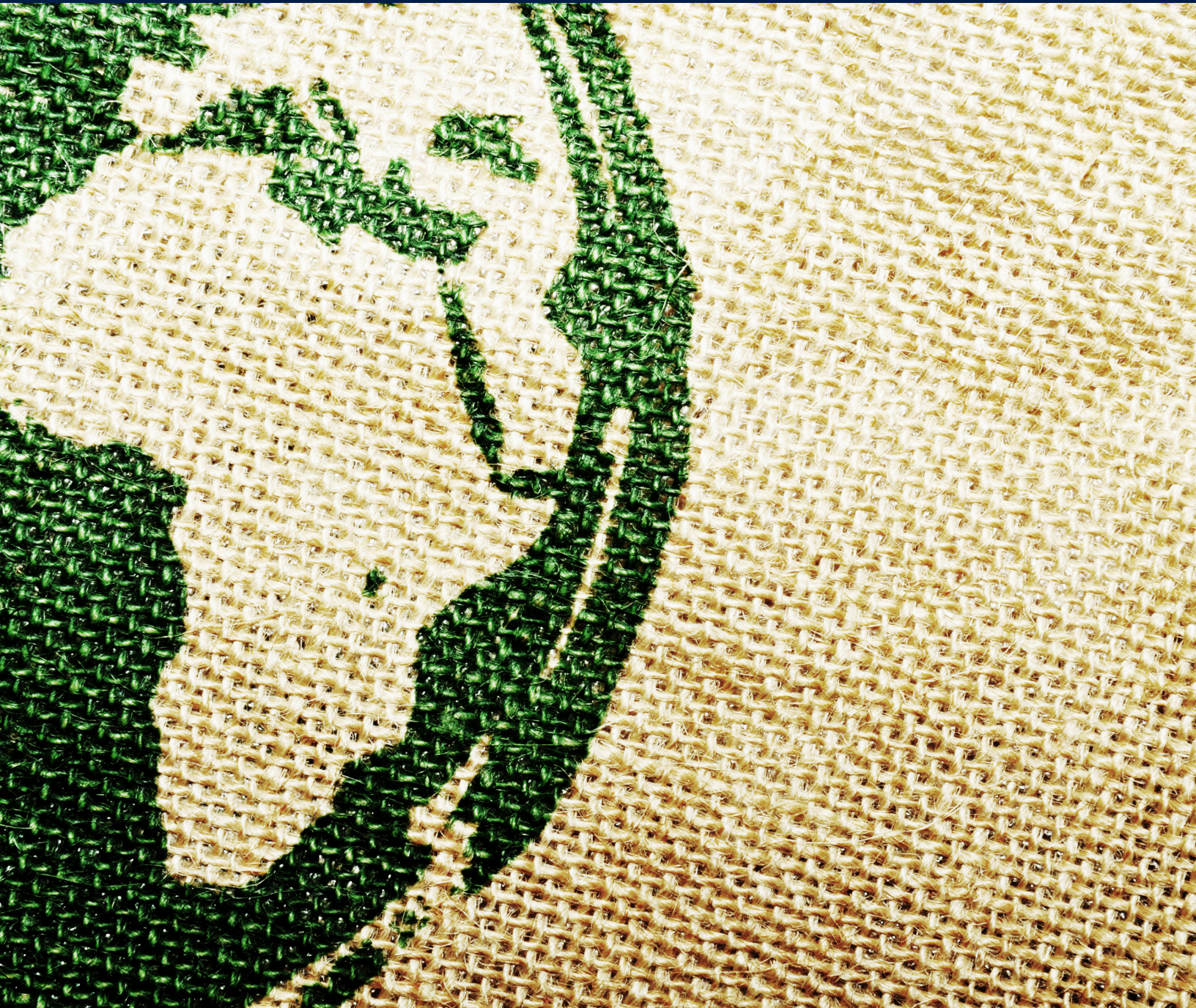




# ARIN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2024



# FOREWORD



As we reflect on yet another transformative year at the Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN), it is with great pride and optimism that we present this edition of our annual newsletter. This publication provides an overview of our projects, partnerships, and engagements throughout the year. It highlights our strides in advancing knowledge, fostering collaboration, and driving impactful action in Africa and beyond.

