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2:00 | 3:30 PM UTC

Online
(Zoom)

■ SESSION 1

Adaptation Metrics within Global Development Goals

Aligning UN frameworks and non-governmental action with climate change adaptation

The International Platform on Adaptation Metrics (IPAM) is pleased to invite you to the first webinar of its 2026–2027 series. The session presents Chapter 1 of IPAM's forthcoming publication, which examines how climate change adaptation metrics fit within the broader global goals for sustainable development.

Why this Matters

Climate change is already affecting the systems that global development frameworks aim to protect, putting many of their goals and targets at risk. This raises a key question: do the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) account for climate change, and do they track progress on adaptation? The same question applies to non-governmental actors, who play a key role in implementing these frameworks.

Key Findings

- Most goals and targets across these frameworks, and across non-governmental initiatives, are aligned with adaptation.
- In a number of cases, however, the impacts of climate change on these goals and targets are not considered.
- The frameworks' metrics often measure static rather than changing conditions, focus on acute rather than long-term impacts, and do not distinguish climate from non-climate drivers.
- The frameworks' administration and reporting mechanisms are not coordinated, which makes integrating climate adaptation across them particularly challenging.

About the Session

The webinar will present these findings framework by framework and discuss practical ways forward: harmonising metrics and reporting, linking them to the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), and developing indicators that evolve as conditions change. The 90-minute format allows about 45 minutes for the presentation of the chapter, followed by 45 minutes of open questions and dialogue with the authors.

Agenda

Time (UTC)	Item	Speaker(s)
Part 1 • Presentation of Chapter 1 (45 min)		
2:00 pm	Welcome	IPAM moderator
	Introduction	Joel B. Smith
	Sustainable Development Goals	Samraj Sahay
	Sendai Framework and Convention on Biological Diversity	Fatima Zahra Moussaid
	UN Convention to Combat Desertification	Humphrey Agevi and Charles Tonui
	Non-governmental actors	Karl Schultz
	Conclusions	Joel B. Smith
Part 2 • Open discussion (45 min)		
2:45 pm	Q&A with the audience and closing	All speakers and participants
3:30 pm	End of webinar	

Speakers



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