# Knowledge management for climate action

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**Environmental Finance for Biodiversity and Climate Change** 

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### weADAPT: A community-driven platform for climate change adaptation



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The weADAPT Community





### Agenda

"We reached out to weADAPT given their connection/reach and credibility in the adaptation community to share our work. The "incentive" for us was to immediately gain access among a significant member base."

Programme Coordinator and Network Editor - March 2021

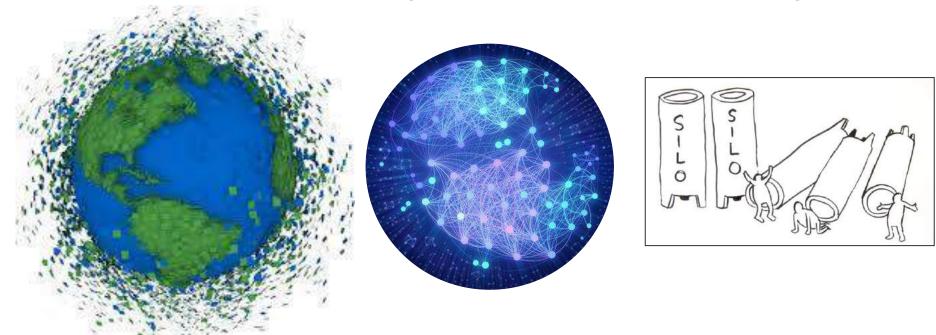
- The challenge
- What can weADAPT do for you?
  - Supporting decision-making, inspiring action and building capacity
  - Why share your work on weADAPT?
- LEARN: What others are doing
- **SHARE**: Increase the visibility of your work
- CONNECT: Networks, Communities of Practice and knowledge for longer-term legacy
- How can you get involved?



### The climate change adaptation challenge

Information overload:

Leads to confusion, replication and redundancy



weADAPT vision:

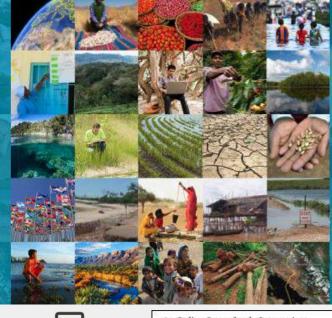
To accelerate learning, collaboration and climate action



### 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.

weADAPT.org







platform, and increase your visibility

Connect Share your climate adaptation work through the Connect and discuss with other climate adaptation professionals and organisations.



#### An Online Sourcebook: Integrating Gender in Climate Change Adaptation Proposals

#### Introduction

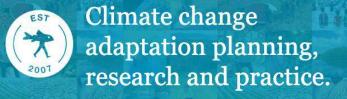
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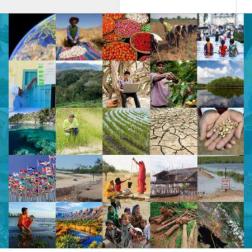
Ask the community







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**A range of resources** – Articles, Geo specific Case Studies, Videos, Forums



Accessible information presented in 22 themes; users can focus on their areas of interest. National Adaptation Planning, Naturebased Solutions, Climate Finance, Small Islands and Climate Change, Climate Services



**Multiple contributors** anyone can load appropriate material



**Quality assurance** through its review process using specialist theme editors



**Capacity development** for its community through training



Measuring impact through its user interviews.



#### Highlights and News



weADAPT's 15th Anniversary: The Future of Climate Change Adaptation

#### Edit featured items



Mapping the Evolution and Current Trends in Climate Change Adaptation Science

This study provides a review of climate change adaptation science literature that

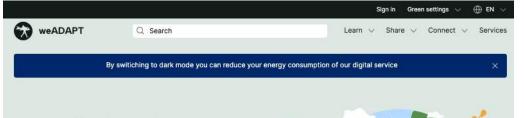
#### Latest

Content Discussions People



#### Human health and climate change - UN CC:e-Learn course

How is human health directly affected to the weather, climate variability and climate change? This UN CC:e-learn course will explain how mitigation and



### Search the climate change adaptation community

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

I would like to find out about...







#### How weADAPT focuses on eco-friendly design

weADAPT is eco-conscious and has built environmentally friendly concepts into its design. Check out our carbon footprint

Find out more →

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#### w can Africa manage the climate risks it faces?

undary climate risks in Africa that urgently agement: biophysical, financial, trade, people-

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#### An African perspective on transboundary and cascading climate risks

Learn about how transboundary and cascading climate risks could impact different African regions, with a focus on East...

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#### Find out who is doing what, and where

Discover climate adaptation projects on a global map, browsable by theme or network, alongside downscaled climate data.





☑ The high Andean basins face climate change: Results from seven case studies on vulnerability

### An Introduction to weADAPT

weADAPT's vision: To accelerate learning, collaboration and climate action for all

Open, accessible, user-friendly

User-contributed and user-driven

Learning,
collaboration and
peer-to-peer
connections

Capacity
development and
training

One of top three most used knowledge platforms globally\*

Diverse, multidisciplinary, global community. Translation feature into 130 languages (Google plugin)

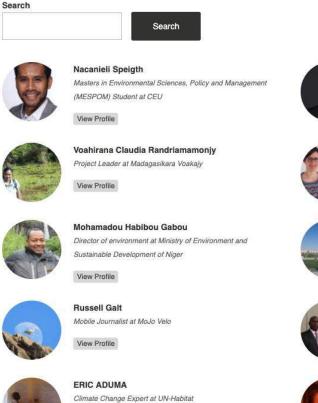


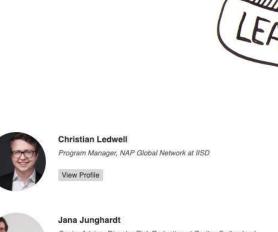


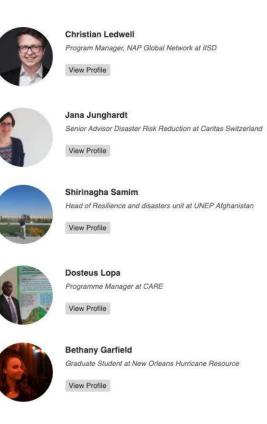
<sup>\*</sup> According to 300+ respondents at Adaptation Futures 2016 and 2018.

