

# WEBINAR

## Adaptation Pathways From Concept to Practice

**WHEN:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October @ 09h00 GMT

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Mainstreaming climate change into decision-making to achieve 'climate compatible development' is a pressing challenge. This process is complicated by the uncertainties in climate change projections and impacts and the necessity for cooperation between public and private actors across multiple sectors. In addition, other drivers such as population growth, increasing economic volatility and modernisation interact with climate change to generate non-linear and unexpected outcomes and shocks, requiring novel thinking about development planning.

By focussing on how decision-makers can account for future uncertainty, the recent construct of adaptation pathways provides a potentially useful approach. Its core principles are the recognition of multiple stakeholders and their competing values, goals and knowledge, the need to identify and implement both incremental and transformative strategies, and the sequencing of decisions over time to avoid foreclosure of options and to minimise risks of mal-adaptation.



09h00	Introduction to ASSAR and the webinar
09h15	What are 'adaptation pathways'? <i>Russel Wise, CSIRO</i>
09h35	Questions & answers
10h00	Putting pathways into practice - <i>James Butler, CSIRO</i>
10h20	Development pathways that define adaptation futures – <i>Sumetee Pahwa, Indian Institute for Human Settlement (IIHS), ASSAR</i>
10h30	Questions & answers
10h50	Lessons learned and concluding remarks

The webinar is part of the [Global Climate Change Week](#), held from 10 to 16 Oct 2016

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