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CBA18 invites participants to think critically and creatively on how to ‘**decolonise climate action**’ and promote ‘**locally led innovation and adaptation**’. We believe these are important intersecting issues for community-based adaptation and locally led adaptation to climate change. In this light, The conference sessions are crowd-sourced and will link our community’s work and interests with one or both of decolonisation and locally-led innovation. Checkout www.iied.org/cba18 for more information.

CBA18 session types



Thematic workshops – question assumptions

Delving deeper into the conference themes, the workshops are facilitated to encourage dialogue, debate and interaction around an urgent question, and avoid unidirectional presentations and panels (in particular, all-white, male 'manels'). Expect creative and innovative formats and tools that help participants understand the perspectives of others, seek practical solutions and consider different scenarios.



Skill-shares – learn from your peers

The skill-share sessions will match delegates with specific skills with those seeking to acquire or strengthen their competence and knowledge. These are informal sessions where practitioners share practical tools and approaches they have been using to generate effective action.



Marketplace – tools to succeed

Participants become 'stall holders', sharing tools or approaches they have developed as well as lessons and insights from their experience (failures and successes), and set out good-practice narratives that showcase creativity and lived experience.






Short films – be inspired

Short films are a powerful way of showing the nuances of an issue, the personal experiences of climate change or the lessons emerging from a project. CBA18 will showcase a series of short videos and films that highlight issues relevant to community-based adaptation - participants will then vote for their favourite.



Open Space for burning issues and big ideas

Open Space sessions can be structured and designed in advance or be an impromptu roundtable-style open discussion. They exist to ensure space for spontaneous discussions that occur at the last minute and all they need is a person willing to lead the discussion. Discuss burning issues that haven’t been addressed elsewhere, highlight big ideas to develop with others or convene those working on a particular issue or in a geographical region. The CBA Open space endorses the “Law of Two Feet”: if the conversation is not working for you, you are free to move on to another session!

Day 1 (6 May 2024)	
8:00-8:30	Check-in
8:30-10:15	<p>Title 1. Opening Plenary: Welcome to CBA18</p> <p>Description The plenary will open the CBA18 discussions on the progress towards advancing locally led adaptation principles. This will include opening remarks from various speakers and a formal opening by the Tanzanian Government.</p> <p>Host(s) CBA Steering Group</p> <p>Room Plenary</p>
10:15-10:50	Mid-morning break
10:50-12:30	<p>Title 2. How do we operationalise the LLA principles?</p> <p>Description Setting the scene on LLA and CBA - how are the LLA principles being applied in practice?</p> <p>Host(s) CBA Steering Group</p> <p>Room Plenary</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:15	 <p>Title 3A. Heat Hacks: Building Community Resilience to Beat the Heat Together!</p> <p>Description Heat is increasing everywhere, disproportionately impacting vulnerable communities, affecting the way of life with serious impacts on critical systems such as food, water, energy, and health. Solutions are needed today. This session will engage local actors bringing perspectives of communities managing the heat challenges, and identify, explore, and share actionable steps, however small, towards building heat resilient and sustainable communities.</p> <p>Host(s) Adaptation Research Alliance, Transitions Research</p> <p>Room Breakout</p>
13:30-15:15	 <p>Title 3B. Scouting, honing, futuring and storytelling: Skills and approaches for knowledge brokering</p> <p>Description This session will invite participants to experience and learn from different approaches and tools in the knowledge brokering space, which they can then adapt and apply in their own contexts. Following an interactive plenary activity, participants will choose among honing their skills to facilitate hard conversations, using storytelling to unpack complexity, exploring tools to collaboratively explore the future, learning how to scout knowledge brokering opportunities at community level or using role play as a mechanism to recognise and surface the different values and traits that people bring into the meetings they attend. The session will end by exposing participants to an approach that can help make meetings more dynamic while ensuring everyone's voice is heard and truly listened to.</p> <p>Host(s) SouthSouthNorth</p> <p>Room Breakout</p>
13:30-15:15	 <p>Title 3C. Making climate finance accessible for scaled locally led solutions: decolonise climate finance</p> <p>Description We will share learning from innovative finance mechanisms to address questions on obstacles grassroots organisations face in accessing climate finance and what intermediaries could do to advance and scale LLA principles and change the financing architecture.</p> <p>Host(s) Shack Dwellers International - Kenya, Arid Lands and Information Network, Hivos, Nakuru County Government, Both ENDS, Tupado, SOS Sahel, MCDI, ENDA, Uttaran, Friendship, PRC, Save the Children</p> <p>Room Breakout</p>

