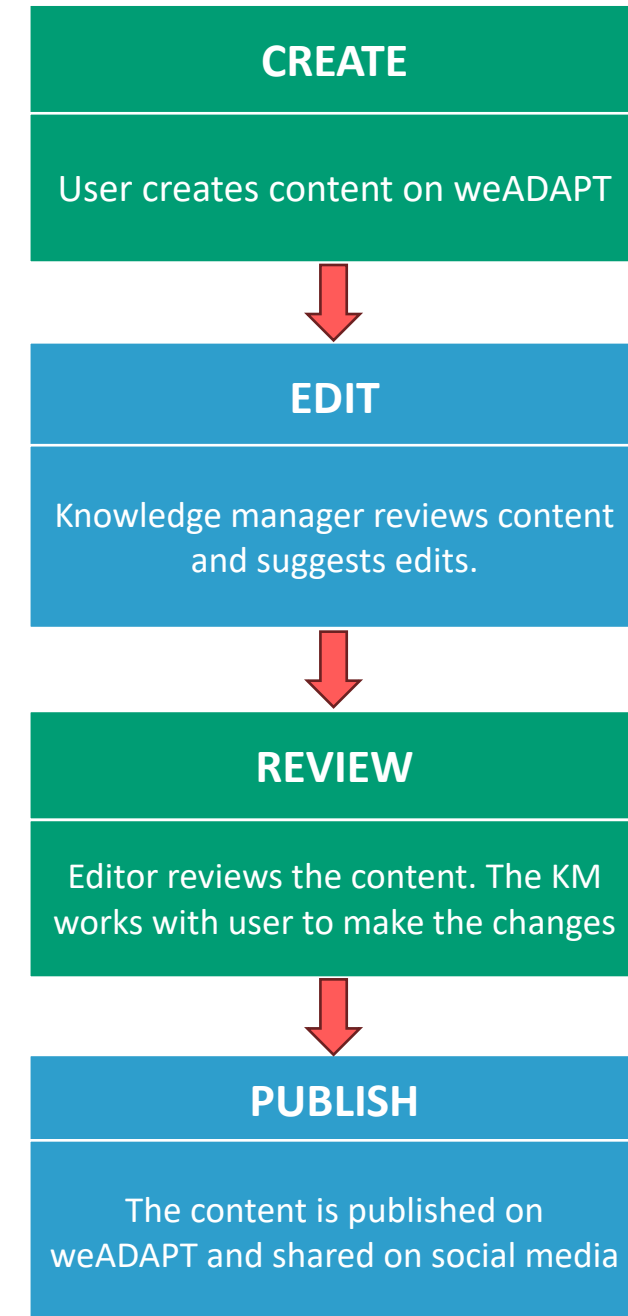
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Get additional visibility: We always reshare user content via Twitter/X, LinkedIn, Facebook and our newsletter

