

American Society of Adaptation Professionals

Building a Community of Climate Leaders

Who

The American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP) connects and supports climate adaptation and resilience professionals to advance excellence and innovation in their communities and across the climate change community. Through ASAP's website, member groups, webinars and regional hubs, climate change leaders interact, share what's working, collaborate with colleagues, and build equitable, ethical and effective climate solutions for communities across North America.

How

ASAP is known as the place to go if you want to work toward solutions to climate change with a diverse community. With members coming from the private sector, academia, community organizations, and all levels of government, our network is action-oriented, pragmatic, and determined to advance change. As ASAP Members propel those changes, they are supported by ASAP programs that curate and promote resources and processes that foster adaptation action, innovation, and replication.

"ASAP is 'The Place to Go' if you want to work across sectors to advance climate change adaptation & resilience"

- Joyce Coffee, Climate Resilience Consulting,
President



Why

While the impacts of climate change increasingly threaten communities, ecosystems, and economies across the United States, federal leadership on this issue is receding, and too many federal and state policies are reversing past progress. This abdication of leadership places an increasing number of people in harm's way and disproportionately impacts communities of color, low-income communities, the elderly and immigrant communities. The impacts are not limited to the human experience and built environment. Our natural systems, including landscapes flora and fauna, are threatened by species shift, changes in phenology and morphology, and the amplification of existing stressors, such as habitat loss and invasive species.

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**Now is the The Time For Action.
This is the Place for You.**

ASAP's Strategic Goals:

As a nationally recognized and highly respected professional society, ASAP is leading strategic collaboration among institutions and individuals within the climate adaptation community to turn the tide of inaction. ASAP leverages the power of climate adaptation professionals from across sectors to shape and strengthen the field, drive transformative change in climate adaptation practice and policy, and contribute to increased climate resilience. ASAP boasts a robust membership base, a national audience, and stable organization structure. The organization is also nimble, enabling it to be responsive to stakeholder needs, yet unencumbered by long-held interests or inflexible processes.

Because of ASAP, within five years, we expect that:

- ASAP Members will be more likely to stay in the climate adaptation field long-term, as compared to climate adaptation professionals who are not ASAP members.
- The practice of adaptation across all sectors in the U.S. will be more equitable, ethical, and effective.
- Emerging adaptation professionals, especially young professionals, will be more likely to consider adaptation as a long-term career.
- Communities will have knowledge of climate adaptation strategies and actions.
- An increased number and diversity of U.S. communities will be implementing climate adaptation strategies and actions.
- Federal and state policies will enable effective, ethical and equitable adaptation planning at all scales
- Adaptation-aligned sectors will have integrated ASAP-established adaptation fundamentals into their professional training and practice.



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