



Kia ora koutou and warm Pacific greetings!

There is less than three months until the city of Ōtautahi Christchurch will host the [Adaptation Futures 2025](#) conference – as well as those of us attending online.

More than 1000 people have already registered. If you haven't yet, you have until **today until 22:00 hours (NZ time)** to take advantage of the early bird option.

Once you're registered, check out the many interesting and thought-provoking [pre-](#) and [post-conference workshops](#). The Living Labs on day four are a chance to "go into the field", explore the beautiful city of Ōtautahi Christchurch and meet individuals and groups tackling climate change challenges in their local communities and businesses – so [book a spot now](#). Day four also sees a special focus on finance and climate adaptation alongside varied panels from Indigenous, Pacific, urban and biodiversity perspectives hosted in the City's beautiful Town Hall, so be sure to check out the [programme](#).

Some workshops, including the Early Career Networking to Accelerate Adaptation event and the Acceleration Adaptation Hackathon, are fully booked. The former has a waitlist, though. Others are selling out fast, so [grab your places](#).

And don't forget AF2025 will also be hosting some incredible public events, including two evening performances of new dance work Ka Tiri o te Moana by Atamira Dance Company that will bookend Adaptation Futures 2025. Find out more about [what's on here](#).

[Register now](#)

Poster Sessions

More than 200 researchers will present their work during the three lunchtime poster sessions during Adaptation Futures 2025. There is an incredible array of research, which will be split by themes.

Monday, October 13 12.30-1.30pm:

Indigenous Innovation

Oceans, Islands, Futures

Health, Wellbeing and Future Generations

Tuesday, Oct 14 12.15pm-1.45pm

Cities, Settlements and Infrastructure

Wednesday, Oct 15 12.15-1.45pm

Food, Water and Biodiversity Nexus

The Arts of Adaptation, Communication and Education

Beyond Adaptation

Your colleagues will be keen for your questions and feedback. You can review the full list of topics [here](#).

Add to your calendar

If you are planning to host a network gathering or informal social event during the networking sessions on Wednesday, October 15 6-8pm, we'd be delighted to advertise your gathering. Please email af2025@adaptationfutures2025.com.

Finally, we have a message from a sister event: **Small Islands. Big Science. Global Impact 2026**. This is a special science gathering for climate researchers from Small Island Developing States aimed at ensuring “our science, stories, and solutions take centre stage in global climate discourse”. The SIDSCI Initiative at Emory University, Atlanta GA, along with its partners, are convening The SIDSCI 2026 Workshop which is now open for applications. Join researchers from across the Pacific, Caribbean, Atlantic, and Indian Ocean as we push for stronger small island leadership in climate science and policy. SIDSCI is an independent platform driven by SIDS expertise and priorities, designed to support stronger, more coordinated advocacy across global climate science and governance.

The event is hybrid, taking place on January 6 to 9, 2026 in Miami and online. The event is open to PhD-level scientists and BSc-level practitioners working on island climate challenges. The final deadline to apply is July 31, 2025. For more information email Dr Stacy-ann Robinson, CECAF: stacy-ann.robinson@emory.edu. To apply for priority consideration for travel and support please contact <https://bit.ly/sidsci2026> today. Thanks for your support – with it, **Adaptation Futures 2025** is going to be an incredible event!

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Spread the Word:

You can head to <http://www.adaptationfutures2025.com> for all the key information regarding Adaptation Futures 2025. Know a colleague or friend who would benefit from this incredible event? Here's how they can stay in the know:

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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 | 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.