### weADAPT's global reach

#### People









4000+ Facebook followers

160,000+ unique site visits in 2022 10,000+ newsletter readers

## Why share your work on weADAPT?

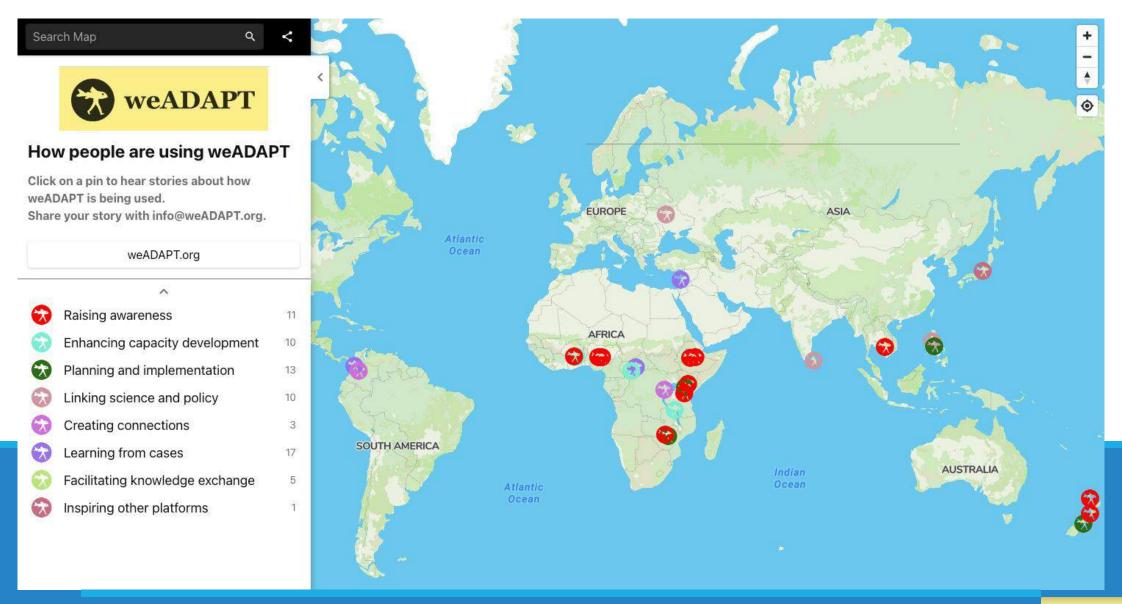
- Expand the visibility of your organization's and your networks' work
- Connect to different knowledge spaces
  - Local/regional to global
  - Linking your work to adaptation
    - Development and adaptation
- Advertise your events
  - Discussion forums
- Microsites
  - Low-cost customized website service
- Relevant themes
  - Adaptation in Mountains
  - Adaptation Without Borders
- This is a flexible platform!
  - What do you and your partners need?



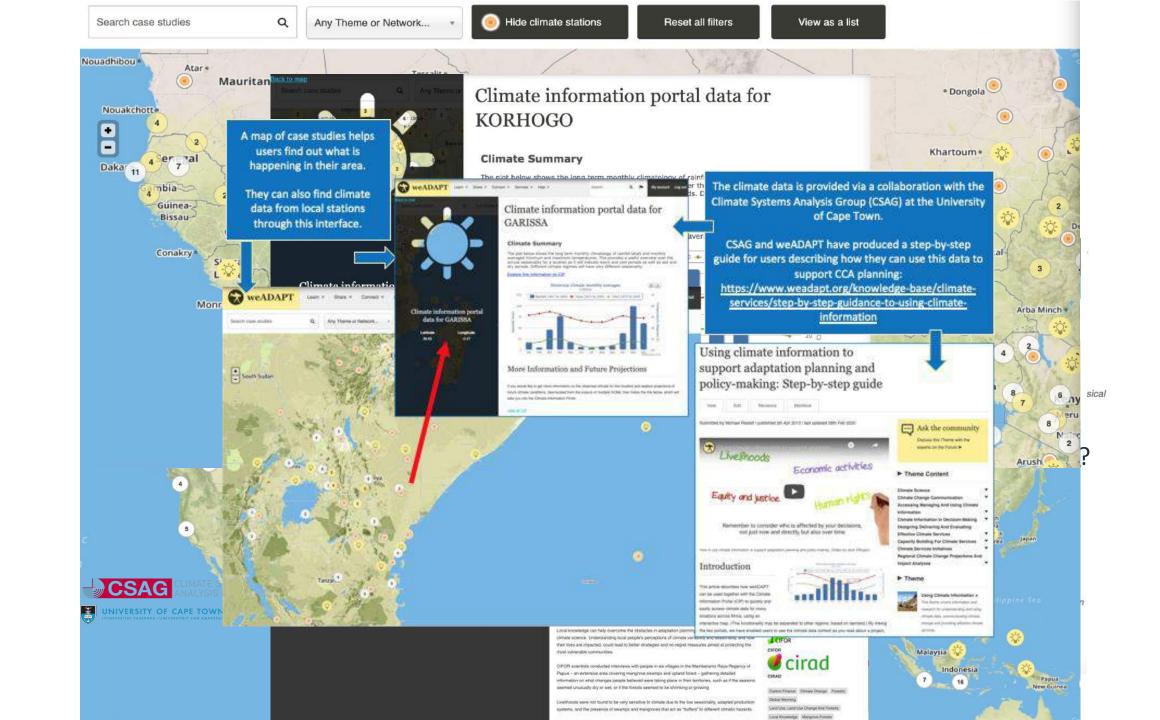




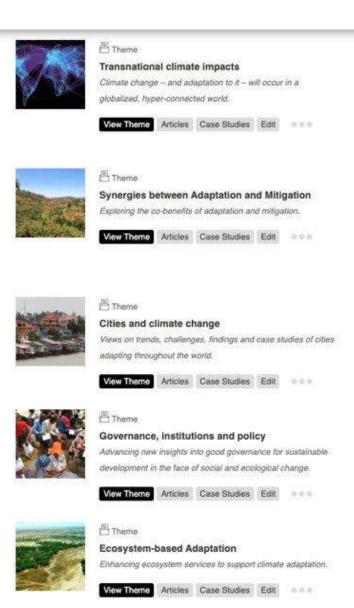
### weADAPT Impacts







### **Themes**







#### Disasters and Climate Change

Generating knowledge to integrate disaster risk reduction (DRR) with equitable, sustainable and resilient development, recognizing that development and DRR are interlinked.







#### Small Islands and Climate Change

Promoting an understanding of the vulnerabilities and resilience of islands not only among SIDS but also among countries with islands.







#### National Adaptation Planning

Designing robust, flexible adaptation strategies for national adaptation plans.







#### Economics of adaptation

Assessing the costs of adaptation using multiple lines of evidence.







#### Vulnerability

Guidelines and tools for assessing the social and biophysical vulnerability to climate change.



#### A Just Transition for Climate Change Adaptation: Towards Just Resilience and Security in a Globalising World

Submitted by Robin Hocquet I published 1st Apr 2021 Hast updated 21st Apr 2021

#### Introduction

Justice has long been a central element of the international community's approach to climate change, including with regard to financial support for adaptation in developing countries. Yet, even as it has become increasingly clear that climate risks – and adaptation measures – often extend across national borders, a new challenge has emerged; how to ensure globally just resilience.



Satellite image over the Nile River in Sudan. Photo: USGS

This policy brief aims to expand our collective view of justice in

adaptation by considering the globally interconnected nature of our economies and societies.

Building on the literature on just transitions for climate change mitigation, it presents a novel framework for a just transition for adaptation, with the objective of schleving globally just resilience. The full brief provides two case studies demonstrating the utility of the framework for analysing and advancing globally just resilience: (1) Agricultural trade and just transitions in the Brazilian coffee supply chain and (2) Just transition for adaptation in the Blue Nile Basin.

