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Dr. Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio

Dr. Rumbaitis del Rio is an Associate Director at the Rockefeller Foundation and has been instrumental in the creation, administration and subsequent implementation of the Foundation's Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network. She has been extensively involved in shaping the national and international agenda of the adaptation practitioners, policymakers and donor communities.

She has been an invaluable mentor in the conceptual development of the Adaptation Atlas and continues to shape its theoretical and practical frameworks.

Dr. Mohamed El-Ashry

Dr. El-Ashry is a senior fellow with the UN Foundation. He has played several instrumental roles in the international environmental and diplomatic world, including serving as the chief executive officer and chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) ,the chief environmental advisor to the president and director of the Environment Department at the World Bank and the Chair of the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century. He currently serves as a facilitator and advisor to the UN Foundation and Club of Madrid's Global Leadership for Climate Action.

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The Final Steps on the Road to Copenhagen

Welcome to the Atlas Report. Our team at Resources for the Future is creating a dynamic new online tool: The Global Adaptation Atlas. The aim of this effort is to help diverse users visualize, utilize and download spatial knowledge on both projected human impacts of climate change and adaptation activities on the ground in their regions and around the world.

Save the Date: Atlas Launch Exhibit and Events, Copenhagen, Dec 7 – 18

The day you have been waiting for is finally here! The beta version and framework of the Global Adaptation Atlas will be launched at Copenhagen on December 7th and be showcased throughout the COP 15 conference.

With over numerous impact studies and adaptation activities spanning a multitude of timeframes and scenarios; and across our themes of food, water, land, health and livelihood, the Adaptation Atlas collates, manages and visualizes the diverse sets of information needed for research, decision-making and action on adaptation.

This version of the Atlas contains many of the features that we had envisioned for Phase I of the initiative. We would appreciate any feedback that you might be able to give us on the functionality of the tool and website as we are continually updating the features and information within the tool.

You will be able to find us in Exhibit Hall H of the Bella Center, along with our exhibit partners, the Center for Climate Strategies and Policy Research (CSPR) from the University of Linköping. We will also be at the ISeeT exhibit of the UNFCCC Secretariat.

We will be sending out a reminder next week with details on the new website; a complete list of exhibits and events you can find us at, and contact information for the Atlas team at Copenhagen.

Prototype Development Update

The last few weeks of October and November have been quite hectic – with implementing initial design and application changes.

The next two weeks before Copenhagen will see us tweaking the website and application and scheduling more events and exhibits for Copenhagen.

If you'd like to meet with us while in or after Copenhagen, please do email us at info@adaptationatlas.org and we would be happy to talk with you. We are continually seeking collaborators and partners on several fronts - including further sources on climate impacts and adaptation activities, and appreciate any opportunity to talk with interested parties.

What's Next?

Please look out for the new website address and check out our new look on December 7th. Again, please do not hesitate to provide feedback on the application or the website. Our next steps after launch would be incorporate some of that feedback to improve the application, as well as to pilot the application in different situations: including but not limited to research agendas and local planning situations.

We are looking for new data on the human impacts of climate change and adaptation activities – the Adaptation Atlas is only as powerful as the information it contains. We express our heartfelt thanks to those who have already contributed and hope that you continue to do so.

For more information on the Atlas, please visit our website at www.adaptationatlas.org. To learn more about RFF's research, visit www.rff.org.

Have data? We want to hear from you! Send us an email at data@adaptationatlas.org, and we'll be in touch on how to feature your study or project(s) in the Atlas for its launch in December.

Questions? Email us at info@adaptationatlas.org.

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