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Title 3D.Dragons' Den: first pitch

Description The Dragons' Den sessions are there for you, the local climate leaders to strengthen your project. You will meet and learn from experienced entrepreneurs and funders. This session starts that journey by looking at context and your reasons for your initiative.

Host(s) Growing Resilience Partnership, CDKN, EIT Climate-KIC and UNDP
Room Breakout

15:15-15:50

Mid-afternoon break

15:50-17:30



Title 4. CBA18 Marketplace

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Host(s) CBA Steering Group
Room Plenary

Day 2 (7 May 2024)

8:30-10:15

Title 5. Breaking the silos: co-creating local solutions for decolonising climate actions

Description Deepening our exploration of how LLA can support decolonisation

Host(s) CARE Malawi, Zambia Civil Society Climate Change Network, Malawi Civil Society Network on Climate Change, FANRPAN, CADPI/IIED, IIED, Uttaran
Room Plenary

10:15-10:50

Mid-morning break

10:50-12:30



Title 6A. Turning the tide: How to enable gender-transformative and locally-led adaptation action for good?

Description Women, girls and other marginalized groups play an instrumental role in adaptation solutions yet they remain systematically under-represented in climate governance. How do we turn the tide? The session will generate a discussion on key levers with the highest potential to bridge the gap between global commitments and national/local practices, to empower the collective agency of women and marginalized groups to be change agents, policy influencers and custodians of natural resources and to confront current inequities in climate finance, governance structures and social norms.

Host(s) Save the Children, Young Women's Christian Association- Kenya, GAYO Ghana, CARE France, Stockholm Environment Institute (Asian regional office), CARE International in Vietnam

Room Breakout

10:50-12:30



Title 6B. Mapping Values and Stakeholders: Methodologies from the Climate Heritage Adaptation Sector

Description This session will share insights and experiences from community-led, science-based, and values-driven climate risk assessments in Jordan and the Philippines. Values Mapping ensures recognition of the cultural, spiritual, and socio-economic values that communities attribute to their environment, often marginalised in mainstream discourse.

Host(s) Preserving Legacies, Petra Development and Tourism Regional Authority, Save the Ifugao Terraces Movement

Room Breakout

Day 2 (7 May 2024)

10:50-12:30



Title 6C. Exploring approaches to democratise the climate change conversation - now and in the future

Description Often, information is not accessible in the right format, at the right time or in a way that is understandable to the audiences that most need it. This session will hold an interactive learning conversation on diverse tools and approaches being used to democratise climate science for equitable locally-led resilience actions. We will showcase approaches ranging from experiential games and interactive radio programming that can help to challenge social hierarchies and unleash new conversations, to virtual reality and artificial intelligence to create empathy and explore new solutions. Thereafter participants will brainstorm and share experiences about how different tools and approaches can help reach and meaningfully engage stakeholders of different ages, literacy levels and genders; how they contribute to strengthen agency to enable different actors to generate and disseminate knowledge; what outcomes they contribute to achieve; how the exponential growth of new digital technologies is changing the way information is produced, communicated and disseminated; and the implications for practitioners and knowledge brokers working in the climate space.