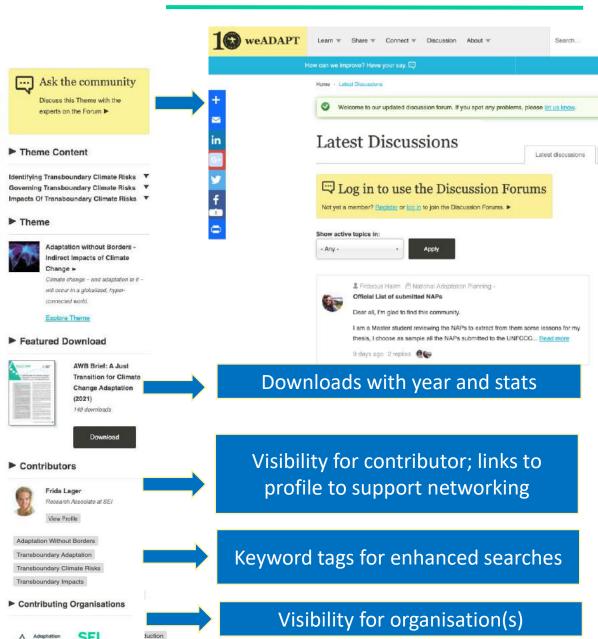
"The key messages from the brief are provided below. Download the full brief from the right-hand column.

#### Key messages

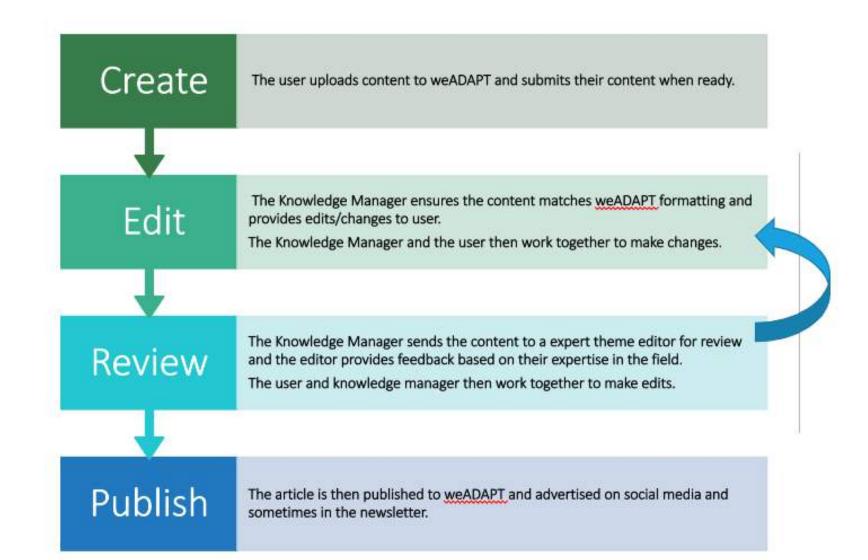
- In a globalising world, the impacts of both climate change and adaptation measures are increasingly likely to be felt well beyond the places where they occur – even thousands of kilometres away.
- Ensuring that adaptation is truly just and equitable requires recognising transboundary climate risk and building resilience on a global scale. This involves avoiding actions that simply shift risks to other actors or reinforce existing vulnerabilities.
- A just transition for adaptation is crucial to ensuring both human well-being and countries' security, as resource scarcity and other stresses caused by climate change or by maladaptation can exacerbate conflict and even indirectly fuel violence.
- Going forward, we recommend that policymakers strengthen multilateral cooperation for globally just resilience; develop agreed principles to move from ambition to action; craft incentives to invest in just transitions for adaptation; and advance research to support decision-making.

#### A novel framework for globally just resilience

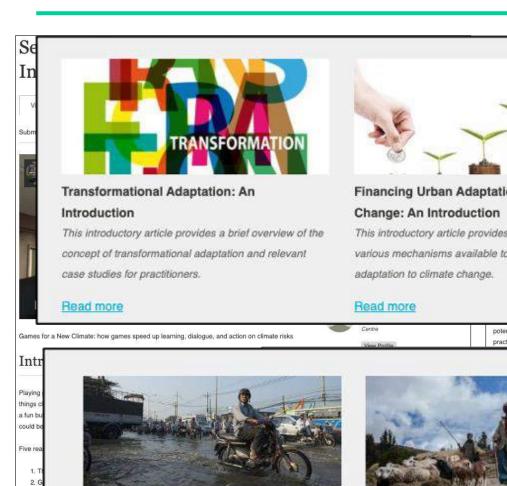
### Increase visibility of research



### The knowledge management process



### Accelerating learning and capacity development





### **Financing Urban Adaptation to Climate**

This introductory article provides a brief overview of the various mechanisms available to finance urban



#### Urban Green Infrastructure: An Introduction

This article introduces urban green infrastructure and how it can and has been applied in urban contexts.

Read more

potential frameworks for undertaking and assessing mal/adaptation actions, and questions that the practitioner should keep in mind.



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#### Maladaptation: An Introduction

This article provides introduces 'maladaptation' as a concept, explains its pertinence and explores examples of how the term has been applied.

Read more



#### Adaptive Capacity: An Introduction

This article introduces the concept of adaptative capacity, including definitions. It provides some case examples to illustrate the concept and links to further reading and resources.

Read more



#### Serious Climate Games: An Introduction

Climate games provide a way to facilitate learning in an interesting, engaging and memorable way. This article provides a brief outline of different climate games and resources available.

Read more

### Gobernanza participativa y gestión del riesgo ante incendios forestales en el Perú

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Submitted by Musuq Briceno | published 13th Nov 2020 | last updated 10th Feb 2021

### ► SDC Climate Change & Environment (CC&E) Network Annotation

The following article is a blog in Spanish presenting a reflection from the Regional Programme for the Management of Andean Forest Ecosystems of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru (ECOBONA).

#### Introducción

Vemos con preocupación los recientes incendios forestales y de pastizales que vienen ocurriendo en diversas zonas del Perú como Cusco, Abancay, Píura, entre otros. La mayoría de estos incendios son provocados por la acción humana debido a prácticas rurales como la quema de pastizales y rastrojos para preparar las tierras para el



Bosques de Kiuñalla, Apurimac. Foto de CEDES Apurimac.

### **...**

#### Ask the community

Discuss this Network with the experts on the Forum ▶

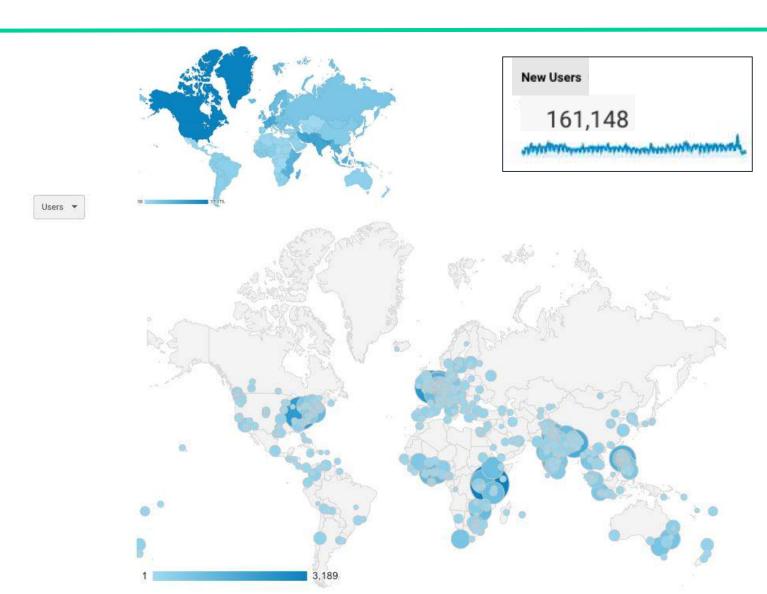
#### **▶** Theme Content

Publications Relevant For The Climate	
Change & Environment Network	•
Sustainable Mountain Development	•
Climate Resilient Development In Forests	
And Agriculture	•
Low Carbon And Climate Resilient Urban	
Development	•
Climate Resilient Mountain Development	
And Water Challenges	•
Nexus Climate Change And Other	
Development Issues	•
Climate Services And Tools	•



