

IPAM's Global Newsletter N°10

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on Adaptation Metrics**

*Forging common metrics to monitor, evaluate,
and foster adaptation to climate change*

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Introduction

This newsletter showcases IPAM's transformative achievements in 2024, marked by significant growth and strategic developments across ten key areas:

1. **Membership Growth:** 35% increase, expanding to 40 countries across five continents
2. **Governance Enhancement:** Expanded Steering Committee with 11 elected members
3. **Communication Strategy:** New channels and increased engagement
4. **Partnership Network:** Information sharing with global organizations
5. **Science Communication:** Expanded outreach through strategic webinars and training
6. **Research Impact:** Notable member publications and collaborative projects
7. **Strategic Partnerships:** Strengthened ties with key climate organizations
8. **UNFCCC Engagement:** Active participation in Global Goal on Adaptation processes
9. **COP29 Presence:** Two influential side events at the Morocco pavilion
10. **Future Vision:** Development of flagship products and international conference planning

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1. An Expanding International Reach

In 2024, the International Platform on Adaptation Metrics (IPAM) continued to strengthen its attractiveness, recording significant growth in its member network. The number of individual representatives increased from 106 from 33 countries across four continents to 146 representatives from 40 countries now spanning five continents. This expansion demonstrates IPAM's growing recognition globally as a key player in the field of adaptation metrics.

The integration of new members is based on an evaluation of their curriculum vitae, ensuring their experience or proven interest in adaptation metrics-related issues. This selective approach allows IPAM to maintain a community of engaged experts and practitioners while fostering rich knowledge and idea exchange.

IPAM Global Member Network (December 31, 2024)



Number of member organization seats per country

- 1 Colombia
- 1 Egypt
- 1 India
- 1 Italy
- 1 Japan
- 1 Kenya
- 1 Morocco
- 1 Nigeria
- 2 Spain
- 2 UK
- 1 USA

Country	Members	Country	Members
Africa=59		Asia=20	
Morocco	26	India	12
Nigeria	8	Bangladesh	2
Kenya	8	Hong Kong	1
Egypt	5	Japan	1
Ethiopia	2	Nepal	1
Ghana	2	Pakistan	1
Togo	2	Syria	1
Cameroun	1	Turkey	1
Mali	1	North America=13	
Malawi	1	USA	9
Niger	1	Canada	4
South Africa	1	South America=8	
Zambia	1	Chile	5
Europe=45		Argentina	1
Spain	11	Colombia	1
UK	10	Peru	1
France	6	Oceania=1	
Italy	6	New Zealand	1
Belgium	3	Total IPAM countries	
Germany	3	40	
Austria	1	Total IPAM members	
Czechia	1	146	
Georgia	1		
Netherlands	1		
Romania	1		
Portugal	1		

IPAM members are distinguished by the great diversity of their profiles, whether in their approaches to adaptation metrics, their specific objectives, or the types of organizations they represent. They bring varied experiences, ranging from academic research to climate policy implementation, including private and institutional initiatives. This richness constitutes a valuable source of innovative proposals and perspectives, although it sometimes poses challenges in the convergence of ideas and approaches.

In 2024, IPAM enriched its institutional network by welcoming a new member: the African Union Center of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation (ADMIR). Located in Cairo, within the prestigious National Research Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics (NRIAG), this institution plays a strategic role in research and implementation of solutions for climate disaster mitigation and management at the African scale. The integration of ADMIR reflects IPAM's commitment to expanding its network to include key players in addressing climate challenges. With this new membership, the number of IPAM member organizations now stands at 16, spread across 5 continents, thus strengthening the platform's international reach and diversity of contributions.

2. Renewed Governance for Global Impact

In 2024, IPAM reached a new milestone in its institutional development with the expansion of its Steering Committee, now composed of 11 elected members. This change marks a significant evolution in governance, in response to the expansion of the platform's network, which now includes 16 member organizations across 5 continents. From May 2024, six new members were integrated into the Steering Committee, complementing the five founding institutions and bringing the total number of votes to a maximum of eleven, in accordance with IPAM's statutes.

