Principles for Locally-Led Adaptation Action

Commitment Form

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Type of Organization or Government: 501C3 non-profit

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Short Commitment Statement:
Please specify how your organization intends to implement, use, or deliver on the principles for Locally-led adaptation in 100 words or less. Note this text may be listed on webpage.

- We commit to joining the international adaptation community in raising global ambition and action on locally-led adaptation by highlighting and sharing local knowledge and adaptation solutions. We also commit to leveraging local and scientific knowledge to strengthen understanding of climate risk and to implement resilience actions that take into account a range of future climate scenarios.

Detailed Commitment Narrative
Please describe in more detail what changes will be made or current practices strengthened to better incentivize or support adaptation that is driven by local stakeholders, to deliver on these principles. Please add rows and additional pages if needed. Note this is voluntary, but highly encouraged!

Principle Number	Detail of Implementation
1 and 4	**Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level** **Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy** ISET-International has, since our founding, been committed to working directly with communities on the ground to understand their needs, translate global research to speak to those needs, and to take meaningful, locally adapted action based on that understanding. In doing this work, we actively engage local and higher levels of governance so that what is learned from the process is institutionalized and can be applied to future efforts without the need for external support or involvement. We commit to continuing to build our skills and our staff capacity to work in this fashion, to build the skills and capacity of organizations and entities we work with for this type of work, and to disseminating this approach in our publications and other outreach material.

2	**Addressing structural Inequalities faced by women, youth, disabled, and excluded ethnic groups** In all of our work, we employ 'shared learning dialogues'. Shared learning is an approach to participatory planning and problem solving in complex situations, characterized by non-extractive, mutual learning among participants. The concept of shared learning is straightforward: by fostering iterative deliberation, sharing of sector- or group- specific knowledge from community members, including the most vulnerable, local practitioners, and external experts, the quality and effectiveness of decision-making will be improved. Our shared learning approach effectively surfaces issues faced by marginalized members of communities, and allows those external to communities to understand and appreciate why these are issues. We commit to continuing to work in this fashion, elevating the challenges faced by the most vulnerable and actively incorporating their vision for how these challenges should be addressed into solutions for action. We also commit to continued documentation and dissemination of this approach and its effectiveness in elevating the voices of the most vulnerable.
3 and 6	**Providing patient and predictable funding that can be accessed more easily** **Flexible programming and learning** In our current internal role delivering evaluation and learning for the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance, we are actively looking for, documenting, and supporting the dissemination of lessons pertaining to the value of long-term flexible funding and how it supports more innovative and successful program work. We commit to continuing this work and to placing a greater emphasis on the dissemination and amplification of these messaages.
5	**Building a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty** ISET-International's core practice area is resilience, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction. Supporting both those we engage in our project work and all of the partners we work with in delivering that work to build their understanding of climate risk and uncertainty has and will continue to be at the heart of all our work.
7	**Ensuring transparency and accountability** All of our program work is co-produced with partners on the ground. We further commit to working in partnership only with other organizations who have a similar commitment and focus.
8	**Collaborative action and investment** ISET-International is a small, agile organization committed to working in close collaboration with other organizations who complement our skills and expertise to ensure that we maximize the impact of our work and the scope and scale of our disseminations and outreach. In particular, as part of the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance, we commit to working together with other Alliance partners and with other alliances like REAP and the GRP to collectively promote and amplify the need to work across the CCA, DRR, development and humanitarian divides to meet the increasing challenges we face in all four of these sectors.

Authorization

By submitting this form, my organization agrees to have its logo publicly listed as endorsing the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation and commits to being part of a learning community of practice on locally-led adaptation action. I certify that I am authorized to make this commitment on behalf of my organization.

Signature:



Karen MacClune, Executive Director
ISET-International

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