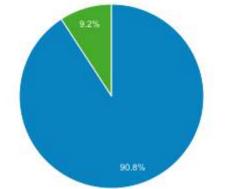


### Global reach in 2022











### Summary

"Everytime we release a knowledge product we immediately go to weADAPT because we know they are such an important platform in this area"

Senior Director and Theme Editor, March 2021

- Is open to all and free to use
- Aims to be inclusive of and support all voices
- Focuses on enabling learning to accelerate climate change adaptation
- Supports collaboration and making peer to peer connections
- Makes connections between topics to support learning and reduce silos, redundancy, replication and knowledge fragmentation.
- We would like to encourage contributions from the grass roots at local and regional levels e.g. Involving more NGOs and local universities as users and contributors.



### How can you get involved?

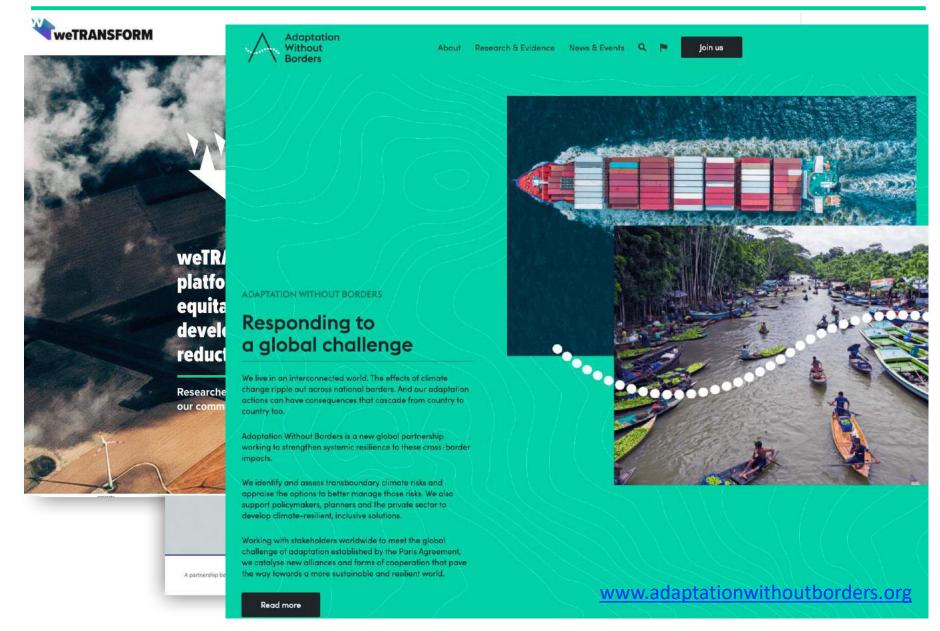
- Register on weADAPT:
  - https://www.weadapt.org/join-weadapt
- Become a contributor share your research!
- Share learning resources that you have developed (or find useful!)
- Become an Editor and highlight new areas of research e.g., health, mobility, gender, disasters.
- Use weADAPT in your projects: build and support local and regional networks, curate a resource hub for stakeholders, leverage weADAPT content in trainings and tools...
- Utilize weADAPT services: <u>weadapt.org/services</u>, such as Microsites: <u>https://www.weadapt.org/microsites</u>
- Offer training to your partners



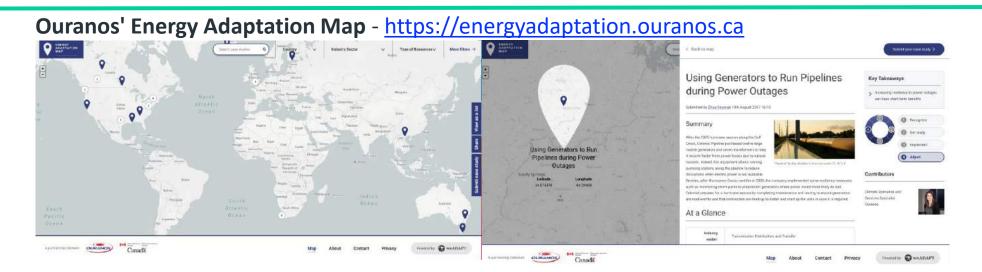




# Facilitating learning amongst networks and connecting Communities of Practice: Microsites



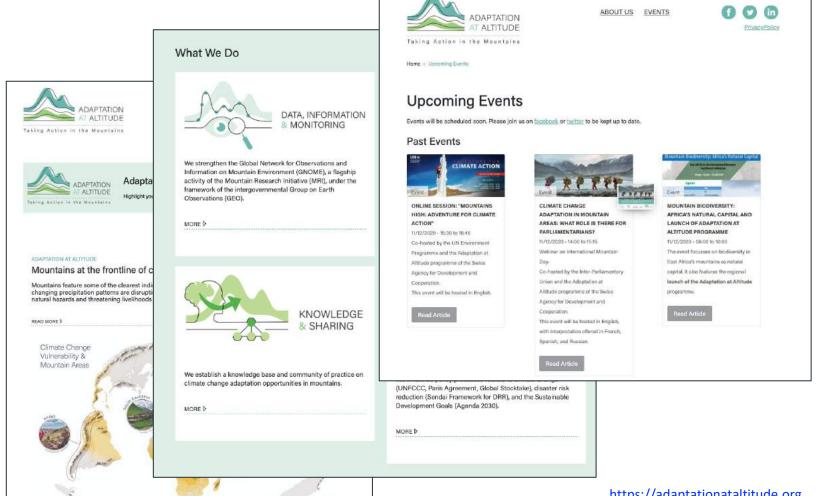
# Supporting decision-making and inspiring climate action



#### ISDB Climate Change Knowledge Hub - <a href="https://cckh.weadapt.org">https://cckh.weadapt.org</a>



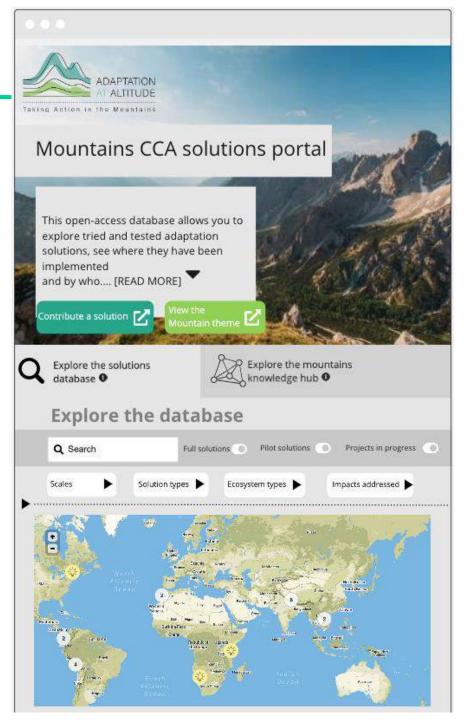
### Supporting multiple designs and features



