

# A2R Climate Resilience Initiative

- Anticipate, Absorb, Reshape -

## High-Level Launch of the A2R Leadership Group by the UN Secretary-General on the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York

Friday, 23 September  
15:30 – 16:00  
Conference Room 7

### A2R Leadership Group Composition

African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) & African  
Adaptation Initiative (AAI)

BRAC, Bangladesh

Germany

Global Resilience Partnership

Insurance Development Forum (IDF)

International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (ISDR)

President (s) of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties

Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre

Samoa

The World Bank

Yale Centre for of Environmental Law and Policy

Executive Office of the UN Secretary General (Ex-officio)

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)



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## About A2R

A2R is the UN Secretary-General's global, multi-stakeholder platform aiming to accelerate action and strengthen collaboration and synergies on climate resilience in the most vulnerable countries, in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It brings together a wide range of committed and engaged stakeholders from governments, civil society, the private sector, academia and international organizations.

## A2R Objectives

A2R catalyzes and facilitates coherent climate resilience action at scale for three capacities critical to climate resilience.

**Anticipate** - The capacity to better anticipate and act on climate hazards and stresses through early warning and early action.

**Absorb** - The capacity to absorb shocks by increasing access to climate risk insurance and social protection systems.

**Reshape** - The capacity to reshape development pathways by transforming economies to reduce risks and root causes of vulnerabilities and support the sound management of physical infrastructure and ecosystems to foster climate resilience.

## Contact Information



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## A2R Governance Structure



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## Launch of the MIT Climate CoLab A2R Contest

In collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Climate CoLab, the UN Secretary-General's Climate Resilience Initiative: Anticipate, Absorb, Reshape (A2R) is launching today, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016, a contest on climate resilience that invites proposals for solutions on how the world should prepare and respond to climate extremes and climate hazards.

The MIT Climate CoLab and the A2R Initiative are calling for innovative, practical solutions to help strengthen vulnerable communities' ability to take effective action to minimize the impact of climate-induced disasters and adapt sustainably to climate change.

## Further Information



[www.climatecolab.org/contests/2017/A2R-Anticipating-Climate-Hazards](http://www.climatecolab.org/contests/2017/A2R-Anticipating-Climate-Hazards)



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