

Adaptation Futures Conference – 2025

Panel title: Harnessing Locally-Led Adaptation Metrics for Enhanced Climate Finance and Policy Integration in Africa

Date: 13 October from 8:45-9:30 PM, NZDT

Venue: Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand

Host: Dr. Akinyi J. Eurallyah, PhD

Overarching question:

How can locally led adaptation metrics – when effectively integrated with inclusive financing mechanisms and equity-centered approaches – transform adaptation finance from a top-down allocation process into a system that genuinely empowers communities, enhances accountability, and drives measurable resilience outcomes across scales?

Dr. Joanes Atela (PhD)

Overview of Adaptation Metrics and the LAMA Initiative

How does the Locally-led adaptation metrics in Africa (LAMA) project advance adaptation measurement by integrating locally generated data and digital tools, and what tools, and what implications does this have for national adaptation planning and policy and policy coherence? (10 minutes)

Dr. Mary Gorret Nantongo (PhD)

Finance and Locally-Led Adaptation Metrics

In what ways can locally led adaptation metrics enhance the mobilisation and effectiveness of adaptation finance, and how can these metrics inform the design of innovative financing instruments that align with community priorities? (10 minutes)

Dr. Arjan De Haan (PhD)

Equity and Inclusivity in Adaptation Finance

How can adaptation finance frameworks integrate inclusive and gender-responsive metrics to ensure that adaptation interventions are equitable, socially just, socially just, and responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups? (10 minutes)

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Conclusion

Locally led adaptation metrics are more than just tools for measurement. They are instruments of empowerment, accountability, and justice.