We are proud to note that ARIN's work aligns closely with global climate priorities, and our initiatives continue to be at the forefront of advancing climate adaptation, transdisciplinary research, and evidence-based policymaking.

A key highlight of the year has been ARIN's role in convening and supporting multi-stakeholder engagements on nature-based solutions (NbS), just transitions, and climate-health linkages. Similarly, our CAPCHA platform has created a dedicated space for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to exchange knowledge and co-create solutions at the climate-health nexus. These initiatives have directly contributed to the global call for stronger, context-specific adaptation measures emphasized at COP29.

Our thought leadership was also evident in our participation at high-level events. The BioCAM4 Project showcased our commitment to integrating biodiversity considerations into climate adaptation and mitigation actions.

ARIN's 4th International Conference on Climate and Health took centre stage, uniting over 300 experts to address the urgent link between climate change and health. Additionally, our role in the African Population Cohort Consortium (APCC) inaugural meeting in Cape Town demonstrated our leadership in championing stakeholder-driven research. Through the Building Climate Resilience of the Urban Poor (BCRUP) initiative, we supported vulnerable communities through knowledge sharing, community empowerment, and practical solutions. These platforms have enabled ARIN to champion Africa's agenda for equitable financing, nature-positive transitions, and health-resilient climate strategies. Our evidence-driven advocacy and cutting-edge research showcased Africa's potential to lead in just and green transitions, as well as the critical role of local knowledge and community-driven solutions.

This newsletter also captures ARIN's commitment to capacity development and participatory knowledge creation. Our stakeholder engagements, workshops, and network-building activities have empowered local communities, researchers, and policymakers to play a more active role in climate decision-making. Our partnerships with academic institutions, policy actors, and funding agencies have strengthened the foundations for long-term impact and sustainability.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission to bridge knowledge gaps and foster transdisciplinary research for climate and development resilience. The commitments made at COP29 provide a solid foundation upon which to build. ARIN will continue to advocate for locally led solutions, enhanced financing for adaptation, and inclusive governance mechanisms that leave no one behind.

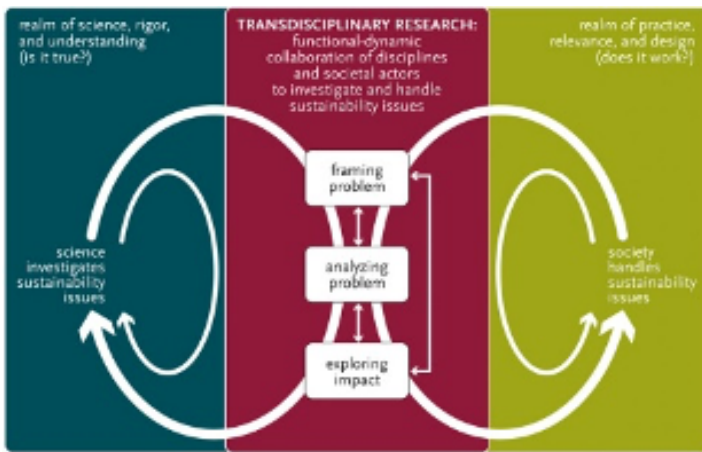
As you read through this newsletter, we invite you to celebrate with us the progress we have made together. Each story, project, and initiative featured in these pages reflects the collective effort of our dedicated team, partners, and stakeholders. Your support has been instrumental in driving ARIN's mission forward.

**Joanes Atela, PhD**

# 2024 Highlights | The Year of Increased Synergy!

## Climate, Health, Africa: Bridging the Gaps with Powerful Partnerships

Climate change is a health crisis, and Africa feels its brunt. ARIN, APHRC, and Wellcome joined forces to tackle this challenge head-on! We bring together researchers, policymakers, and everyday heroes to build stronger connections between climate, health, and practical solutions. This project mapped the key players, cleared the hurdles, and created lasting collaborations through "Communities of Practice" (think powerful support networks focused on making a difference!). Intrigued? Dive deeper and see how you can be part of this: [bit.ly/4f2nAX5](https://bit.ly/4f2nAX5)



## LAMA: Empowering Communities, One Metric at a Time

Tired of top-down climate solutions that miss the mark? LAMA is here to change that! By partnering with local communities, especially those often overlooked, LAMA is creating tailored climate adaptation strategies. From the bustling streets of Kenyan villages to the serene fields of Benin, LAMA will ensure that every voice is heard. Join us in building a more resilient Africa, one metric at a time. Learn more: [bit.ly/3Z0DhZj](https://bit.ly/3Z0DhZj)



