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Adaptation Without Borders

A new global partnership to enhance systemic resilience to cross-border climate change impacts

Covid-19 has revealed with startling clarity the vulnerabilities inherent in our global systems and supply chains – how impacts can leap from sector to sector and escalate from country to continent. But climate risk assessments often fail to account for these systemic connections and interdependencies, and the way we plan adaptation ignores the realities of how risk is driven and distributed in the 21st century. Left unchecked, cascading climate impacts could impede progress towards virtually every one of the Sustainable Development Goals. It is time to recognise and account for the global nature of climate risk and engender a much more cooperative approach to adaptation.

Adaptation Without Borders is a new global partnership working at the forefront of efforts to strengthen systemic resilience to the impacts of climate change, and particularly to its cascading effects. It is led by a consortium of the world’s leading research institutes on climate risk and resilience:

- The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- The Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
- The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

The consortium is currently supported by eight partners spanning a network across Africa, Asia, North America and the Caribbean.

Adaptation Without Borders generates tools and tactics to identify, assess and track transboundary climate impacts, particularly on the poorest and most vulnerable, and draw out implementable policy recommendations and adaptation options that represent climate-resilient and inclusive solutions. The partnership also aims to catalyse new alliances and forms of cooperation on adaptation by capitalising on the combined and diverse strengths of our multi-disciplinary team of policy engagement specialists, thought leaders, communicators and programme implementers.

Adaptation Without Borders creates visibility, gathers evidence, builds connections and inspires action. It maintains an active community through coordinated mobilisation and targeted policy engagement, to develop the necessary momentum behind international solutions to transboundary, cascading climate risk.

Resources:

- Transboundary climate risks – an overview (pdf): <https://bit.ly/3jlwrWt>
- Meeting the global challenge of adaptation by addressing transboundary climate risk (pdf): <https://bit.ly/2HsaIEu>
- Climate-resilient trade and production: the transboundary effects of climate change and their implications for EU member states (pdf): <https://bit.ly/2HsG3lg>
- Let’s talk coffee (video): <https://youtu.be/c8k5FxuVicc>

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