https://adaptationataltitude.org

### Developing new functionality





### **Get involved!**

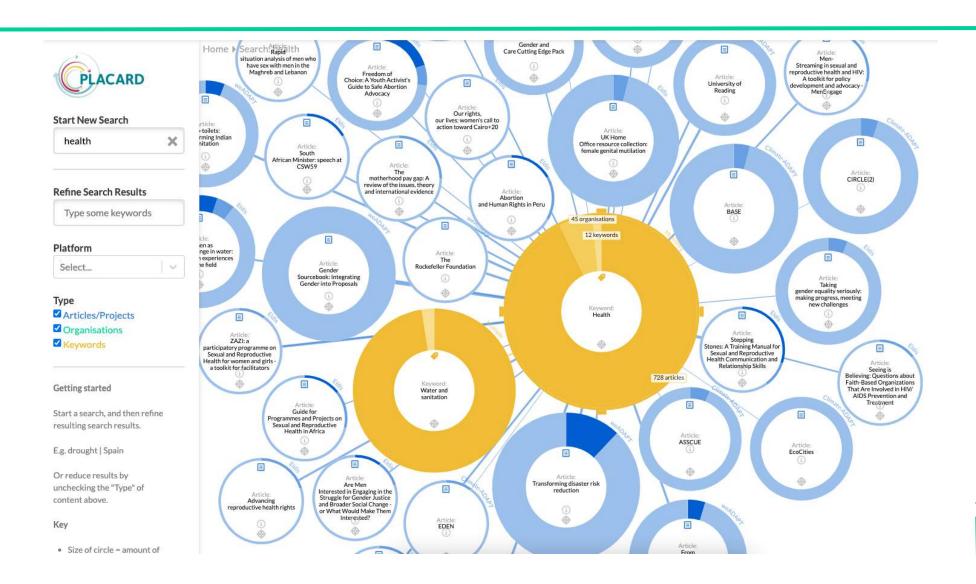
"If I had known about weADAPT microsites, I would not have built our own platform – it should not be started from scratch" - Head of Programmes, Feb, 2021.

- Your SEI user-driven climate change adaptation platform
  - We can offer centre/topic-specific training
- Increase the visibility of your work!
  - Share an article or case study
  - Manage a theme or network
  - Increase the legacy of knowledge products beyond the project life cycle
- Start a microsite for your new project.
- Develop tools for climate change adaptation research, policy and practice.





# Connecting knowledge across-platforms - interoperability and standardisation for enhanced 'search and discovery'



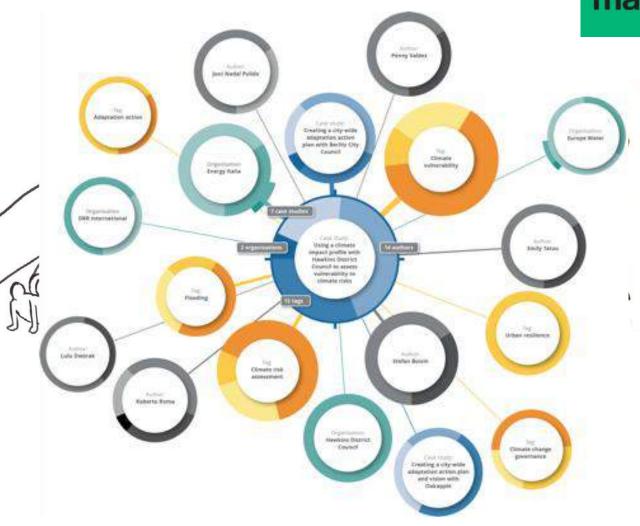


## Using 'search and discovery' to enhance collaboration and coordination







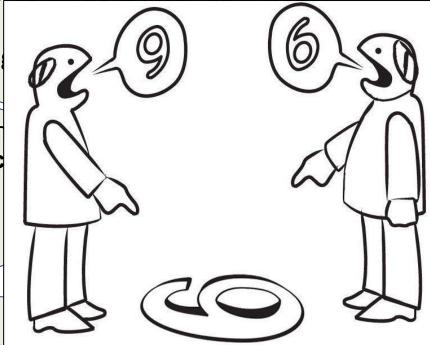


http://connectivity-hub.placard-network.eu

### Co-explore priority needs with users



It is difficult for us to have a **clear vision** about the different organisations involved in flood



The connection between scienc and practice should be supported

People and outputs are equally important

on language (**not a common language**)

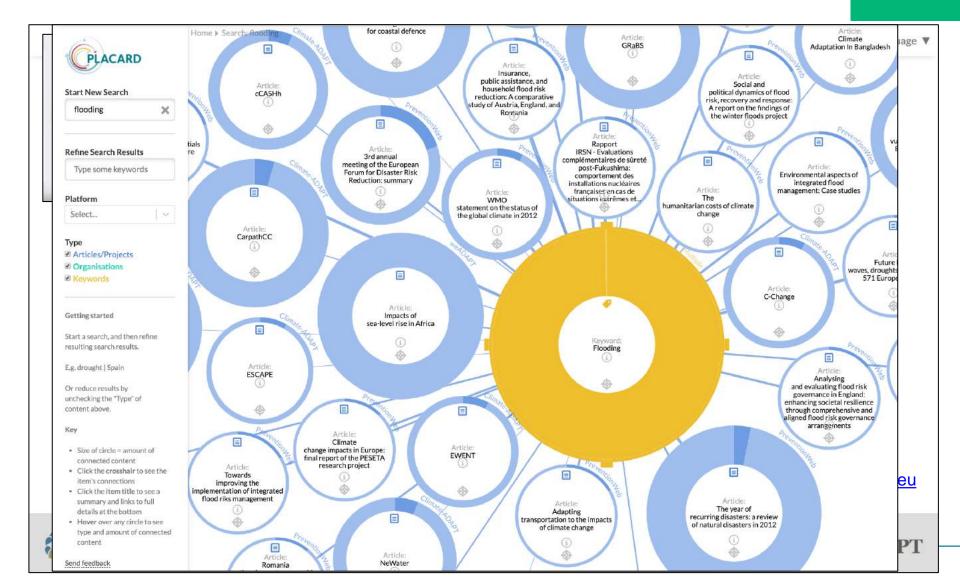
..too little coordination and lanners, coordinators, etc ve too little time to keep on up of all initiatives. Need a luick overview of who is doing what.

guage problem is huge: we should not expect that verybody speaks English, typically underestimated problem by academia!!

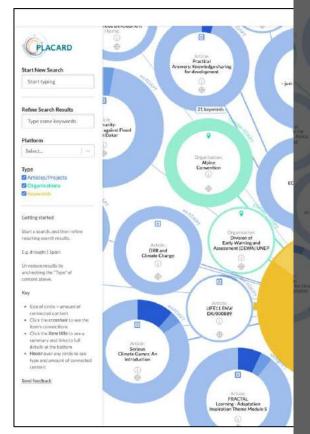
### Create something intuitive, visual and interactive...

