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COP31 SIDE-EVENT · CANADA PAVILION

Accelerating adaptation through boundary organizations

INBOA's Global Case Example Series

Wednesday 11 November 2026 · 4:45 – 5:30 pm (local time)
Canada Pavilion, Blue Zone · COP31, Antalya, Türkiye
Accreditation required to attend · English–French interpretation available

CONTEXT

Boundary organizations are "*organizations that specifically and actively facilitate the process of enabling exchanges between the production and use of knowledge to support evidence-informed decision-making in a specific context*" (Bednarek et al., 2018). In the case of adaptation to climate change, these organizations create connections between those producing scientific outputs and those using them to advance adaptation.

Boundary organizations are a proven model for advancing adaptation, and their contribution has been widely documented. Yet they have had few opportunities to collaborate internationally, despite having much to gain from working together across regions and contexts. Building on a key outcome of the 7th Adaptation Futures conference (AF2023) held in Montreal in October 2023, **the International Network of Boundary Organizations on Adaptation (INBOA)** was co-created by its members in 2024 to address this gap. It provides an active forum for peer learning, knowledge exchange and collaboration among adaptation-focused boundary organizations, to enhance their impact, help them grow and increase their collective contribution to global adaptation.

INBOA, whose secretariat is currently hosted by Ouranos in Montreal, Canada, brings together more than 25 organizations from around the world, with balanced representation between the Global North and the Global South. This diversity gives the network access to a broad range of experiences and approaches among boundary organizations working on accelerating adaptation to climate change. Building on this collective expertise, the network worked in 2026 on documenting **case examples showcasing the work and practices of its members**.

THE EVENT

INBOA's event at the Canada Pavilion will mark the official launch of the **Global Case Example Series**. It will bring together boundary organizations from five continents to present concrete examples of adaptation boundary work in practice: Ouranos (Canada), the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD, Bangladesh), the Research and Expertise Centre for Local Development (CREDEL, Benin), the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI, Sweden) and the Nucleus in Systemic Transdisciplinary Research (NEST-R3, University of Chile). A synthesis of the key lessons emerging from the series will follow.

The presentations will lead into an interactive discussion with the audience on the enabling conditions that allow climate information to translate into effective decision-making and adaptation action. Speakers will reflect on the institutional arrangements, partnerships, governance approaches and knowledge brokering practices that make climate information usable for decision-makers, and on opportunities to scale these approaches in support of National Adaptation Plans and the Global Goal on Adaptation. The event will close with an invitation to continue the conversation through INBOA and at the 9th Adaptation Futures conference in Cancún, Mexico.

OBJECTIVES

1. Advance adaptation implementation by showcasing practical examples of how boundary organizations from diverse regions and scales support evidence-based decision-making and the delivery of tangible adaptation outcomes.
2. Launch INBOA's Global Case Example Series, featuring concise, practice-oriented case examples and lessons that can be transferred and adapted across regions.
3. Strengthen connections among boundary organizations, decision-makers, researchers and funders, and invite them to continue the conversation through INBOA and at the next Adaptation Futures conference.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Boundary organizations working on adaptation, whether they are INBOA members or not
- Government decision-makers, researchers and private sector partners working with boundary organizations on adaptation
- Funding organizations interested in boundary organizations as a sustainable and cost-effective model for advancing adaptation

AGENDA (45 MIN)

Moderator: **Marco Billi**, Associate Professor and Researcher, NEST-R3, University of Chile		
Opening (5 min)		
4:45–4:50	• Introduction to INBOA • Presentation of the Global Case Example Series (objectives and methodology)	**Marco Billi**, Associate Professor and Researcher
Panel: case study presentations and key findings (25 min)		
4:50–5:10	**Ouranos (Canada)** *Climate-informed flood mapping for Southern Québec*	**Alain Bourque**, Executive Director
	ICCCAD (Bangladesh) *PARIBARTAN: locally led adaptive transformation in polders*	**Saqib Huq**, Director
	CREDEL (Benin) *Community-based early warning in the Mono River Basin*	**Parfait Blalogoe**, Executive Director
	SEI (Sweden) *Boundary organisation work for urban heatwave adaptation: Experiences from Malmö*	**Åsa Gerger Swartling**, Head of Division – Societies, Climate and Policy Support
	NEST-R3 (Chile) *PRACT: decision support for hydroclimatic risks in farming*	**Marco Billi**, Associate Professor and Researcher
5:10–5:15	**Key findings of the series:** • Key lessons emerging across the case examples (common trends, lessons learned, implications) • Official launch of the Global Case Example Series	**Marco Billi**, Associate Professor and Researcher
Panel discussion and audience Q&A (10 min)		
5:15–5:25	Moderated panel discussion, followed by audience Q&A	
Closing (5 min)		
5:25–5:30	Invitation to the 9th Adaptation Futures conference	**Debora Ley**, Co-Convenor of the 9th Adaptation Futures conference