Host(s) SouthSouthNorth, Growing Resilience Partnership, IDRC, CDKN Ghana, Farm Radio International, Uttaran

Room Breakout

10:50-12:30



Title 6D. Re-imagining the Adaptation-Loss & Damage Continuum with an Indigenous Lens

Description This session involves a co-creative, participatory, and creative exercise to re-imagine a narrative that includes adaptation and loss and damage (L&D), as well as other related fields such as humanitarian assistance and development. This session will weave the wisdom, principles, and perspectives of Indigenous Peoples into the conversation and the graphical representations that stem from the conversations. The main question we will co-creatively answer is: what framework honors the reality of frontline communities' lived experiences of loss and damage, while also being useful to the new L&D Fund and other funders committed to addressing L&D?

Host(s) Climate Justice Resilience Fund, IISD, ICCCAD, Tebtebba

Room Breakout

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:15



Title 7A. Local governments: key intermediaries to unlock the full potential of LLA

Description Local governments (LGs) can play a key role in unlocking the full potential of LLA by fostering collaboration between a large range of stakeholders at local level but also across scales. However, LGs often lack the resources, capacities, and the adequate and inclusive governance structures to advance LLA at the pace and scale needed. This session will explore the barriers but also the emerging good practices to enhance the roles played by LG to advance LLA and answer the following questions:

- How can LG enhance their governance, planning, budgeting and reporting systems to support LLA and increase the resilience of local communities?
- How can LG be a link between national and local adaptation stakeholders in particular CSOs to support LLA at scale?
- How can LG and CSOs work better together to advance LLA at the local level?

Host(s) UNCDF, IISD, Government of Uganda

Room Breakout

Day 2 (7 May 2024)

13:30-15:15

Title 7B. Intersecting realities: What does inclusive locally led adaptation look like?



Description Local communities and marginalised groups are often at the forefront of leading change, facing challenges, and coming up with innovations and solutions to increase the resilience of their world while ensuring justice and inclusion. Locally led adaptation (not projects implemented at a local level) usually comes with the assumption that it is a more inclusive way of doing adaptation, but is this the case? This session will interrogate what inclusive locally led adaptation can look like when intersectionality is considered. It will explore effective practice and challenges of amplifying gender equity and equality, disability and social inclusion in Africa. It will highlight the importance of full and effective participation, including persons with disabilities, in co-creating knowledge and inclusive interventions for locally led adaptation.

The session will bring diverse voices to share their perspectives and insights. It will foster genuine peer learning with participants, and identify recommendations to advance intersectionality and the decolonization of climate action and knowledge.

Host(s) IDRC, Climate and Development Knowledge Network -Climate Just Communities project, NIRAS with Disability Rights Watch (DRW), Africa Climate Trade and Development, Farm Radio International - Burkina Faso Office

Room Breakout

13:30-15:15

Title 7C. Research skills and methods around knowledge and accountability



Description This will be an informal session that will focus on methods and approaches. We are especially interested in different approaches to conducting research into climate change adaptation. How have people built and maintained equitable research partnerships? How to work across language and cultural barriers? How are findings shared equitably? This session will focus on knowledge and expertise. We want to critically explore how to include and understand different types of knowledge and expertise in order to offer alternatives to Eurocentric analyses.

We want participants to share what has worked, what they have struggled with and to bring curiosity and creativity to the group so that we can all enhance our research practices. This will provide vital evidence to support the scaling-up of finance LLA.

Host(s) UCL, Adaptation Research Alliance

Room Breakout

13:30-15:15

Title 7D. Dragons' Den: feedback



Description The Dragons' Den continues with a deeper dive into some useful frameworks and exercises to refine your idea and your plan for execution. We take you through the frameworks and use projects on the ground as examples. At the end of this session you will start seeing the outlines of your presentations, and we will work with you on your presentations.

