The role online knowledge spaces can play in supporting "just adaptation"

Sharing and learning from adaptation successes and lessons (*not failures!*)

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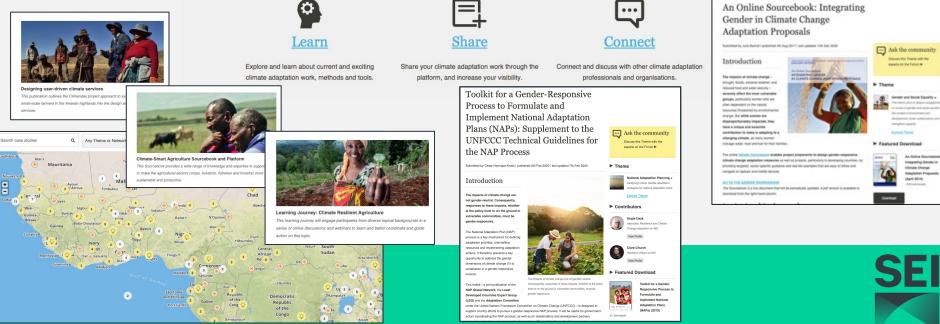
Climate change adaptation planning, research and practice.

weADAPT is a collaborative platform on climate change adaptation issues. It allows practitioners, researchers and policy-makers to access credible, high-quality information and connect with one another.

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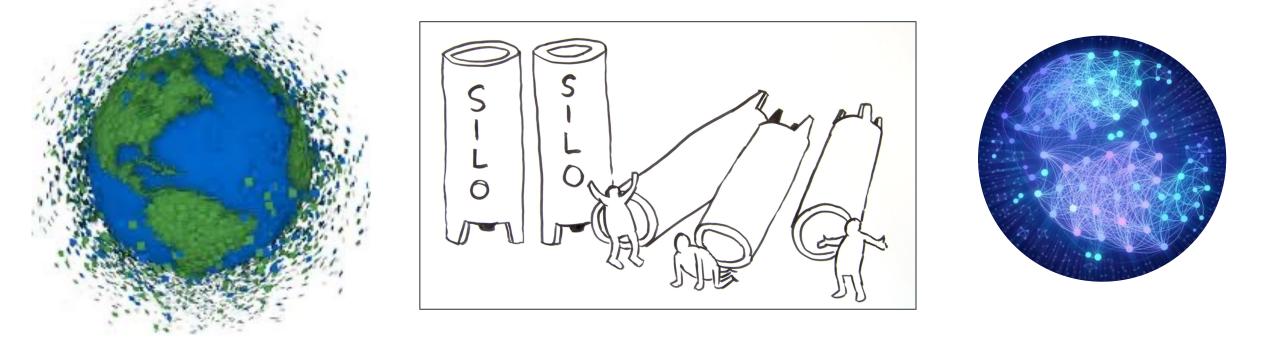
6 Generations of Knowledge Management

1: ICT-Based	2: Organization- based	3: Knowledge sharing-based	4: Practice-based	5: Development knowledge system/ecology	6. Decolonization of knowledge		
		Identifying conce	epts				
Knowledge as a commodity	Knowledge as an asset within organizations	Knowledge sharing between organizations	Knowledge process embedded in organizational processes	Cross-domain knowledge integration and knowledge co-creation	'We have a dream' - common aspirations for a fairer development knowledge system/ecology		
Features							
 ICTs Databases Portals Clearinghouses 	 KM audits KM scans Explicit and tacit knowledge 	 Peer assist Case studies 'Best practices' Inter- organization communities of practice 	 Role of social media People-centric Practice-based 	 Multiple knowledges Multi-stakeholder processes Global public good and knowledge commons Emphasis on local knowledge Emergence and complexity 	 Epistemic justice Anti-racism Indigenous and local knowledge (ILK) Diversity in KM approaches New knowledge partnerships New knowledge practices 		
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Source: Boyes et al., 2023, adapted from Cummings et al., 2018.

Knowledge barriers to achieving "just adaptation"

Information overload: Leads to confusion, replication and redundancy



weADAPT vision: To accelerate learning, collaboration and climate action



Are We Doing Things Right?

People





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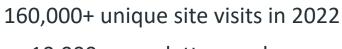




