

[Adaptation Futures](#) is the biennial conference of the Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation (PROVIA). In 2016 the European Commission and the Government of the Netherlands will co-host the fourth edition.

Adaptation Futures 2016 leads to major progress in climate change adaptation. It fosters an active exchange of new and practical ideas, experiences and insights among governments, businesses, researchers and civil society from around the world. The conference combines discussion of the latest adaptation research with an Adaptation Practice Expo and Business Fair. At the Business Fair knowledge based supply will be connected to practitioners' demand. It will contain stands, matchmaking facilities and signing ceremonies. At the Expo cutting edge adaptation projects are shown.

The programme will address all sectors and all parts of the world, with a special focus on urban and coastal areas. The programme offers a variety of plenary and parallel sessions, round tables, excursions, exhibition, side events and back to back meetings. To maximise the impact of the conference, seven themes and three cross cutting issues have been identified that reflect the prominent subjects in climate adaptation of today and the coming decade.

The themes are:

1. Cities and infrastructure
2. Food, forestry and rural livelihoods
3. Fresh water availability and access
4. Public health
5. Ecosystems and biodiversity
6. Disaster risk reduction
7. The Arctic

The cross cutting issues are:

1. Risk assessment and adaptation planning
2. Decision making and governance
3. Finance and investment