## Leveling Up Climate Adaptation in Africa

ARIN, ACIDI, and ASU are teaming up to supercharge climate adaptation for African agriculture! Our focus is on Kenya, where we are diving deep into the world of Meso-Level Organizations (MLOs). These dynamic groups are the unsung heroes of climate adaptation, and we are mapping their impact, holding insightful discussions, and fostering a vibrant community of practice. By connecting the dots between public, private, and networked organizations across Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, and Malawi, we are building a powerful network to drive real change. Want to learn more about this exciting initiative?

Read More: [bit.ly/3UOFCUV](https://bit.ly/3UOFCUV)



## Unleashing the Power of Synergy: A New Era of SDG Implementation

Ready to revolutionize SDG implementation in East Africa? Our project is diving deep into the world of governance, breaking down silos, and aligning forces between public, private, and donor sectors. By addressing trade-offs and building powerful synergies, we transforming fragmented governance into a unified, inclusive system that maximizes SDG impact. Join us on this journey to a more sustainable future! : [bit.ly/48KQtVr](https://bit.ly/48KQtVr)



## 2024 Highlights | The Year of Increased Synergy!

### Powering a Just Future: The OJTA Project

Africa deserves a future powered by clean, renewable energy! The OJTA project, led by ARIN in partnership with the University of Pretoria and SouthSouthNorth, is committed to making this a reality. From July 2023 to July 2025, we are diving deep into the world of just energy transitions, exploring innovative financing solutions, assessing socioeconomic impacts, and shaping policies that prioritize equity and sustainability. Together, we are working towards a future where Africa's energy needs are met in harmony with the Paris Agreement. Learn more: [bit.ly/4epv6ub](https://bit.ly/4epv6ub)



### LEEPS: Building Africa's Future on Solid Ground

Imagine Africa's future shaped by evidence-based decisions, not guesswork! That's the vision behind the LEEPS project, led by AFIDEP with ARIN and other partners. LEEPS tackles the challenge of limited access to reliable data and the skills to use it. Through workshops, grants, and mentorship, LEEPS empowers local fellows to become champions of evidence-informed policymaking. These fellows are building the foundation for sustainable development in their regions, ensuring policies are rooted in facts, not just opinions. Ready to see Africa's future thrive? Learn more and join the movement: [bit.ly/3AFSTlp](https://bit.ly/3AFSTlp)

### Cool Down the City: Mapping Solutions for Urban Heat

Cities are heating up, and ARIN is taking action! We are teaming up with WRI to map out key stakeholders in Nairobi, Addis Ababa, and Kigali. Our goal? To deploy sensors and collect crucial data to combat urban heat risks.

By creating a database of partners and assessing their skills, we are building a powerful network to tackle this pressing issue. Together, we'll cool down our cities and create a more sustainable future. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/4fpsFZS>



### Nurturing a Greener Future: The JUCAN Project

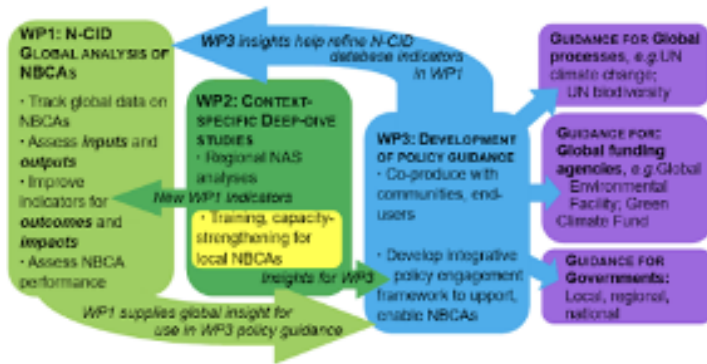
Kenya is on a journey towards a greener, more sustainable future, and the JUCAN project is leading the way! Led by the University of Copenhagen, with ARIN as a key partner, JUCAN is exploring the power of Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) to address climate change and environmental challenges. ARIN is actively involved in sharing knowledge, organizing insightful seminars, and collaborating on policy briefs. We are also dedicated to amplifying the voices of local researchers through media and communication training. [Read more](#)