Host(s) Growing Resilience Partnership, CDKN, EIT Climate-KIC and UNDP

Room Breakout

15:15-15:50

Mid-afternoon break

Day 2 (7 May 2024)

15:50-17:30 Title 8. Community plenary: local voices, local agency
Description A dynamic session to explore the systems changes we need for successful CBA
Host(s) CBA Steering Group
Room Plenary

18:00 Evening welcome reception

Description Evening networking session - further details will be shared before the conference.
Host(s) CBA Steering Group
Room Restaurant

Day 3 (8 May 2024)

8:30-10:15 Title 9. Bringing the private sector into climate resilient development: what does it look like?
Description What are we saying when we talk about 'private sector' and what does it mean to us? In this session we'll explore how CBA practitioners can better understand and engage with the private sector.
Host(s) CBA Steering Group
Room Plenary

10:15-10:50 Mid-morning break

10:50-12:30 Title 10A. Catalysing different scales of businesses and private sector investments for climate adaptation
Description The session will explore the question: "How can different scales of business and private sector investments work together to catalyse local initiatives for climate action?" Participating local businesses will voice their experiences in building community adaptation and resilience to climate change through collective action, value chains, financial services, shock-responsive practices, with partners working in forestry, agriculture and pastoralist sectors in Africa and Asia. The session will investigate existing barriers and potential solutions to bridging private sector investment and local climate action, including different business and financing models, policies for private sector engagement, and building compelling adaptation investment cases.
Host(s) Ennovate Ventures, Serengeti Business Angels, FSD Africa, Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima na Wafugaji Mkoa wa Arusha (MVIWAARUSHA), Non-Timber Forest Products – Exchange Programme (NTFP-EP), Root Capital
Africa Eats, Café Direct, Forest and Farm Facility, IIED, Care Ethiopia, EIT Climate-KIC
Room Breakout

10:50-12:30 Title 10B. Enabling Empowerment Monitoring and Learning: What do you want donors to do differently?
Description Community based should mean community empowered too. Do local organisations feel they are in charge of their own learning or are still led by strict prescriptive donor demands for information?
In the session we work on what can local organisations tell donors about how we all need to change to alter this mindset to one that enables and empowers rather than extracts and mines information.
Host(s) FCDO, USAID, Others TBC
Room Breakout

Day 3 (8 May 2024)

10:50-12:30



Title 10C. Reclaiming Indigenous Wisdom, Decolonising Conservation and Development Practices for LLA

Description This session will explore the importance and contributions of indigenous wisdom and practices in the context of Nature Based Solutions (NBS) and adaptation actions. It will look at challenges and opportunities for an inclusive approach and ask how a landscape approach can complement the existing efforts and initiatives of communities. Participants will learn from lived experience and discuss "nature and people" from the viewpoint and best practices of Indigenous Peoples and listen to their recommendations, voices and aspirations.

Host(s) TPW, TACCEI, Tebtebba

Room Breakout

10:50-12:30



Title 10D.Dragons' Den: finalise

Description The final session before the larger plenary presentation prepares you in more depth on your presentation. This session recaps the previous sessions, and helps you develop an amazing presentation. We also practice that presentation, and give you suggestions for improving it. As with all the other sessions, there is lots of sharing, practice, discussions, and importantly, fun!

Host(s) Growing Resilience Partnership, CDKN, EIT Climate-KIC and UNDP

Room Breakout

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:15



Title 11. Open Space sessions

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Host(s) CBA Steering Group

Room Plenary

Day 3 (8 May 2024)

13:30-15:15

Title 11D. Empowering Our Minds: Navigating Eco-Anxiety and Building Resilience



Description This session will explore how people can gain resilience amidst the emotional challenges (eco-anxiety) posed by climate change. Through insightful discussions, participants will gain practical tools and resources to support their emotional well-being in the context of climate change and environmental justice. We will explore the unique manifestations of eco-anxiety in the Global South and how centering the Global South's perspective encourages decolonial climate action. Drawing inspiration from youth-led movements addressing climate change and mental health, we will highlight the transformative power of community-driven activism

Host(s) SustyVibes

Room Breakout

15:15-15:50

Mid-afternoon break

15:50-17:30

Title 12. CBA18 Marketplace



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Host(s) CBA Steering Group

Room Plenary

18:30

CBA18 Short-film competition



Description We'll be screening the final selection of the CBA18 short films submitted by members of the community of practice. Participants will then vote on the winners.

