



Kia Ora and Warm Pacific Greetings!

The provisional programme for Adaptation Futures 2025 is now live! A link to the draft programme is shared in this newsletter.

Thank you to the more than 1000 climate scientists, and industry and community advocates, coming together to share their solutions to help accelerate adaptation.

The Scientific Committee is sincerely grateful to everyone who made a submission. At a time of great uncertainty and challenges for many parts of the world, we are encouraged by the generous way that the adaptation community understood the difficult decision to reduce some presentation times to enable a global meeting in tightened financial times, and your willingness to come together to work for a more climate-resilient and fairer future. We are more grateful than ever for our generous sponsors and the presenters who have made this event possible.

Included in this newsletter are details about:

- The AF2025 provisional programme - With more than 200 sessions, there is something for everyone, so you can start planning your AF2025 experience!
- Obtaining a visa
- Early bird pricing for registrations

As the impacts of climate change affect more and more communities, economies and biodiversity, we must scale up our global efforts to protect vulnerable communities, businesses, and environments. AF2025 brings together thought leaders, community organisations and businesses focused on global adaptation action. This year, there is a particular focus on Indigenous and Pacific leadership and innovation.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ōtautahi/Christchurch in person and online for Adaptation Futures 2025.

Professor Bronwyn Hayward and Distinguished Professor Steven Ratuva of the University of Canterbury for the Adaptation Futures 2025 Scientific Steering Committee.



The AF2025 programme is available now

A link to the provisional programme for Adaptation Futures 2025 is now on our [website](#). Dates and times will change, so if you are a paper or poster presenter, or lead a proposal (workshop, talanoa etc), please ensure that you register for AF2025 by 15 July to ensure your place in the programme.

With people from more than 90 countries attending, AF2025 promises to be an exciting event that accelerates action for adaptation and climate resilience.

Before AF2025 starts, there will be full day events on Sunday 12 October, including an Indigenous wānanga/Talanoa and a capacity building and networking event for early career researchers. Throughout the week, look out for events led by the Adaptation Fund featuring world-leading adaptation innovations.

[AF2025's core themes](#) are:

- 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
- Beyond adaptation

Panels will discuss Indigenous leadership, insurance, finance, loss, and damage in relation to climate adaptation. Masterclasses will also be offered, featuring state-of-the-art responses to climate risk.

On day four of AF2025, attendees can enjoy wānanga/workshops, talks and more events, or learn in the field at a series of full and half day living labs. These will provide an exciting opportunity to engage with individuals and groups tackling climate change challenges in their local communities and businesses, while exploring the region.

How do we talk about climate? The Art of Climate Conversations is the feature of a series of public arts outreach events, starting with a breathtaking Te Waipounamu/South Island premiere of Atamira Dance Company's *Ka Tiri o te Moana*. Choreographed by Louise Pōtiki Bryant, *Ka Tiri o te Moana* addresses the urgent issue of sea level rise due to Antarctic ice melt, and the profound impact of climate change on communities. The work explores Kāi Tahu relationships with Te Moana Tāpōkopoko a Tāwhaki (the Southern Ocean) and Ka Tiri o te Moana (Antarctica). Don't miss out on your ticket to this premiere - sign up when you register for the conference!



[Read more](#)

AF2025 Participation Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships were available for people, selected to present or with a poster accepted for AF2025, to attend the event online or in person.

Although applications have closed, a range of significantly discounted registrations are available until 15 July for students, Indigenous participants, NGO representatives, and people from least developed countries (LDC's).

Visa applications

Please note that there are visa requirements you must meet to travel to New Zealand, and your visa application can take up to three months to process.

More information about this is available [here](#).



Early bird pricing

Have you registered for AF2025 yet?

Discounted early bird rates for online and in person attendance at AF2025 are available until 15 July 2025. Once your registration form is completed and payment is received, a confirmation will be emailed to you.

[Register now](#)

Ngā mihi nui! Vinaka! Thank you!

We look forward to welcoming you to AF2025. We'll be in touch again soon!

In the meantime, visit www.adaptationfutures2025.com for more information.

If you know a colleague or friend who would benefit from attending, here's how you can tell them more:

- Forward this newsletter to them
- Ask them to sign up for our [mailing list](#)
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- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#)

Adaptation Futures, the flagship event of the United Nations World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP), is the world's premier climate change adaptation conference. It enables leading practitioners, policy makers, researchers, thought leaders and academics from across the globe to gather to collaborate and inspire urgent efforts to accelerate adaptation for a more resilient climate and fairer future.

The 2025 event is co-hosted by WASP and Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | The University of Canterbury New Zealand. It is supported by New Zealand government agencies, national and international research organisations and businesses, and foundation sponsor The Adaptation Fund. The event will be held in Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand, this October.

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