

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADAPTATION METRICS



International Platform
on Adaptation Metrics

ACCELERATING GLOBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH ROBUST ADAPTATION METRICS

September 29th - October 1st 2025 | Rabat, Morocco

Venue: Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training
Bouknadel (Rabat metropolitan area)



BACKGROUND

At COP22 in 2016, a critical imbalance in climate finance was brought to light: while the annual target of USD 100 billion remained unmet, 84% of available funding was allocated to mitigation, leaving only 16% for adaptation.

One of the key reasons identified for this disparity was the lack of standardized metrics to track and evaluate adaptation efforts—unlike mitigation, which benefits from established tools such as the Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, enabling consistent conversion of emissions and energy data into CO₂ equivalents.

To address this gap, Morocco hosted three pioneering international conferences between 2016 and 2018—the first global events dedicated exclusively to adaptation metrics. These efforts led to the creation of the **International Platform on Adaptation Metrics (IPAM)** in 2020, now a global network of 162 adaptation experts from 43 countries across five continents.

Since its inception, IPAM has produced several strategic resources, including a series of policy papers and the **Adaptation Metrics Mapping and Evaluation (AMME) Framework**, all publicly available through its website.

A major turning point came at **COP28**, with the reinforcement of the **Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)** under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement through the **UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience**. This milestone includes the launch of **UAE-Belém Work Programme** (paragraph 39 of Decision CMA.5), a two-year initiative designed to support the development of adaptation indicators to measure the progress towards targets and enhance national and global systems for monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL).

The programme has brought together **78 global experts—including nine IPAM members**—marking IPAM's continued and growing contribution to the GGA and the Global Stocktake process. IPAM has already submitted two contributions to the Work Programme and remains actively engaged in shaping its outcomes.

RATIONALE & OBJECTIVE

In recent years, IPAM has been particularly active, establishing sectoral committees and launching several short-term, goal-driven task groups. However, despite these important efforts, the platform has yet to engage a broader global audience on the complex and context-specific issue of adaptation metrics.

Adaptation metrics are often perceived as purely technical tools, but they must above all be designed with their practical use and real-world applicability in mind. Addressing this challenge, IPAM is currently developing a reference paper to identify key gaps and challenges related to adaptation metrics. This paper will be presented at COP30 in Belém.

To ensure that the content of this paper reflects diverse perspectives and practical insights, IPAM will host a three-day international conference. This event will bring together global experts and stakeholders to participate in workshops structured around the five main chapters of the paper:

- The role of adaptation metrics in supporting global climate goals
- Cross-scale and cross-sector dynamics
- Tools and capacities for effective implementation
- Mapping experiences, best practices, and lessons learned
- Desired Global Adaptation Metrics Development

This conference will offer a unique opportunity for participants to engage directly with IPAM experts, share feedback, and help refine the final document. An initial peer review will take place between July and August 2025, involving selected experts. To facilitate discussion during the conference, participants will receive a set of guiding questions for each chapter one week in advance.

This conference is a strategic opportunity to position IPAM as a key contributor to the GGA implementation process and ensure that country-driven, context-sensitive approaches are reflected in the global adaptation metrics architecture.

AUDIENCE COMPOSITION & SUPPORT

Venue: Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training, Bouknadel, Morocco (15 km from Rabat)

The event will convene a diverse and high-level audience, including:

Foreign IPAM Participants (45 people)

- Authors of the reference document
- Peer reviewers
- Members of the conference organizing team
- Steering Committee members
- Representatives of IPAM-affiliated organizations
- Former and current committee chairs
- Contributors to IPAM products (e.g., policy papers)
- Reviewers of the document
- IPAM members involved in the UAE-Belém Work Programme

Moroccan IPAM Participants (25 people)

- 15 local members based in Rabat
- 10 members from other regions of Morocco

Expected Additional Attendees (50 people)

- Representatives from multilateral and development finance institutions
- UNFCCC officials
- Delegates from Parties to the UNFCCC
- AAA Initiative countries focal points
- External reviewers and academics
- Global institutions engaged in adaptation metrics
- Actors from adaptation initiatives and partnerships
- Local stakeholders and interested observers

Total expected participants: 120

The conference will be held fully in person.

A live broadcast will be available for the concluding general debate on the final afternoon.

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

Duration: 3 Days

Format: Each half-day will be dedicated to one chapter of the reference document. The format is designed to promote interactive dialogue and collaborative input.

Structure of Each Thematic Workshop

Opening (15 minutes)

- Chapter presentation by the lead author (15 min)

Breakout Group Discussions (2 hours)

- 3 to 4 parallel groups
- Each group led by one of the chapter authors
- Groups will address the chapter's guiding questions

Plenary Presentation and Discussion (1 hour)

- Presentation of each group's findings
- Open floor for discussion and synthesis

Note: Guiding questions will be shared with registered participants one week before the event.

Conference Registration: Please email ipamcontact@aaainitiative.org to secure your spot.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Day 1 – Monday

Morning: Adaptation Metrics Within Broader Global Goals

08:30-09:00	Arrival and welcome coffee
09:00-09:30	Welcome remarks by sponsors
09:30-09:45	Chapter presentation
09h45-11h45	Breakout group discussions
11h45-12h45	Plenary presentation and discussion
12h45-13h45	Lunch

Afternoon: Cross-Scale and Cross-Sector Dynamics

13:45-14:00	Chapter presentation
14h00-16h00	Breakout group discussions
16h00-17h00	Plenary presentation and discussion
17h00	Return to Rabat

Day 2 – Tuesday

Morning: Tools and Capacities for Effective Implementation

08:30-09:00	Arrival and welcome coffee
09:00-09:15	Chapter presentation
09:15-11:15	Breakout group discussions
11:15-12:15	Plenary presentation and discussion
12h15-13h15	Lunch

Afternoon: Mapping Experiences, Best Practices and Lessons Learned

13:15-13:30	Chapter presentation
13:30-15:30	Breakout group discussions
15:30-16:30	Plenary presentation and discussion
16:30	Return to Rabat

Day 3 – Wednesday

Morning: Desired Global Adaptation Metrics Development

08:30-09:00	Arrival and welcome coffee
09:00-09:15	Chapter presentation
09:15-11:15	Breakout group discussions
11:15-12:15	Plenary presentation and discussion
12h15-13h15	Lunch

Afternoon: Final Plenary – General Debate and Conclusion

13:15-15:30	Open general debate and closing remarks (live streamed)
15:30	Return to Rabat