Host(s) CBA Steering Group

Room Breakout

Day 4 (9 May 2024)

8:30-10:15

Title 13. Dragons' Den: final pitch

Description The final Dragons' Den Plenary will see the participants pitch their newly developed adaptation proposals, live, to a panel of experienced investors and donors. Will they succeed? Will the Dragons' bite? Come and find out in the Dragons' Den.

Host(s) Global Resilience Partnership, CDKN

Room Plenary

10:15-10:50

Mid-morning break

10:50-12:30

Title 14. Open Space sessions



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Host(s) CBA Steering Group

Room Plenary

Day 4 (9 May 2024)

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:15



Title 15A. Shaping the future: how youth can engage and reach their full potential in climate action

Description In an interactive session, we will explore ways to nurture youth to reach their full potential in addressing climate impacts at the local, national and international levels. The session will consist of dialogues to share experiences, stories and insights to understand how initiatives led by young people can be linked to the climate agenda and platforms, with 3 sub-themes:

(a) Storytelling, advocacy and skills development (b) Innovation and Scale and (c) Climate Finance

Host(s) Friendship, YRP, Save the Children, SUSWATCH - Kenya, Young Women Christian Association, Slum Dwellers International - Kenya

Room Breakout

13:30-15:15



Title 15B. Innovative Pathways: Local Solutions for Community Resilience

Description This session aims to explore the drivers, challenges, and opportunities for locally-led innovation for climate adaptation. Drawing insights from key actors and various initiatives participants will engage in discussions focused on fostering collaborative innovation in climate resilience. Through insightful presentations, case studies, and table discussions, attendees will gain valuable insights into empowering local communities and leveraging their knowledge and resources to address the impacts of climate change effectively.

Host(s) UNDP, Savannas Forever Tanzania Forever, Centre for Community Initiatives, UNEP, Adaptation Fund, EIT Climate-KIC, Tanza Ventures, Kilimanjaro Project, Climate Hub Tanzania, Sahara Ventures, ELICO Foundation, NovFeed

Room Breakout

13:30-15:15



Title 15C. Measuring for Measurement's Sake: Perspectives from Climate Finance delivery chain actors

Description This session focuses on LLA measuring methods and indicators. It will engage actors along the finance delivery chain – recipients, intermediaries, and providers and seek their perspectives on measuring LLA. It will share understandings on what bottom-up evaluation means to these actors and discuss experiences of using scorecard pilots and indicators and how we can better fit scorecards in bottom-up evaluation practices to contribute to mutual accountability by all actors.

Host(s) International Center for Climate Change and Development, Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano, IIED, Others TBC

Room Breakout

Day 4 (9 May 2024)

13:30-15:15

Title 15D. From sandbags to satellites: Inclusive Locally Led Anticipatory Action



Description Anticipatory action (AA) is a growing area of climate and disaster risk management that promotes using climate services and risk analyses to predict where crises might strike and enable action to prevent or mitigate impacts before disasters occur. However, being a flourishing concept in DRM, AA projects and programmes primarily involve stakeholders at national-level decision-making and donor-funded piloting. At the same time, local communities are usually the first to be impacted and the first responders to disasters. Marginalised groups especially women, PWD, ethnic minorities are disproportionately impacted and least capacitated to anticipate and respond to disasters. Utilizing the expertise of communities and local actors on the frontlines of disasters and crises, and those most vulnerable to their impacts is a critical element to ensure that effective early warning and early action become the norm. In this session, we will dive into exploring what inclusive locally led anticipatory action is and share experiences from Africa and Asia on how this was implemented, discuss lessons learned and opportunities for engagement with the CBA community. Specifically, the session will address the following questions;
What do we mean by inclusive locally led anticipatory action?
What lessons have been learned from practice?
What are the challenges and opportunities to scale up locally-led anticipatory action?

Host(s) Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (RCCC), CARE
Room Breakout

15:15-15:50

Mid-afternoon break

15:50-17:30

Title 16. Closing plenary

Description Gathering of CBA18 key messages and closing of the conference.

Host(s) CBA Steering Group

Room Plenary

About the organisers

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