

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADAPTATION PROFESSIONALS

Submit nominations by July 13 for the Carolinas Regional Adaptation Leadership Award!

The **American Society of Adaptation Professionals** (ASAP) has two award programs, the **Regional Adaptation Leadership Award** (RALA) and the Prize for Progress, that highlight excellence in adaptation leadership and excellence in adaptation practices of communities and organizations, respectively. These programs are a critical component of ASAP's work supporting and connecting adaptation professionals to advance innovation and excellence in the field of climate change adaptation.

The Regional Adaptation Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the climate change adaptation field through exceptional leadership. It recognizes the fact that deliberate, proactive adaptation, preparedness, and resilience-building is a change process, a deviation from business-as-usual, and a courageous act of doing something new and different. At its heart are individuals who make this change happen, sometimes with very few resources. The RALA recognizes distinguished adaptation leaders who approach their work in a strategic, sophisticated, well informed, inclusive, and effective manner.

At ASAP we know that Black people, Indigenous Peoples, people of color, and people with low incomes are leading on the front lines of climate change. The field of climate change adaptation must identify, recognize, support, and inspire leaders with these identities and experiences. We strongly encourage nominations by and of such people. Additionally, we strongly encourage nominations by and of people who are new to the climate adaptation field, including early career workers, volunteers, and emerging leaders.

Help us make history by nominating those most deserving of recognition for their work on climate change adaptation in the Carolinas. The RALA awardee(s) will be recognized at ASAP's virtual Network-Wide Meeting, October 27-28.

Award Prizes include: a year of ASAP membership (valued at \$150), complimentary registration to the 2021 Carolinas Climate Resilience Conference, travel assistance to the 2022 National Adaptation Forum, and a year of promotion through ASAP's Adaptation Voices programs.

Deadline to submit nominations is Monday, July 13, 2020. The RALA nomination form can be found here.

You may nominate any adaptation professional, from any sector, who works in the Carolinas ***except***:

- ASAP staff or board members
- Staff from the CCRC host institution: Carolinas Integrated Sciences and Assessments (CISA)
- Members of the RALA Selection Committee (continued on next page):
 - Frank Alsheimer, NWS Weather Forecast Office, Columbia, SC
 - Ferdouz Cochran, Carolinas Integrated Sciences and Assessments
 - Rick DeVoe, SC Sea Grant Consortium
 - Jory Fleming, Carolinas Integrated Sciences and Assessments
 - Dana Haine, UNC Institute for the Environment
 - Kelly Larkins, Piedmont Triad Regional Council

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- Tancred Miller, NC Department of Environmental Quality
- Sandra Rayne, NOAA Southeast Regional Climate Center
- Anna Katherine Schwab, DHS Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence
- Rebecca Ward, NC State Climate Office

The awardee(s) will be chosen by a selection committee made up of adaptation professionals who represent a range of sectors and locations from across the region. Questions? Email ASAPawards@adaptpros.org.

ASAP is committed to facilitating nomination and selection of a transformative leader. Please contact us if you have any barriers to submitting a nomination that fully captures the strength of the nominee's leadership. You may submit a nomination by dictating it to ASAP staff. You may copy/paste text from other sources into the [nomination form](#); it does not have to be your own original writing. NOTE: Nominations will only be scored based on text entered directly into the nomination form. This means that, if you enter a web address (URL) into the nomination form, the content attached to that address will not count in scoring. However, if you copy/paste the content directly into the form, it will count in scoring.

About American Society of Adaptation Professionals:

As the nation's leading professional society for adaptation and resilience practitioners, ASAP is ensuring that climate adaptation and resilience work is equitable, ethical, and effective. ASAP connects and supports climate adaptation professionals to advance innovation and excellence in the field of climate change adaptation. Through ASAP's member groups, trainings, and professional guidance, climate adaptation professionals interact, share what's working, collaborate with their colleagues and build essential climate resilience for communities, ecosystems, and economies across North America.