# 2024 Highlights | The Year of Increased Synergy!

## Nature's Powerhouse: The BioCAM4 Project

Ready to unleash the power of nature to combat climate change? ARIN is at the forefront of the BioCAM4 project, where we are mapping nature-based climate actions (NBCAs) and diving deep into local communities in East Africa and Central America. By understanding the intricate relationship between biodiversity and climate resilience, we are empowering local communities, informing policymakers, and influencing global institutions. Join us as we unlock nature's potential to create a sustainable future: <https://bit.ly/4ekWGbW>



## Unmasking the Power of Climate Adaptation in East Africa

East Africa is facing the heat of climate change, but we are not backing down! ARIN, in collaboration with the UK's FCDO, is leading a groundbreaking study to assess the effectiveness of climate adaptation interventions across nine countries. From the power of nature-based solutions to the resilience of our infrastructure, we are diving deep into the water-energy-food nexus to uncover what truly works. This research will shape future investments and policies, ensuring a more resilient future for East Africa. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting project! [click here](#).



## AI for a Resilient Africa: The Math4CCR Revolution

Imagine a future where AI and mathematical sciences are the superheroes combating climate change in Africa. That is the vision of ARIN's Math4CCR project! By empowering early-career researchers and policymakers with cutting-edge skills, Math4CCR is building a new generation of climate leaders. From analyzing climate risks to designing innovative solutions, AI is the key to a more resilient Africa. With transformative training programs, fellowships, and a groundbreaking regional curriculum, Math4CCR is poised to pave the way for a greener, more sustainable future.

For more details, [click here](#).

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# Climate Resilience



## Drowning in Disaster: Nairobi's Battle Against the Floods

The relentless rains of April-May 2024 unleashed a torrent of destruction upon Nairobi, particularly its vulnerable informal settlements like Kibera and Mathare. As the floodwaters receded, a stark reality emerged: the urgent need for a more resilient city. ARIN, in partnership with the World Resources Institute (WRI), is diving deep into the heart of this crisis. We are analyzing the root causes, mapping the impacts, and crafting a blueprint for a flood-resilient future. Read more here:

<https://bit.ly/4fldx9w>



## 2024 Highlights | The Year of Increased Synergy!

### Africa's Health on the Front Line: CAPCHA Tackles Climate Challenges

Climate change is throwing a curveball at Africa's health systems, but CAPCHA (Consultative Platform on Climate and Health in Africa) is stepping up to bat! This ARIN-led initiative unites researchers, policymakers, and healthcare heroes across the continent. Together, they are co-creating solutions tailored to each region's specific needs. CAPCHA equips countries with the data and strategies they need to adapt effectively. Knowledge is power, after all! At COP29 CAPCHA is a champion for stronger health systems across Africa, making sure their needs are addressed on the world stage. The CAPCHA Launch Summit was a grand slam, bringing together over 300 people to discuss the critical link between climate and health. Ready to learn more? Be part of the winning team! Check out CAPCHA here: <https://bit.ly/3YKEsu>



## Policy Engagements and Advocacy

### A Healthier Future: ARIN's 4th International Conference

As the world geared up for COP29, ARIN's 4th International Conference on Climate and Health took centre stage, uniting over 300 experts to address the urgent link between climate change and health. This groundbreaking event showcased the power of collaboration, blending cutting-edge research, indigenous wisdom, and innovative funding solutions. The conference emphasized the crucial need to prioritize health in climate resilience policies, ensuring Africa's unique challenges and solutions are heard on the global stage. [Learn more.](#)



### Powering Africa's Health Research: ARIN and the APCC

ARIN is proud to be a driving force behind the African Population Cohort Consortium (APCC)! At the inaugural meeting in Cape Town, we championed the importance of stakeholder engagement, ensuring that the APCC's research is impactful and inclusive. By uniting population health cohorts across Africa, the APCC will revolutionize our understanding of health, climate change, and universal health coverage. We're excited to support this groundbreaking initiative and contribute to a healthier future for Africa. [Learn more.](#)