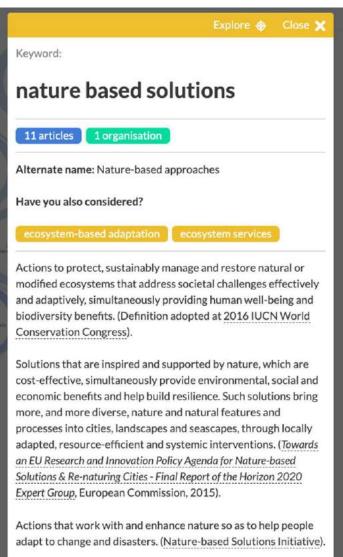






### **Corresponds to FAIR principles**

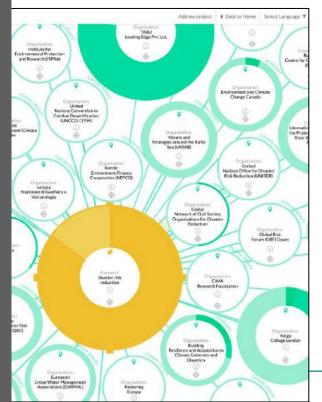




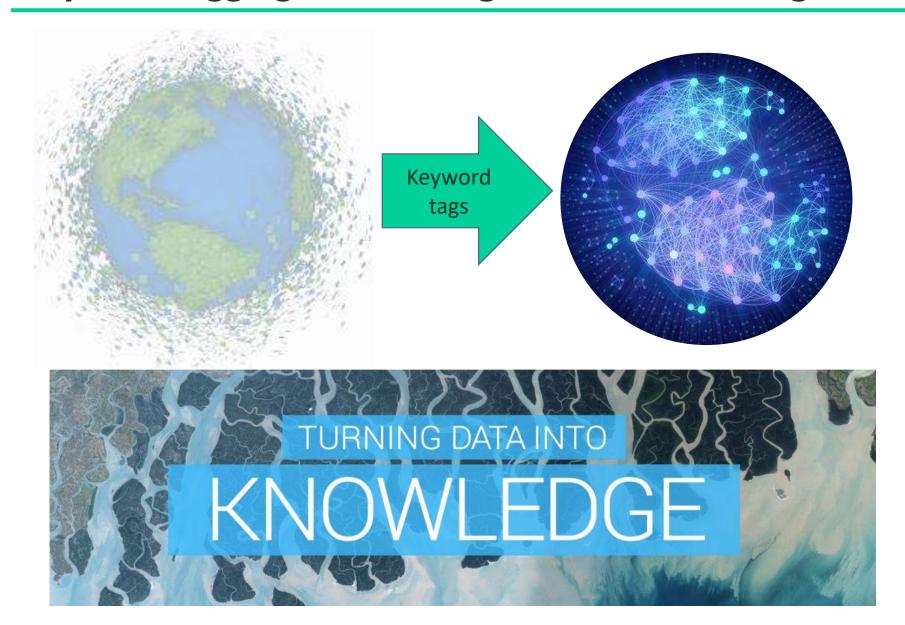
'Nature-Based Solutions' (NBS), is a relatively new concept

introduced specifically to promote nature as a means for



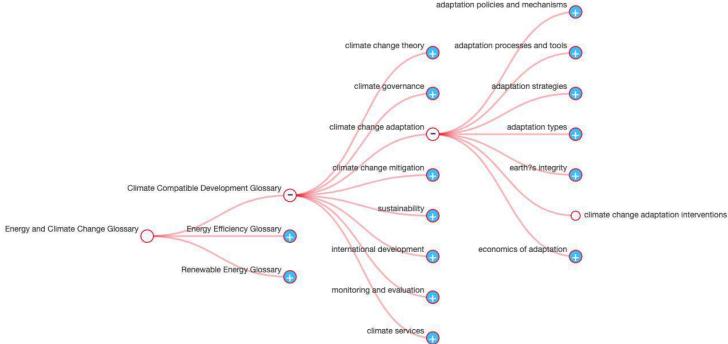


### **Keyword tagging: Connecting relevant knowledge**















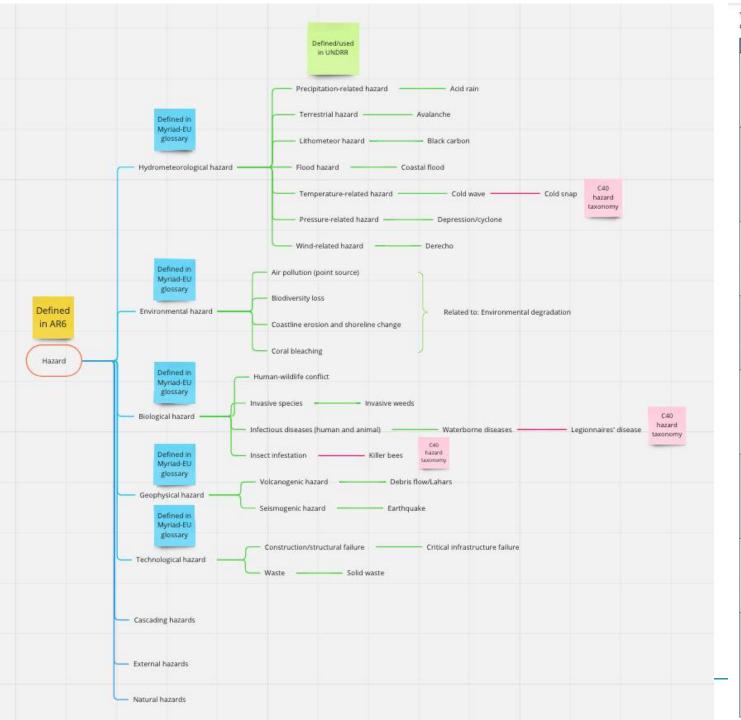


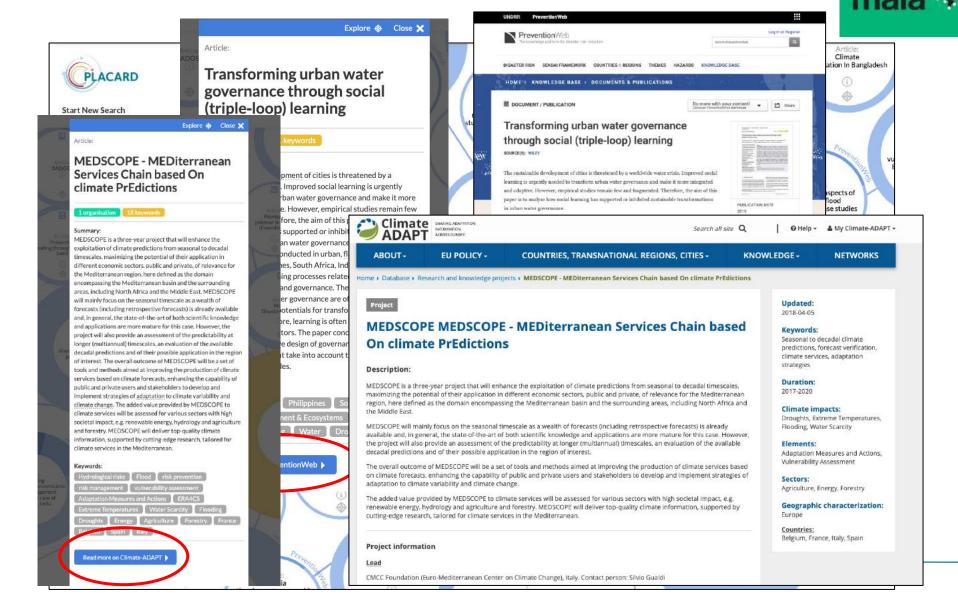
Table 17.1 | Selected adaptation options per Representative Key Risk (RKR; see Section 16.5.2.2), with examples of each option from across the report. Many of the adaptation