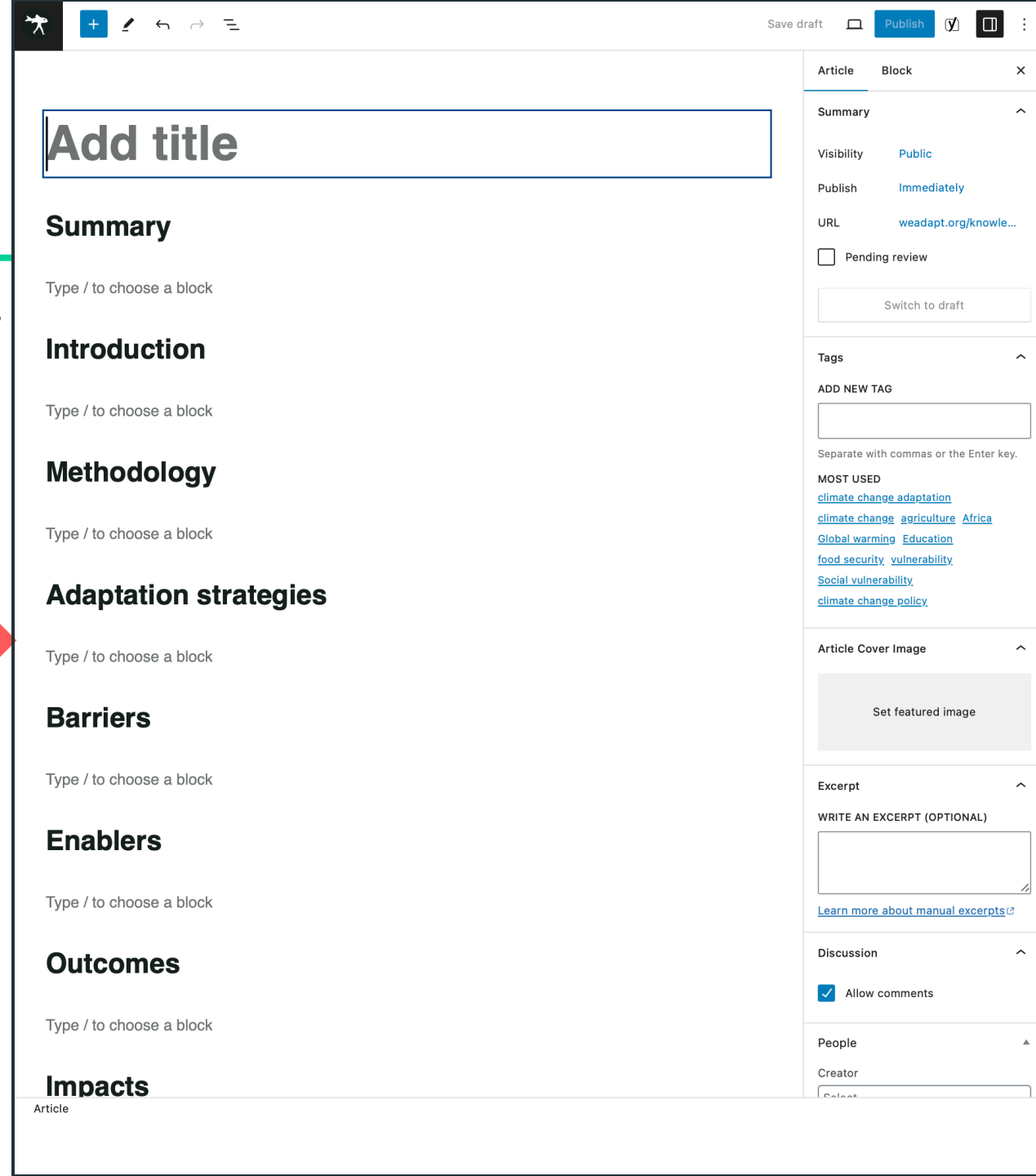
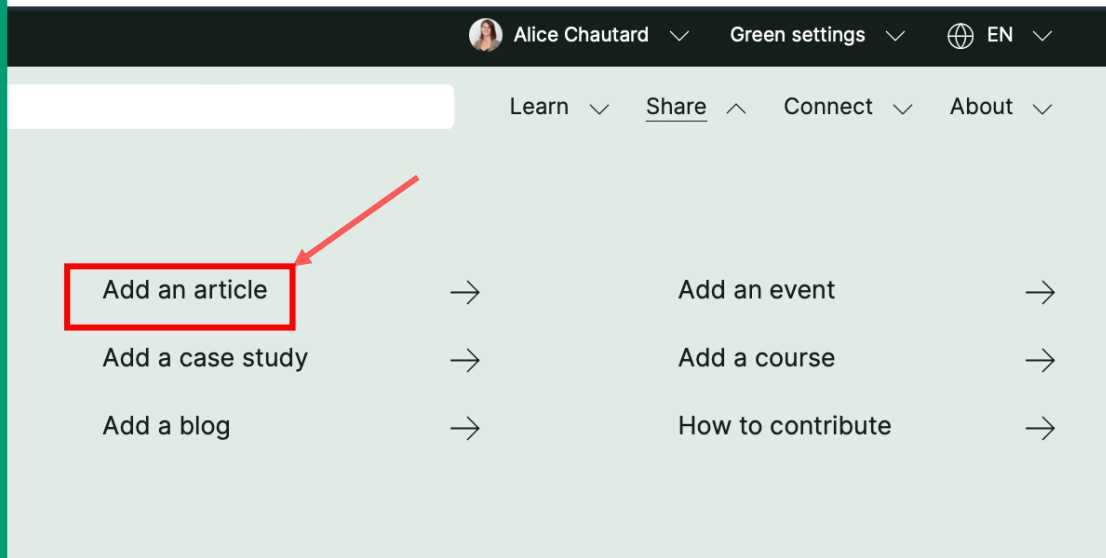
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Review process: The content is reviewed by the Knowledge Manager and our network of editors to ensure its clarity, quality and relevance



How to share content?