Current Steering Committee members include leading institutions, reflecting the platform's geographic and thematic diversity:

- **AAA Initiative (Rabat, Morocco)**
- **Adaptation Leader (Washington, USA)**
- **ADMIR (Cairo, Egypt)**
- **CABI (Wallingford, UK)**
- **Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP, Bangalore, India)**
- **African Scientific Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC, Abuja, Nigeria)**
- **Center for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future (CEPEAS, Hiroshima University, Japan)**
- **Climate Change Competence Center (4CMaroc, Rabat, Morocco)**
- **The Higher Ground Foundation (London, UK)**
- **IMAL Initiative for Climate and Development (Rabat, Morocco)**
- **Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (Benguerir, Morocco)**

Karl Schultz (The Higher Ground Foundation, UK) was re-elected as chair for a new two-year term, ensuring continuity in strategic direction. Additionally, a vice-chair position was created, with the election of Mrs. Srijita Dasgupta (CABI, UK), thus strengthening the Steering Committee's leadership capacity.

The Committee meets virtually each month to address governance issues, strategy and annual directions, as well as to review membership applications.

On September 12, 2024, a first virtual meeting of all member organizations, including the 11 Steering Committee members and the 5 other member organizations, was held in two sessions to accommodate time differences between the different regions, spanning from Washington (UTC-5) to Hiroshima (UTC+9).



Logos of the 16 IPAM member organizations

3. A Strengthened and Inclusive Communication Strategy

In 2024, IPAM significantly improved its communication strategy, thereby strengthening the dissemination of its activities and connection with its members and partners. This new momentum has enabled more frequent, targeted, and accessible communication to a broader audience.

Four internal newsletters were published throughout the year, specifically intended for IPAM members. These publications detail ongoing activities, providing an overview of initiatives and projects under development. In addition to direct mailing, these newsletters are also published on [IPAM's official LinkedIn account](#), cut from sensitive information reserved for registered members.

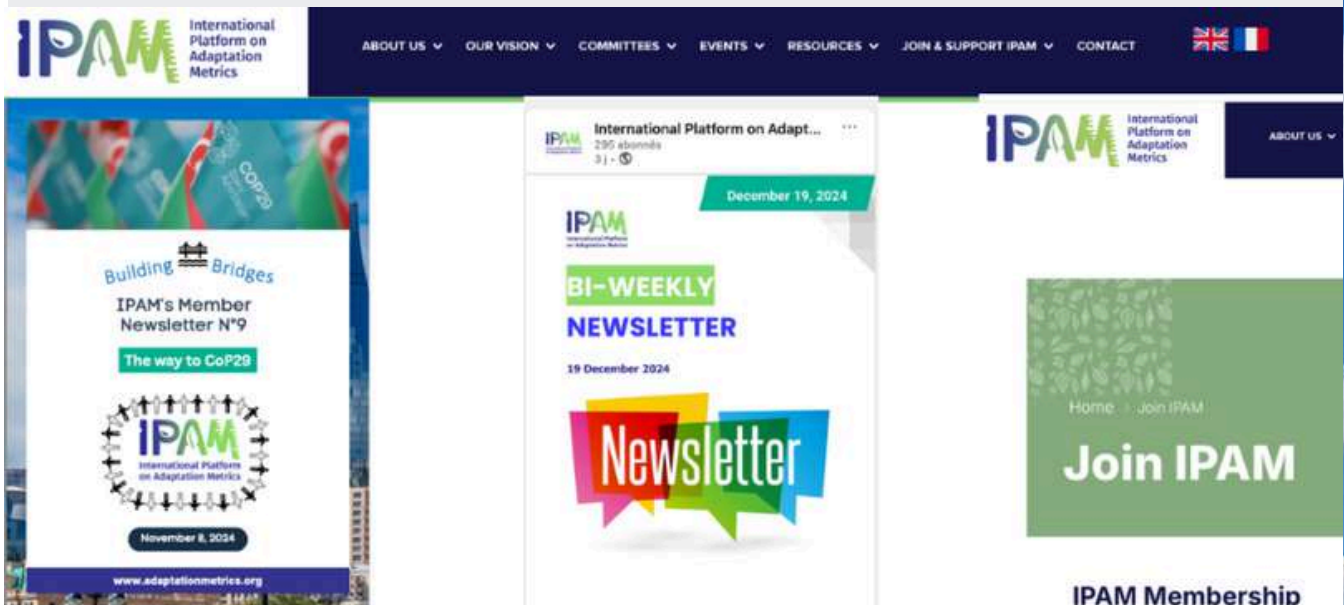
Since mid-December 2024, a bi-weekly newsletter has been launched, addressed to the entire IPAM community.

