

# Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action

## Commitment Form

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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.*

Practical Action is an innovative international development organization putting ingenious ideas to work so people in poverty can change their world, a world that works better for everyone. We recognize that to achieve this we need to support locally led action and promote bottom-up approaches, increasing the power for change in the hands of the people all too often ignored, overlooked, or viewed as passive grateful beneficiaries. To achieve this, we are looking at our external process, how we work with others, as well as our internal policies and practices on how we can work together to deliver locally led adaptation.

*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	We are striving to engage decision making to the lowest level possible in all of our projects, this varies across countries and projects but we are in the process of updating our community engagement guidance documents.
2	We have developed a gender and inclusion working group to look at our projects and operational procedures to provide recommendation and advice on best practice to increase inclusion across all that we do, not just our projects and programmes but also our internal procedures.
3	Our projects and programmes are dependent on donor support and thus we are limited in the longevity of the support we can provide, but we actively explore funding mechanism, including using our own internal resources as bridging funds to enable support to be provided for the long term.
4	We are striving to devolve more robust partnership agreements so that more of the project operations can be devolved to local partners, organizations that are locally based.

5	We are committed to ensuring that local development is built on solid foundations, respecting local knowledge and culture, while open to include considerations of what we know and don't know about climate change as well as other key drivers of change at the local levels, such as major policy shifts or macro-economic development plans. We work with local partners to ensure development is bottom up and uses effective participatory approaches to ensure that community aspirations and desires are central to the project interventions planning and approach adopted.
6	We promote flexible and adaptable management to our projects and especially the budgets as much as possible. We empower programme managers to take responsibility for project implementation and develop open and transparent reporting and communication channels to support project managers in this process.
7	We make every effort in the design of our projects that the local communities have a clear understanding of the aims and objectives of programme, as well as the delivery mechanisms, decision making, and governance structures. Community members are involved in key decision-making mechanisms and evaluation and learning activities, using downward accountability and participatory approaches that take into consideration inherent power imbalances.
8	We are committed to maximizing synergies at the local level, through the promotion of collaboration across sectors and coordination of initiatives that have the potential to contribute to climate change adaptation. External actors can play a key bridging role in this respect, asking on behalf of local actors, the difficult questions around how to promote coherence between local government plans and actions, in regard to development investments, humanitarian relief, public health, livelihoods, and agriculture.

#### *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:*



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