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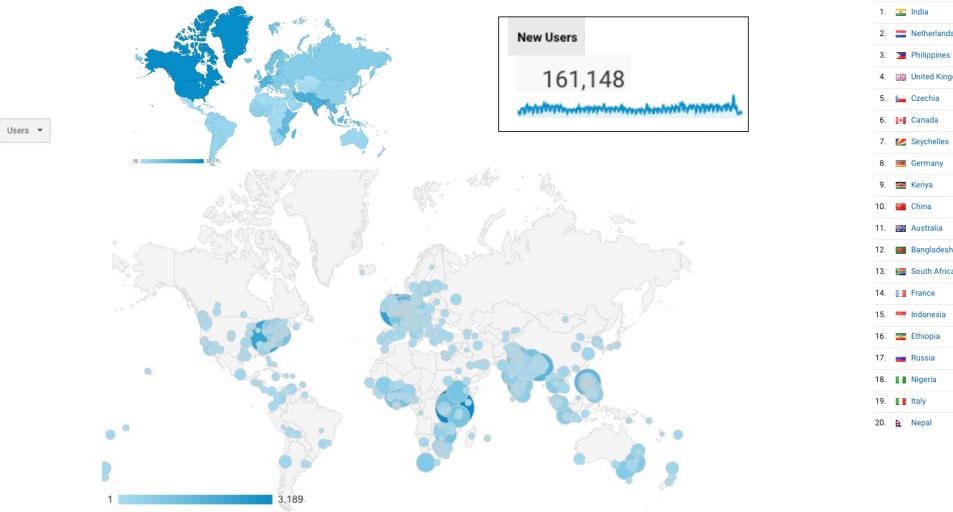


7000+ members 1500+ organizations F 1800+ articles 700+ case studies in ~4000 LinkedIn followers \mathbb{X} 7000+ X followers 4000+ Facebook followers f

Global reach in 2022

Primary Dimension: Country City Continent Sub Continent





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3.		Philippines	3.	Columbus
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6.	•	Canada	6.	Quezon City
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How people are using weADAPT

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Raising awareness Enhancing capacity development 10 Planning and implementation 13 Linking science and policy 10 Creating connections Learning from cases 17 Facilitating knowledge exchange Inspiring other platforms

https://viewer.mapme.com/weadapt



How Do We Know What The Right Things Are?

Interviews highlight that, amongst other things, weADAPT is:

- Raising awareness and promoting adaptation practice
- Developing capacity and supporting training
- Supporting planning and implementation
- Fostering new connections and knowledge exchange



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

Developing capacity and supporting training

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

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.



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

What contributes to this? weADAPT core values

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Improving access and connectivity to knowledge

Hard to reach audiences

In Nigeria, to bypass existing network connectivity issues, a **community leader regularly prints the weADAPT newsletter and takes it to the local library** to increase the accessibility of this global knowledge within his community.

What we will do to improve access and connectivity

- Green design
- Accessibility
- Including over 100 languages
- Making more of the site accessible offline



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Indigenous Knowledge

Carbon Proofing Towards Resilient Mountain Communities - The Ecovillage Scheme

Submitted by Monika Sharma I published 6th Mar 2023 I last updated 18th Ap

Introduction

Climate change, forest loss and fragmentation, biodiversity loss, unsustainable agriculture, water pollution, degradation of natural water sources, and solid waste management, water and energy access challenges are key issues of concern in the rural areas of Himachal Pradesh. Eco-village schemes aim to address these issues by implementing environmentally sustainable practices across different sectors at village level.



Hi-Tech Green Houses in Eco-village credit: Monika Sharma, GIZ

and Resilience at the Margins Submitted by Claudia Comberti I published 18th Nov 2016 I last updated 12th Dec 2016 Introduction

Indigenous Peoples (IP) are a critical but currently inadequately considered population in the climate change crisis. On the one hand, IP represent a rich source of local



environmental knowledge and adaptability that can significantly contribute to global solutions. On the other hand, IP globally face systemic discrimination and exclusion from political and economic power. This is particularly pertinent at the United Nations international climate change negotiations (UNFCCC) where IP are largely marginalised and their voices dismissed.

To tackle climate change fairly and effectively, the marginalisation of Indigenous Peop

A compilation of good practices, tools and available data collection initiatives for the use of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation

Submitted by Sam Woor I published 16th Jan 2018 I last updated 30th Jan 2023

Introduction

Following the recommendations of the Adaptation Committee (AC) in

Marginalisation at International

Climate Negotiations: Adaptation



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Sharing knowledge that is trusted, timely and relevant

"weADAPT allows people with tight schedules to keep up to date: weADAPT content is useful for people who don't have much time to be able to keep up with adaptation issues and topics. It's the learning opportunity from your website, the terminologies and terms and language that's useful for us that don't have enough time."

- A technical advisor at the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), Philippines

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Inspiring adaptation action – global to local

"I frequently visit the website to gather current information on adaptation practices."

"I visited the weADAPT website to come up with a list of adaptation practices and then narrow them down to the East African context. So I used the resource to validate some of the information that I have.....Any new, innovative ways of promoting adaptation!"

A programme manager
 working with agricultural SME's,
 Kenya

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Easy to use and findable content

"The way you structure the subjects and the themes in the newsletter is very good. It makes it easy for readers to, you know, just browse them and select the ones that are most interested."

- User in Yemen

"I go across your case studies. I think it is the maps that you have where you nicely plotted all the case studies. So, whenever we are doing any country specific work we go there and check those resources."

- Senior adaptation specialist, Japan

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"..we learn from your programs and we want the community learn from us"

- A high school teacher in Tanzania

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