Wordpress interface



Connect



Explore the community: Find out who is doing what and where among our +8,000 users and +5,000 organizations



Follow other users: you can follow other users to be notified about new work they publish



Discussion Forum: Say hello, ask a question, share an announcement via our Discussion Forums



Send direct messages: Soon you will be able to send direct messages to users via the platform

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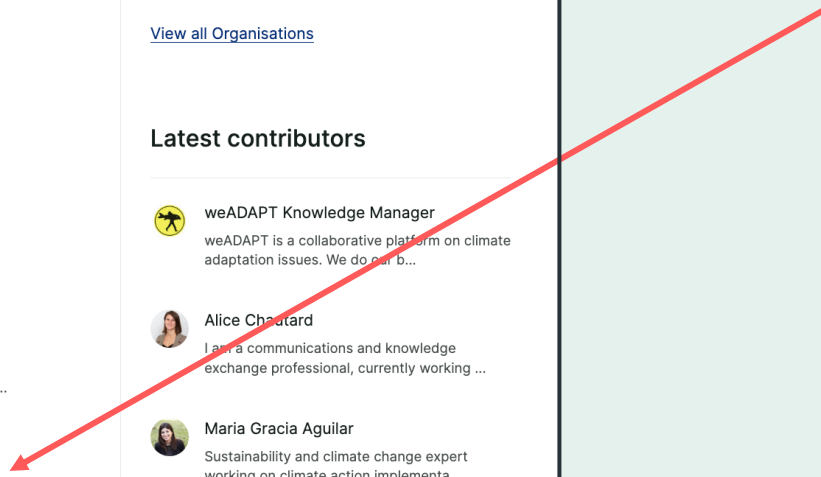
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I am a communications and knowledge exchange professional, currently working for SEI Oxford as weADAPT platform and content manager. In this role, I am in charge of weADAPT's the content, as well as developing its network of users, and supporting its overall development. Prior to this role, I was Communications and Knowledge Exchange Manager for Oxford University's REACH programme, a 10-year global consortium funded by FCDO and led by the University, to improve water security for 10 million people in Africa and Asia. As part of the role, I led work on inclusive and ethical communications, capacity building and impact. I am also a documentary storyteller combining multimedia tools such as photography, illustration, graphic design, and video to communicate environmental, water and climate research. In 2017, I founded the Himalayas to Ocean (H2O) documentary project. I have a background in environmental sciences, and water policy and management, with a BSc from McGill University, and an MSc from Oxford University. I am passionate about communicating science in engaging, fun, inclusive and ethical ways to support decision making and impact.