RKR	Adaptation option	Examples from regional and sectoral chapters and cross-chapter papers
200	Coastal accommodation	Raising of dwellings, raising of coastal roads (Section 15.5.2), amphibious building designs (CCP2), improved drainage (Section 11.3.5.3)
Risk to coastal socio-ecological systems	Coastal infrastructure	Seawalls, beach and shore nourishment (Sections 3.6, 15.5.1), breakwater structures (Section 15.5.1), dykes, revetments, groynes or tidal barriers. (Section 6.3.4.8), land reclamation (Section 15.5.2)
stems	Strategic coastal retreat	Retreating from coastal areas (Section 3.6, Cross-Chapter Box SLR in Chapter 3, Section 6.3.5.1, CCP2), relocation/resettlement (CCP2)
	Restore/create natural areas	Marine protected areas (FAQ 3.5), active restoration of coral reefs (Section 3.6.2.3.2), ridge-to-reef management (CCP1), restoring dunes (CCP4), planting salinity-tolerant trees (Section 4.5.2.1) Increasing forest cover (CCP7), detect and manage forest pests (Section 11.3.4.3)
isk to terrestrial nd ocean	Reduce ecosystem stress	Reduce pollution and eutrophication (Section 3.3.3), reduce anthropogenic pressures on the Great Barrier Reef (Box 11.2), sustainable fisheries harvest (Section 3.6.2), increasing connectivity between natural areas (Section 2.6.2)
cosystems	Ecosystem-based adaptation	Marine habitats to protect against storm surge (Section 3.6), agroecology (Section 5.14.1.1), coastal and marine vegetation and reefs (Section 6.3.3.4), vegetation corridors, greenspace, wetlands (FAQ 6.3), mangrove habitat restoration (Sections 8.5.2.2, 9.8.5.1), restoring coasts, rivers, wetlands to reduce flood risk (Section 2.6.3, CCP1), urban green space to reduce temperatures (Section 2.6.3)
isks associated	Infrastructure retrofitting	Air conditioning (Section 6.3.4), using thermosiphons for permafrost degradation (Section 10.4.6.4.1), increasing rooftop albedo (for reflectivity) (Section 11.3.5.3), shading (Section 13.A.4)
hysical nfrastructure,	Building codes	Drainage systems (Section 4.5.2.1), architectural and urban design regulations (Section 6.3.4.2), infrastructure standards initiatives (CCP6), Chile's Sustainable Housing Construction Code (Section 12.5.5.3)
etworks and ervices	Spatially redirect development	Zoning/land use planning (Section 6.3.2.1), spatial development planning to regulate coastal development (CCP2)
	Insurance	Agricultural insurance and micro-credit (Sections 4.5.2.1, 10.4.5.5), index-based insurance, market and price insurance (Section 5.14.1.3), flood insurance (Section 10.5.3.2), collective insurance schemes (Section 12.5.7.5)
isk to living tandards and quity	Diversification of livelihoods	Combining income-generating activities within fisheries sector (Section 3.6.2.2)  Community level adaptation by Pangnirtung Inuit through diversification to stabilise income and food resources (CCP6)
quity	Social safety nets	Food for work programmes (Section 4.5.2.1), school feeding programmes (Section 7.4.2.1.3), social protection programmes, such as unemployment compensation (Section 10.5.6)
	Availability of health infrastructure	Safe drinking water infrastructure (Section 4.5.2.1), temperature-controlled low-income housing (Section 11.3.6.3), health care clinic (Section 6.4 case study), place-specific mental health infrastructure and 'nature therapy' (Section 14.4.6.8)
isk to human ealth	Access to health care	Access to health care services (Section 11.3.6.3), access to health, nutrition services and healthy environments (water and sanitation) (Section 7.6), enhanced access to culturally appropriate mental health resources; 'Telemedicine' (information technologies and telecommunications for health and public health service delivery) (Section 12.6.1.5)
	Disaster early warning	Early warning of marine heatwaves (Section 3.6.2.3.3) early warning for pests (Section 5.12.5), Heat Action Plans (HAP) (Section 7.4.2.1.2), raising public awareness through campaigns (FAQ13.3)
	Farm/fishery improvements	Changing fishing gear or vessel power (Section 3.6.2.2.3), change crop variety or timing (Section 4.5.2.1, CCP5, Section 8.5), close productivity gaps (Section 5.12.5), biotechnology (Section 5.12.5), irrigation schemes (Section 9.12.5.3), integrated crop/livestock systems (Section 5.10.1), relocating livestock linked to improved pasture management (Section 13.5.2)
isk to food ecurity	Food storage/distribution improvements	Improve transportation infrastructure and trade networks, shortened supply chains (Sections 5.12.5, 9.12.5.3), improved food storage (Sections 5.12.5, 7.4.2), local food production/chains (Cross-Chapter Box COVID in Chapter 7)
	Behaviour change in diets and food waste	Reduce food loss and waste (Section 5.12.5), shifts to more plant-based diets (Section 7.4.5.2), creating demand for organically sourced food (Section 10.5.3.2)
	Water capture/storage	Farm ponds and revival of water bodies (Section 4.5.2.1), rain gardens, bioswales or retention ponds (Section 6.3.3.6), water storage tanks (Section 10.5.3.2), multi-purpose water reservoirs and dams (CCP5)
isk to water ecurity	Efficient water use/demand	Precision/drip irrigation (Section 4.5.2.1), Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) (Section 9.4), cooperative policies across multiple sector (CCP4), changing water consumption patterns (CCP4)
	Efficient water supply/ distribution	Constructing irrigation infrastructure (Section 4.5.2.1), inter-basin transfers (Section 6.3.3.6), water reuse (Section 13.A.3), slum/ water upgrading (Section 6.4.3)
	Seasonal/temporary mobility	Fishing fleet mobility to follow species distribution (Section 3.6.2.2.2), mobility for seasonal employment and remittances (Section 4.5.2.1, Cross-Chapter Box MIGRATE in Chapter 7), legal/illegal labour migration (CCP3), pastoralist seasonal migrations (Cross-Chapter Box MIGRATE in Chapter 7)
sk to peace and igration	Cooperative governance	Transboundary fishing agreements (Section 3.6.4.1), ocean governance (Section 3.6.2.2), collective water management (Section 4.5.2.1), indigenous water-sharing systems (Section 4.5.2.1), enforcing the land rights of indigenous populations (CCP7), adaptive co-management in Arctic fisheries (CCP6), international compact on migration (Cross-Chapter Box MIGRATE in Chapter 7), policies for adaptive governance (Section 8.5)
	Permanent migration	Resettlement of flood-prone communities (Section 4.5.2.1), rural-urban migration (Section 6.1 case study), internal migration (Box 10.2), international migration and remittances (Sections 8.6.3, 14.4.7.3)