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In parallel, a global newsletter was distributed in May, highlighting the platform's major achievements. The current edition of this global newsletter confirms IPAM's commitment to sharing its progress with a wider audience.

IPAM's bilingual website (English-French) constitutes another cornerstone of this improved communication strategy. Regularly updated, it hosts the platform's main activities, publications, and achievements, thus providing an accessible and comprehensive information source for its members and partners.

Finally, the evolution of the TT (Techniques & Tools) committee into the expanded TTMN (Techniques, Tools and Member Network) committee represents a major advancement. This extended forum now allows all IPAM members to access a collaborative platform where they can exchange updated information, share best practices, and strengthen their technical capabilities.



4. An Information Amplification Platform

IPAM positions itself as a true information amplification platform, offering its members privileged access to the latest advances and resources in the field of adaptation metrics. Through its active secretariat, IPAM regularly relays information from prestigious and diverse sources, including the [Adaptation Research Alliance](#), the [World Adaptation Science Program](#), UNDP's Adaptation Letter, the [Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange \(CAKE\)](#), [Carbon Brief](#), as well as specific member initiatives such as [Imagine Adaptation](#) by [BC3](#).

Additionally, the platform also publishes relevant professional and funding opportunities. In 2024, it notably shared job opportunities for FAO and micro-grants offered by ARA, demonstrating its commitment to supporting members in their projects and development.

This dynamic of exchange and dissemination strengthens IPAM's role as a strategic information hub while actively contributing to building its members' capacities and developing innovative adaptation solutions.



5. A Platform Dedicated to Outreach and Global Sharing

IPAM is actively engaged in the popularization and sharing of knowledge about adaptation metrics on a global scale. To achieve this goal, it regularly organizes webinars open to an international audience, highlighting key themes and latest advances in adaptation.

In 2024, several webinars marked this global sharing approach, developing policy papers presented at CoP28:

- February 29, 2024: [IPAM's Statement on Metrics for Global Goals on Adaptation](#), presenting strategic orientations for global adaptation goals.
- April 2, 2024: [Thematic Targets and Indicators for the GGA](#), exploring thematic targets and indicators related to the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA).
- May 20, 2024: [Defining Boundaries Between Adaptation and Loss & Damage in a Changing Climate](#), clarifying the boundaries between adaptation and loss and damage.

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IPAM WEBINAR SERIES: Defining Boundaries Between Adaptation and Loss & Damage in a Changing Climate



Other webinars enriched this dynamic:

- July 25, 2024: [Presentation of Climate Vulnerability Reduction Credits and Experience in Côte d'Ivoire: A Metric for Climate Adaptation](#), hosted by The Higher Ground Foundation, highlighting an innovative methodology for climate vulnerability reduction.
- September 10, 2024: Discussion around Current Indicators and Metrics Challenge Effective Urban Climate Adaptation, a webinar organized by the "City" committee. Although open to a global audience, the recording of this event is reserved for active members via the IPAM C2 Google folder.
- October 24, 2024: Exclusive training workshop for IPAM members, titled Overview of the Current State of Adaptation Action and Support. Presented by IMAL Initiative for Climate and Development, it focused on the current state of adaptation actions and support. Access to its recording is also limited to active members.

