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# Evidence for Action

Aligning the Climate  
and SDG Agendas

Online International Research Symposium  
20-22 July 2021

*Locally Led, Transformative Adaptation:  
Driving Change from Below*

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## Day 2 – Plenary 3

### Locally Led, Transformative Adaptation: Driving Change from Below



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# Plenary

21 July 9:00 – 10:15 BST

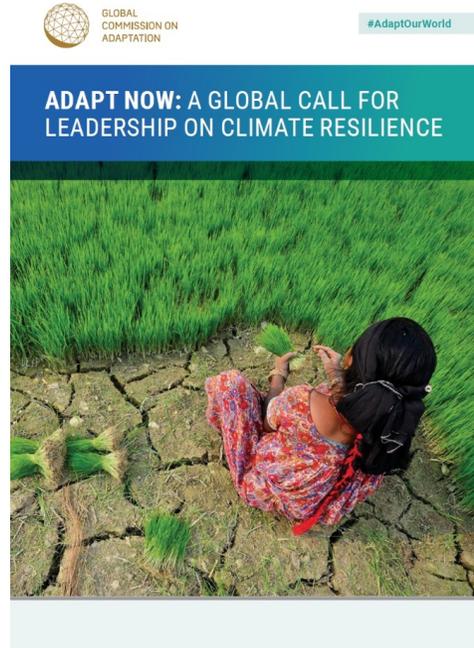
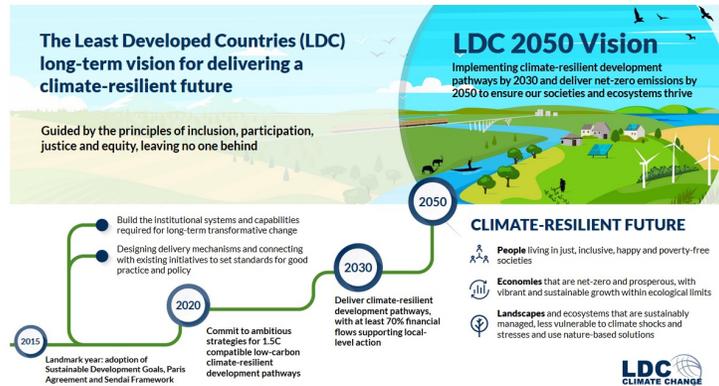


**Ebony Holland**, Nature-Climate Policy Lead, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), UK  
– *From principles to practice: Connecting the dots on locally led action and research to deliver for climate, nature and people*

**Mizan R. Khan**, Deputy Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh – *Locally led adaptation: Can it become a vehicle for transformative adaptation?*



# Locally Led, Transformative Adaptation: Driving Change from Below



## Principles for locally led adaptation

A call to action

Marek Soanes, Aditya Bahadur, Clare Shakya, Barry Smith, Sejal Patel, Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Tamara Cogger, Ayesha Dinshaw, Sheela Patel, Saleemul Huq, Muhammad Musa, Feisal Rahman, Suranjana Gupta, Glenn Dolcemascolo and Tracy Mann



# Locally Led Adaptation: Driving Transformation from Below



## Locally Led Adaptation: Driving Transformation from Below



### *Vertical Linkages*

to policymakers, technical support, humanitarian assistance and flexible finance

### *Horizontal Linkages*

to develop and share collaborative solutions and learning across communities and sectors

## Locally Led Adaptation: Driving Transformation from Below

*What can we learn from these experiences to drive transformative adaptation from below?*





## 8 Principles of Locally Led Adaptation

1. Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level
2. Addressing structural inequalities faced by women, youth, children, disabled and displaced people, Indigenous Peoples and marginalised ethnic groups
3. Providing patient and predictable funding that can be accessed more easily
4. Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy
5. Build a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty
6. Flexible programming and learning
7. Ensuring transparency and accountability
8. Collaborative action and investment



## Parallel Session A3

# Legal, Financial and Institutional Aspects of Combining Climate Adaptation and Sustainable Development

Stream A - Climate Adaptation and the SDGs

21 July 10:30 – 12:00 BST



## Parallel Session B3

# Indigenous Peoples, Climate Change Adaptation and Protected Areas: Lessons from South Africa

Stream B - Climate and Environmental Justice

21 July 10:30 – 12:00 BST



## Parallel Session C3

### Towards Green Recovery and Sustainable Transitions in India

Stream C - Sustainable Transformations and the Green Recovery

21 July 10:30 – 12:00 BST



Thank you!

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