# Amplify visibility for source platforms and knowledges shared



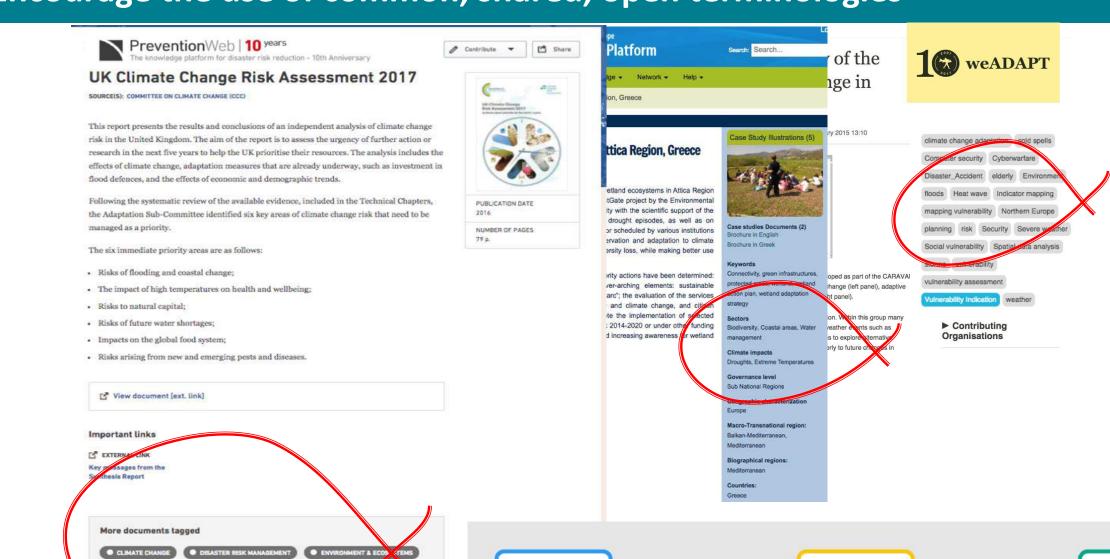




### Encourage the use of common, shared, open terminologies

FOOD SECURITY & AGRICULTURE

RISK IDENTIFICATION & ASSESSMENT



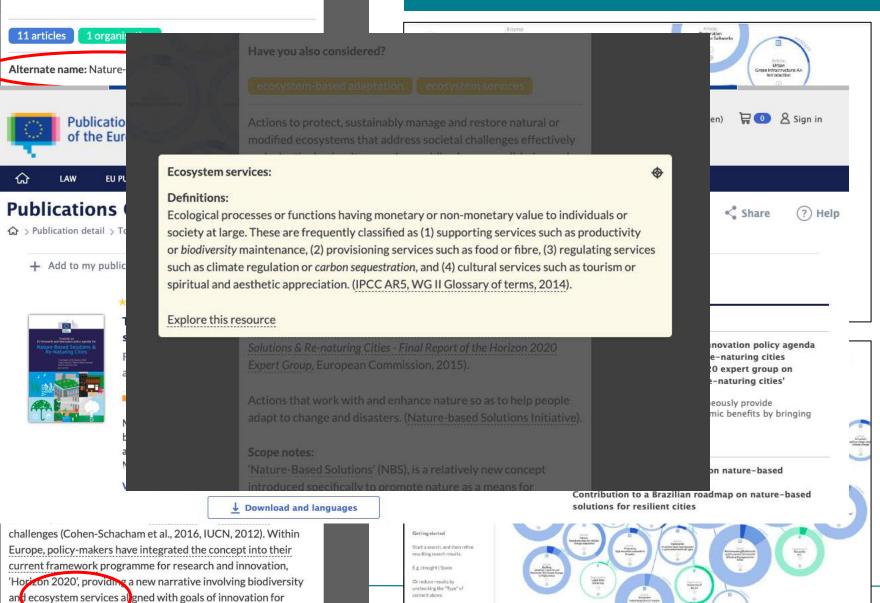
Project data

Keywords

Organisation/stakeholder



### Increase awareness and understanding



Explore & Close X

growth and job creation (European Commission, 2015), and with



### **Connectivity Hub - not another platform**















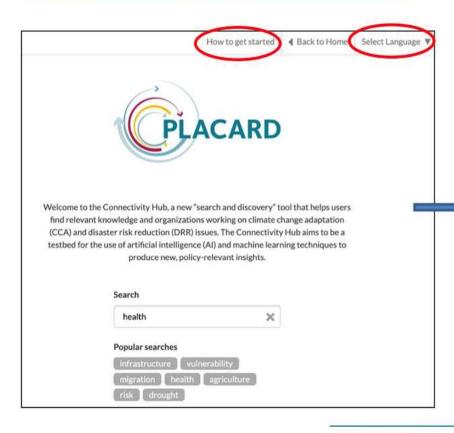
- Makes connections transparent and supports collaboration
- Reveals potentially unexpected connections
- Links different types and scales of knowledge
- Reduces silos and information overload
- Builds awareness and a shared understanding of different terminology used
- Supports learning and capacity development
- Refers and redirects to the original platforms
- Creates new traffic and new audiences for the source platforms
- Enhances visibility and cross-fertilization of knowledge

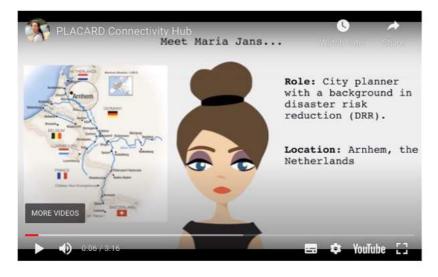


### **Further resources**

#### Connectivity Hub movie tutorial and guidance:

http://connectivity-hub.placard-network.eu





#### Who will benefit from the Hub?

The Hub is designed to help planners, decision-makers, researchers, policymakers, students, and interested citizens who are trying to find information, organisations and people relevant to their work in CCA and DRR.

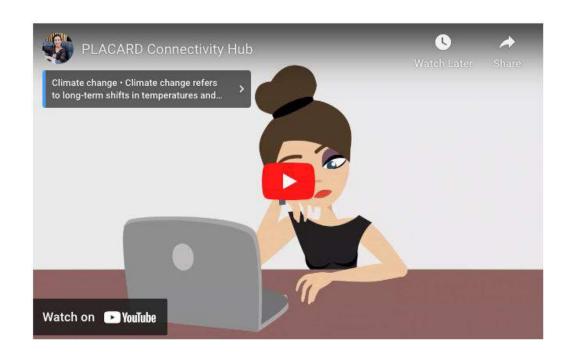
#### What is the Hub's purpose?

As its name implies, the Connectivity Hub is designed to link people with the knowledge they need. The aim is to avoid redundancy and replication. No one wants to reinvent the wheel, or to waste resources, as can happen when people are not aware of parallel or complementary work going on elsewhere. The Hub helps you find information that you may not know exists, and to find it quickly and easily.

Furthermore, the Connectivity Hub can be a test bed for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning if the taxonomy is enhanced with relational and/or semantic data. Resulting new and unexpected combinations of information can produce powerful, policy-relevant insights e.g. supporting learning from relevant successful climate actions elsewhere that are otherwise difficult to find.

### Latest blog and videos:

https://www.weadapt.org/knowledge-base/adaptation-decision-making/the-connectivity-hub-next-steps









### **Thank You!**