6. A Platform for Exchange and Synergies for Impact Projects and Publications

IPAM continues to position itself as an essential collaboration platform, fostering synergies between its members and incubating joint projects. In 2024, several flagship initiatives emerged through this collaborative dynamic:

- The official launch of the [African Agriculture Adaptation Tracking Tool](#) by the AAA Initiative in partnership with CIAT, on February 21, 2024. This innovative tool aims to improve agricultural adaptation tracking on the African continent.
- A side event at COP29, held on November 19, 2024, bringing together the AAA Initiative and CABI for strategic discussions on climate adaptation in the agricultural sector.

Beyond collaborative projects, IPAM also provides a valuable showcase for its members' publications. In 2024, several notable works were highlighted:

- [Current indicators and metrics hinder effective urban climate adaptation](#), an in-depth study by the IPAM Cities committee, the result of two years of research on barriers to urban climate adaptation.
- [Opportunities to strengthen Africa's efforts to track national-level climate adaptation](#) and its associated policy paper, "Enhanced policy adequacy facilitates national climate adaptation tracking across Africa", co-written by Andreea Nowak and Lucy Njuguna, former heads of IPAM's Agriculture Committee.
- [Climate change adaptation mainstreaming through strategic environmental assessments. An in-depth analysis of environmental indicators from spatial plans in Friuli Venezia Giulia Region \(Italy\)](#), an analysis of environmental indicators in spatial plans of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region (Italy), conducted by IPAM member organization's IUAV University of Venice.
- [Capturing Collective Progress on Adaptation—A Proposal to Move Forward on the UNFCCC Global Stocktake](#), a UNDP publication led by Joel Smith, active IPAM member, exploring collective progress on adaptation within the Global Stocktake framework.
- [Nature-based solutions as urban adaptation to climate risk](#): Framework for economic evaluation as decision support tool, a methodological proposal for evaluating nature-based solutions as urban adaptation tools, conducted by Samraj Sahay, another active IPAM member.

These projects and publications illustrate the richness of exchanges within IPAM and the impact of its community in key areas of climate adaptation.



Capturing Collective Progress on Adaptation

Capturing Collective Progress on Adaptation: A Proposal to move forward on the UNFCCC Global Stocktake

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7. A Partnership Platform

IPAM also cultivated numerous partnerships during 2024:

- **The Nairobi Work Programme** invited IPAM members to participate in an important survey focused on "Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)"
- An IPAM working group responded to the open call for comments for the "**Ex Post Evaluation Toolkit for Climate Change Adaptation Projects**" from the Adaptation Fund Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG)
- Another IPAM working group contributed to developing an **approach to track progress on targeted outcomes for the Sharm Adaptation Agenda (SAA)** created under the Race to Resilience campaign launched by the UN High-Level Climate Champions
- The **FAST Partnership Task Force** identified IPAM as a key initiative in a comprehensive mapping of the FAST partnership
- On October 29, 2024, IPAM explored possibilities for collaboration with **IPCC Working Group 2** (responsible for producing a report on impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation to climate change), ahead of the publication of IPCC's seventh assessment report.



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8. Anchoring to the UNFCCC

IPAM closely follows the Global Goal on Adaptation and Global Stocktake (GGA and GST) processes of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

- In response to the call for inputs defined in decision 2/CMA.5, IPAM formed two dedicated working groups to provide a comprehensive contribution. The first working group focused on proposing modalities, timelines, work approaches, and expected outputs for the UAE-Belem Work Programme process itself. Concurrently, the second working group developed a proof of concept for assessing indicators to be used in evaluating progress towards achieving the Global Goals on Adaptation. This was the subject of a [first submission on March 28, 2028](#).
- [A second submission to the UNFCCC](#) was proposed on July 30, 2024, in response to the call for information on existing indicators for measuring progress towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9-10 of decision 2/CMA.5. Three key attributes were defined for adaptation metrics: clear identification with climate change adaptation, wide applicability, and scalability/ comparability/ aggregability.
- IPAM recommended several experts to assist with technical work under the UAE-Belem Work Programme. Thus, **of the 78 experts** selected by the Subsidiary Bodies Chairs to contribute to technical work under the United Arab Emirates-Belem Work Programme, **7 are IPAM members**, including 2 women and 3 men, citizens of Canada, Colombia, France, Ethiopia, Kenya, Hong Kong, and Niger. Their priority focus areas are Water (2 experts), food and agriculture (2 experts), poverty and livelihoods (2 experts), and the adaptation cycle (1 expert). IPAM working groups will be formed to support these experts' contributions.
- IPAM was present at COP29 in Baku through two side events, on November 16 and 19, 2024 (see chapter 9).

