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About the World Adaptation Science Programme

The World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP) is a global partnership **and knowledge hub supported by nine agencies (Adaptation Fund; Green Climate Fund; Global Environment Facility; Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; United Nations University; and World Meteorological Organization)** and involves over 40 core specialists/ members from around the globe belonging to leading intergovernmental agencies, national, regional and global institutions, development agencies, funding organisations, and the financial sector.

WASP's core mission is to ensure that **climate adaptation knowledge gaps are filled to inform evidence-based policies, solutions and actions** for successful adaptation to new climate conditions. Our priority is addressing the knowledge needs in vulnerable developing countries and providing policy relevant science for decision-makers.



Polar bear in snow on body of water fielding with snow, climate change

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WASP Sets Strategic Course: Task Force Launched Post-Brussels Meeting

At the successful Fifth Annual Meeting and Strategic Scoping Meeting of WASP at the European Commission’s facilities in Brussels in March this year, key recommendations and conclusions were formulated to guide the future direction of WASP. To operationalize these outcomes, a Task Force has been established to further discuss and develop a draft strategy document for review by the WASP Management Group (MG). The Task Force, chaired by Cynthia Rosenzweig of Columbia University, has been given the green light by the Chair of WASP, Chizuru Aoki, of the Global Environment Facility, to start its work. The members of the Task Force include: Cynthia Rosenzweig - Columbia University, Anil Mishra – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Kevin Horsburgh – Green Climate Fund (GCF), SVRK Prabhakar - The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), and Anand Patwardhan - University of Maryland.



Cynthia Rosenzweig
TF Chair



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Kevin Horsburgh



Ms Manishka De Mel -
Supporting the Task Force Chair
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Anil Mishra

WASP Task Force Members
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Anand Patwardhan



Call for Papers: Finance for Climate Adaptation

The call for papers for a Special Issue on “Finance for Climate Adaptation: Concepts, Measurements, Instruments, and Diversified Channels” in Energy and Climate Management is now open. The issue will be guest-edited by two WASP co-chairs and two WASP regular members: Minpeng Chen, Sivapuram Venkata Rama Krishna Prabhakar, Denyse Dookie, and Soenke Kreft.

This issue aims to explore the various dimensions of climate adaptation finance, including the latest concepts, measurement approaches, financial instruments, and the diverse channels through which adaptation finance can be mobilised. Moreover, it aims to highlight case studies and best practices in financing climate adaptation, as well as innovations in Adaptation Finance. For more details on the call, please visit this link: [Notice Detail - SciOpen](#)

Important dates:

- Full Paper Submission Deadline: December 31, 2025
- Final decision notification: June 30, 2026

Advancing Adaptation: The Adaptation Gap Report 2025

The Adaptation Gap Report series is a UNEP institutional series co-produced with the WASP. Several WASP Members serve on the report’s Steering Committee and provide guidance on the content of the report. Every year it provides an annual assessment of the progress made in planning, financing, and implementing climate change adaptation measures globally. The reports highlight the gap between the needs for adaptation and the actual resources available, particularly for developing countries, and also explore ways to enhance national and global adaptation efforts. This year’s report, the Adaptation Gap Report 2025 (AGR2025), is currently under development. As of mid-2025, the drafting of the report’s chapters is in full swing. It is scheduled to be launched in the run-up to UNFCCC COP30 in Belem, Brazil, later this year. The WASP looks forward to work closely with UNEP to deliver a top-notch and influential report that will have an impact at COP30 in November.



Adaptation Finance

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Global Voices, Local Solutions: AF2025 to Spotlight Indigenous and Pacific Leadership

Adaptation Futures is the world's largest and most important climate adaptation event bringing together scientists, governments and industry. WASP and its Secretariat at UNEP serve as the custodian of this conference series which has been running for 15 years. The Adaptation Futures Conference 2025 (AF2025) which will be held from 13-16 October 2025 in Christchurch, New Zealand is expected to host more than 200 in-person and online sessions covering core themes including: Indigenous innovation and leadership; oceans, islands, and futures; cities, settlements and infrastructure; the food, water, and biodiversity nexus; health, wellbeing, and future generations; the art of adaptation, communication and education; and beyond adaptation. AF2025 will have a particular emphasis on issues for the Pacific and Indigenous people.

This flagship event of the WASP will be co-hosted by WASP and Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (UC), in a hybrid format, allowing people to join in-person or online. It is supported by a sponsorship consortium of national and international partners, the Adaptation Fund as a foundation sponsor, and also the Global Environment Facility. It is estimated that more than 90 countries and over 1500 participants will be represented at the conference.

Calling all academics, researchers, policy makers, thought leaders, businesses and investors working in the climate sector to register for Adaptation Futures 2025.

More information can be found here: Registration - [Adaptation Futures Conference 2025](#)

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!

Welcome to the homelands of

Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Ngāi Tahu.

A promotional banner for the Adaptation Futures Conference 2025. The left side features a photograph of a group of people, including children, walking up a grassy hill overlooking a coastal town and the ocean. The right side has a red background with white text. At the top right is the conference logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' shape made of three curved lines, with the text 'ADAPTATION FUTURES 2025' and 'ACCELERATING ADAPTATION ACTION' below it. Below the logo, the text 'REGISTER NOW!' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath that, the dates '13 - 16 October' and the location 'Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand' are listed in white text.

Adaptation Futures Conference 2025

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