

# LDC & NATIONAL ADAPTATION PROGRAMME

The ARA provides a platform for **funders to design and mobilise funds for innovative new high impact adaptation programmes.**

Through these activities the ARA has shaped investments made by the £110 million Climate Adaptation and Resilience (CLARE) programme to operationalise the Adaptation Research for Impact principles and the £9.5 million UKRI call on Equitable nature-based climate resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa. This funding has also allowed the ARA to influence the UNFCCC Global Stocktake on Adaptation, support the multi-country Building Approaches to Fund Local Solutions with Climate Evidence (BASE) initiative, and drive programme co-design processes. In a very short amount of time, the ARA has become a highly influential initiative with a demonstrated ability to propel evidence-based adaptation action globally.

In 2023–2024 the ARA run a co-creation process that engaged 199 People from 25 Countries across 5 Key Processes and informed by an Advisory Committee of 18 Multi-Stakeholders to co-produced an action-oriented research programme that addresses existing barriers and builds a robust knowledge system that aims to drive resilient and equitable adaptation to climate change in Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

This LDC co-creation process led to a new, co-designed programme that aims to enhance the capacity of LDC universities to conduct action-oriented research that informs and supports national adaptation policies and practices. The LDC programme will be guided by the LDC University Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC) and drive adaptation research, knowledge sharing, capacity building, and collaborative action on climate change adaptation in support of LIFE-AR.



## More funding opportunities

- **Advocacy & Global Influence on adaptation research-policy-practice**, e.g. Global Goal on Adaptation, Adaptation factsheets & guidelines.
- **Grassroots Action Research Micro-grants**, e.g. transdisciplinary adaptation research.
- **Co-creative action-oriented research programme design**, e.g. Urban Resilience, LDC Universities & National Adaptation Action, Smallholder Agriculture.
- **Learning, knowledge synthesis, evidence generation** e.g. heat solutions, local & indigenous.



## LDC & National Adaptation priorities for 2025–2028

The co-create programme Theory of Change targeted 3 key areas for action. These areas are interconnected may be funded as individual components of the overall programme:

- ① Establishing national transdisciplinary Knowledge Centres for adaptation research, policy and practice. Centres include institutional strengthening and expanding the activities of LUCCC for networking and capacity building across LDCs.
- ② Creating knowledge portal for engagement with policy-makers, researchers and practitioners, including opportunities for capacity development on Adaptation Research for Impact.
- ③ Regional platform for multistakeholder collaboration convened by the Centres and/or appropriate government stakeholders.



## Funding Targets

- **Goal:** Secure 850,000 GBP for the initial establishment of knowledge centres in 5 countries.
- **Goal:** Secure 700,000 GBP for the creation of a knowledge portal and associated capacity development activities.
- **Goal:** Secure 550,000 GBP for regional multi stakeholder platforms.



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