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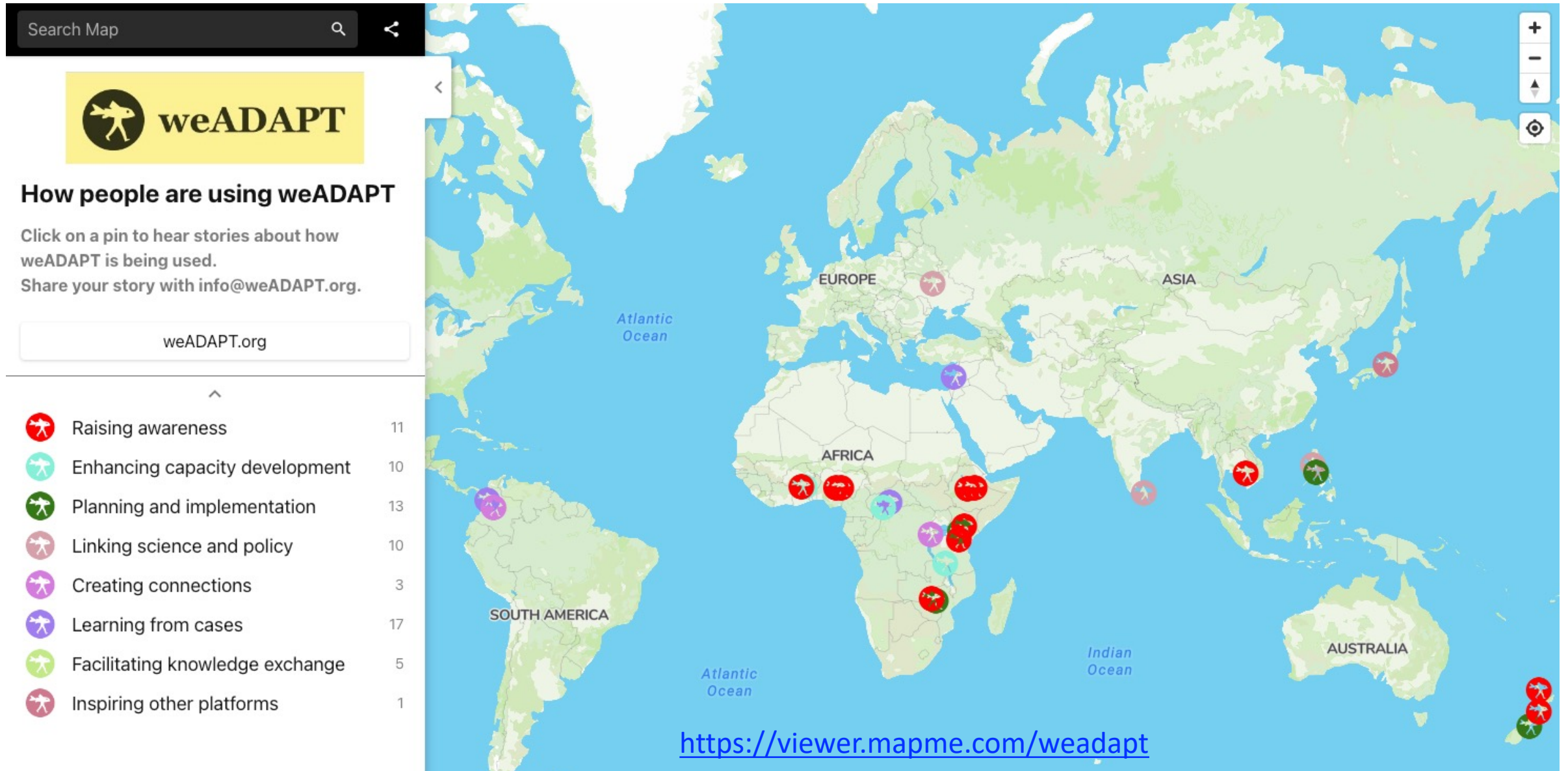
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How are people using weADAPT?



Raising awareness

“we use weADAPT case studies as examples of how local areas have adapted or how they have participated in processes to resolve issues, because people are always looking for practical examples”.

- **Consultant, Cambodia**

“Because of weADAPT, I had that passion of trying to see what my country is doing and how the climate change is affecting farmers as well.”

- **A meteorologist in Botswana**



Raising awareness

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Developing capacity & supporting training

In a "Science Village" in Nigeria, a **community leader** used ideas from weADAPT to implement specific training programs for youth, and for women and communities who had been displaced by disasters for example.

An environmental organization in Zimbabwe has brought weADAPT knowledge to local farmers, training lead farmers on several agricultural practices, like the use of drought-tolerant crops, who will then train others.



Enhancing capacity development



Planning and implementation: Learning from cases

"It as a source for me for information, on what other people in other corners of the world are doing. And of course, the best examples, the best practices that are being implemented."

- A programme manager at the UN
Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization
Mission in the Central African Republic



Planning and implementation



Learning from cases



Fostering Connections: Developing partnership networks

"A Community Climate Change Adaptation Assessment [...] was to be done in five countries of the Lake Victoria district, which are Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda [...] we needed at least one organization working on climate change in each country [...] So [weADAPT is] how I came across to find all these organizations working on climate change and we partnered to carry out this this assessment."

