

Gobeshona Global Conference 5

The **Gobeshona Global Conference** is an annual convening of global, regional and local stakeholders committed to advancing Locally Led Adaptation (LLA). It serves as a platform to bring together practitioners, policymakers, researchers, community leaders, and organizations working to address the multifaceted impacts of climate change.

With a focus on integrating local perspectives into adaptation practices, the conference emphasizes the importance of empowering vulnerable communities to design, implement, and sustain climate solutions. By prioritizing knowledge sharing, capacity building, and collaborative action, the Gobeshona Global Conference has become a leading voice for advancing LLA principles globally.

Objective of the Conference

- To bring together a distinguished and multidisciplinary group of scholars, policymakers, and practitioners from around the world
- To share knowledge, research, and practical experiences on climate change issues especially local led adaptation/ Evidence of Loss and Damage/ Synergies between LND and LLA
- Highlight ‘actionable research’ that can inform effective policies and climate actions

Themes of the Conference

The themes of the Gobeshona Global Conference represent a comprehensive framework for addressing the multifaceted challenges of climate change through Locally Led Adaptation (LLA). Each theme highlights critical dimensions of adaptation, emphasizing the need for community-driven solutions that integrate traditional knowledge, innovation, and inclusivity. Together, these themes create a roadmap for advancing resilience while ensuring that adaptation efforts are equitable, sustainable, and context specific.

One of the key focuses of the conference is to underscore the role of monitoring in ensuring that LLA principles translate into tangible outcomes. Effective monitoring allows for the tracking of adaptation efforts, evaluation of progress, and identification of gaps. By emphasizing on diverse themes, the conference provides insights into how monitoring frameworks can be tailored to different contexts, ensuring that adaptation initiatives remain impactful and responsive to local needs.

For instance, themes like **Adaptation Technology** and **Climate Finance** demonstrate how monitoring tools such as mobile applications and participatory budgeting can improve accountability and transparency in adaptation efforts. Similarly, **Nature-Based Solutions** and **Water and Natural Ecosystems** highlight the importance of tracking ecological outcomes, such

as biodiversity restoration and water quality improvements, to estimate the success of adaptation projects.

Themes like **Gender, Youth, and Social Inclusion** and **Climate Justice** emphasize the need for inclusive monitoring systems that reflect the voices and experiences of marginalized groups. By involving these groups in data collection and decision-making, adaptation strategies become more equitable and representative. The conference also highlights the interconnectedness of adaptation challenges, as seen in themes like **Deltas, Cities and Urban Resilience**, and **Disaster Management**, where multiple risks converge. Monitoring frameworks in these contexts must capture the complexities of overlapping vulnerabilities and ensure that solutions address both immediate and long-term needs.

By exploring these themes, the Gobeshona Global Conference provides a platform for developing and sharing best practices into ensuring LLA and its monitoring. This not only enhances the effectiveness of adaptation efforts but also ensures that they remain aligned with the principles of inclusivity, transparency, and accountability.

Themes briefly



Towards A Shared Responsibility

The Gobeshona Global Conference reminds us that building climate resilience is a shared responsibility. Governments, private sector actors, NGOs, and academic institutions each have a role to play:

- **Governments** must integrate LLA principles into national policies and funding mechanisms.
- **NGOs** can bridge the gap between local communities and global resources.
- **Academia** can advance research and foster knowledge-sharing platforms to support adaptation efforts.
- **The Private Sector** can invest in scalable, inclusive solutions that align with LLA principles.
- **Civil Societies** are the champions of LLA, it is imperative to have their voices come through.

Together, we can ensure that climate adaptation efforts leave no one behind. The Gobeshona Global Conference serves as a catalyst for action, inspiring stakeholders to commit to locally driven solutions through evidence based good practices that create a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable world.

Call to Action

The climate crisis is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, demanding bold and collective action to build a resilient future. The **Gobeshona Global Conference** is a call to action for governments, organizations, and individuals to prioritize Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) as a cornerstone of climate resilience. By engaging with the conference, stakeholders can drive transformative change that empowers vulnerable communities and ensures sustainable outcomes. To address the scale and urgency of the climate crisis, successful locally led initiatives must be escalated globally. Seeking long-term partners for a decade-long journey, the Gobeshona Global Conference envisions collaborative networking, shared efforts, and global momentum-building in the realm of Locally Led Adaptation.

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