Second IPAM Submission to the UAE-Belem Work Programme

The screenshot shows the 'SUBMISSION PORTAL' interface. At the top left is the UNFCCC logo. To the right of the logo is the text 'SUBMISSION PORTAL' and a 'Login' link. Below this is a navigation bar with dropdown menus for 'TYPE', 'BODY', 'SESSIONS', 'YEAR', 'SUBMITTER', 'LANGUAGE', and 'THEMATIC AREA'. A search bar contains the text 'uae-belem' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a 'SELECTED TAGS' section with buttons for 'Open', '2024', and '2025', and a 'CLEAR TAGS' button. At the bottom of the interface, there is a link for 'CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS, ELECTIONS AND STATEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT UPCOMING SESSIONS (+)'.

9. Presence at CoP29

Similar to COP26, 27 and 28, IPAM attended COP29 through two side events, organized at the Morocco pavilion in the blue zone thanks to the involvement of its secretariat supported by the AAA initiative.

[IPAM side event at CoP29 focused on advancing the UAE Belem Work Programme: Declining the Critical Role of Adaptation Metrics](#)

This COP29 side event showcased contributions to the UAE Belem Work Programme and facilitated dialogue between contributors, end-users, and implementers, including presentations of IPAM contributions, the Adaptation Fund toolkit, the SAA Tracking Framework and an update on recent UAE-Belem Work Programme sessions.

The panel discussed Identifying indicator needs and implementation strategies.



[CABI-AAA side event at CoP29 focused on Farmer-Centric Solutions for Effective NDC Implementation](#)

Organized by two IPAM pillar member organizations, CABI and AAA Initiative, this side event aimed to bring together development partners, government stakeholders, and research organizations to engage in an inclusive and interactive discussion on working with a common goal of transforming agrifood systems through sustainable and farmer centric digital solutions/approaches.

Drawing on the insights of the panelists engaged at both local and national levels, the session provided opportunities to understand and reflect on innovative solutions that address farmer needs and policy decisions across different sub-sectors, in support of the NDCs and NAPs.

10. Charting the Path Forward: Flagship Products and Strategic Events

IPAM's Steering Committee has identified a major challenge: despite the diversity of its initiatives, the platform still lacks a flagship product that embodies its identity and leadership in the field of adaptation metrics. In response, two working groups were formed in November 2024 to address this challenge and lay the groundwork for ambitious strategic projects.

A Reference Document on the State of the Art in Adaptation Metrics

Inspired by the Adaptation Gap Report model, this document aims to provide a comprehensive synthesis of issues and advances in the field of adaptation metrics. Preliminary work has defined the main chapters. These terms of reference will serve as a basis for mobilizing funding from potential donors. The goal is to present this document at COP30 in Belem, marking a significant milestone for IPAM in the field of adaptation metrics.

An International Conference on Gaps and Issues in Adaptation Metrics

In parallel, a second working group is focusing on preparing an international conference centered on gaps and challenges in adaptation metrics. Planned for September 2024, this conference should be held in Rabat, Morocco.

The event, which will span two days with an option for a field visit on the third day, will be structured around discussion workshops based on the reference document chapters. The resulting concept note will serve as advocacy for fund mobilization, thus strengthening IPAM's position as a key player in evaluating and monitoring adaptation progress.

Vision for the Future

These strategic initiatives illustrate IPAM's commitment to producing concrete results and establishing international benchmarks in the field of adaptation metrics. By combining an ambitious reference document and an international conference, IPAM aims to strengthen its visibility, stimulate global discussions, and attract essential partnerships and funding to pursue its mission.