- **Researcher in Rwanda**



Creating connections

Additional weADAPT Services

	Purpose	Benefits	Legacy	Cost
weADAPT Network	A collaborative space on weADAPT using the weADAPT features and structure	A way to expand your audience/reach by taking advantage of existing networks.	A way of extending the life of your research beyond your project/funding.	Monthly fee
Microsite	A branded and fully-featured website for your project or organization.	Can use existing weADAPT content. Create a new community of practice, using existing infrastructure.		Design and implementation cost + monthly fee

Community Based Adaptation Network

The screenshot shows the weADAPT website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the weADAPT logo, a search bar, and links for Learn, Share, Connect, and About. The main content area features a large banner for the CBA Network with a 'Join Network' button. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'Community Based Adaptation Network (CBA Network)' with a brief description and statistics: 376 Members, 69 Articles, and 154 Case studies. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Learn / Networks / Community Based Adaptation Network (CBA Network)'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Latest', 'About', 'Editors', 'Members', and 'Organisations'. A filter and sort section allows users to filter by 'Filter by' and sort by 'Newest'. The main article preview is titled 'Equal Power for Transformative Dialogue: Insights from CBA17' by Multiple Authors, dated 22nd Jun 2023, with a 3 min read and 0 Comments. A 'CBA' tag is visible at the bottom left. The footer includes the 'INSTITUTE' logo.

Adaptation without Borders Microsite

The screenshot shows the Adaptation Without Borders microsite. The top navigation bar includes the Adaptation Without Borders logo, a search bar, and links for About, Research & Evidence, and News & Events. The main content area features a large teal background with white wavy lines. The headline is 'Responding to a global challenge'. Below the headline, there are three paragraphs of text: 'We live in an interconnected world. The effects of climate change ripple out across national borders. And our adaptation actions can have consequences that cascade from country to country too.', 'Adaptation Without Borders is a new global partnership working to strengthen systemic resilience to these cross-border impacts.', and 'We identify and assess transboundary climate risks and appraise the options to better manage those risks. We also support policymakers, planners and the private sector to develop climate-resilient, inclusive solutions.' A fourth paragraph states: 'Working with stakeholders worldwide to meet the global challenge of adaptation established by the Paris Agreement, we catalyse new alliances and forms of cooperation that pave the way towards a more sustainable and resilient world.' There are two images: one of a cargo ship and one of a river with many small boats. A 'Read more' button is located below the text. At the bottom, there is a video thumbnail titled 'Managing transboundary and cascading climate risks in Africa' with a 'Share' button and a play icon.

weADAPT priorities going forward

- Increased interaction amongst users (messaging service)
- Incorporating content at different scales – from local to global
- Decolonising knowledge
- New themes and networks e.g. Youth, Water Security
- New microsites and content types

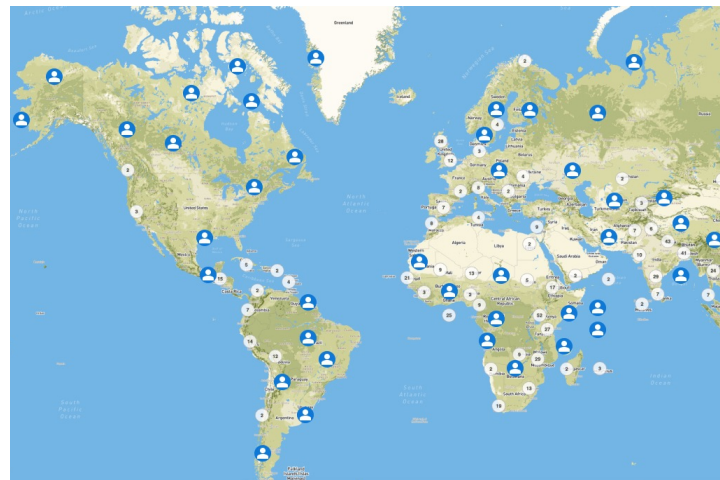
Citizens networks



Solutions



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Why use weADAPT?

- Free, user-led platform
- Increase the visibility and searchability of your work (global reach)
- Increase the visibility of your (individual, organization) profile
- Connect with peers
- Develop collaborations
- Advertise your events
- Analytics: download numbers, page views
- Give legacy to projects/programmes
- Develop a network or a microsite for your project
- **This is a flexible platform – what do you/your partners need?**
- **Please contact: Alice (alice.chautard@sei.org) or Sukaina (sukaina.bharwani@sei.org)**