### Lighting Up Dar es Salaam's Future: ARIN's Urban Resilience Initiative

ARIN is proud to have been a spark in the ignition of the Tomorrow's Cities project. Our recent Risk Agreement Workshop in Mianzini, Dar es Salaam, brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to illuminate the path towards a more resilient future. By promoting collaboration between local communities, policymakers, and experts, we laid the groundwork for a comprehensive risk management strategy. This strategy will guide the city's sustainable growth and enhance its ability to weather the storms of climate change and other urban challenges. This approach sets a strong foundation for inclusive, climate-resilient urban planning, supporting broader global climate goals as COP29 approaches. [Learn more.](#)



### Empowering Africa's Urban Heroes: The BCRUP Initiative

Africa's urban poor are climate resilience champions, navigating challenges with grit and determination. The Building Climate Resilience of the Urban Poor (BCRUP) initiative supports them through knowledge sharing, community empowerment, and practical solutions. A recent convening of key stakeholders explored targeted interventions and access to climate finance. ARIN, as a key research partner, is proud to collaborate with 14 African countries to build a more resilient future for urban communities. [Learn more.](#)



## Policy Engagements and Advocacy

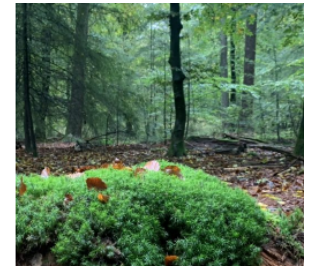
### A New Era of Climate Finance: ARIN Champions CLIMA

ARIN is leading the charge towards a greener future by championing innovative climate finance solutions. At the recent UNFCCC Subsidiary Body meetings, we joined forces with experts to explore the potential of Climate Impact Auctions (CLIMA). This groundbreaking approach could revolutionize how we fund climate action, especially for low- and middle-income countries. By rewarding measurable climate outcomes, CLIMA empowers small and medium-sized enterprises to drive change. [Read more.](#)



### Nurturing Nature, Securing Our Future: The BioCAM4 Project

A groundbreaking collaboration took place at the German Development Institute (IDOS) in Bonn, Germany, as experts from around the world gathered to launch the BioCAM4 project. Co-led by ARIN's Executive Director, Dr. Joanes Atela, BioCAM4 aims to unlock the power of Nature-Based Conservation Areas (NBCAs) to promote planetary and human health. This landmark initiative will delve into the intricate relationship between biodiversity and climate change, exploring innovative solutions to address pressing environmental and health challenges. [Read more.](#)



### Lighting Up Local Solutions: A Brighter Future for Africa

The climate crisis is casting a long shadow over Africa, but communities across the continent are rising to the challenge. A recent webinar, co-hosted by MicroSave Consulting and the Africa Leadership Academy, shed light on the urgent need for locally led adaptation (LLA). ARIN was at the forefront of this discussion, advocating for increased support for community-led initiatives. By empowering communities with the tools and resources they need, we can unlock their potential to develop innovative solutions and build resilience. [Read more.](#)

### Stepping Change for a Climate-Resilient Africa

The climate crisis demands bold, innovative solutions, and local communities are at the forefront of the fight. ARIN is proud to be part of the Step Change webinar series, where we're championing the power of locally led adaptation (LLA). By empowering local actors and strengthening the role of intermediaries, we can bridge the gap between communities and the resources they need to build resilience. [Read more](#)



### Data-Driven Solutions for a Resilient Africa

Climate change is a complex challenge, but data can be our superpower. ARIN recently joined experts at the Adaptation Insights Workshop, hosted by the Alliance Bioversity International-CIAT at ILRI in Nairobi. We are addressing the critical data gaps in climate adaptation, particularly in agriculture. By strengthening data availability, quality, and usage, we can empower African countries to track progress and make informed decisions. [Read more](#)





## Policy Engagements and Advocacy

### Building Africa's Future Cities: ARIN Champions Resilience

Africa's cities are brimming with potential but also facing the challenges of climate change and rapid urbanization. To tackle these issues head-on, ARIN, the Nairobi risk hub of Tomorrow's Cities, joined forces with UN-Habitat and other partners in April. The focus? An Action Planning workshop designed to future-proof African cities. Through engaging discussions, participants explored innovative strategies for creating integrated, resilient urban environments. From tackling climate change to nurturing sustainable development, the workshop aimed to equip cities with the tools they need to thrive. [Read more](#)



### Weaving a Sustainable Future: The Governing SDG Interactions Project

The intricate needlepoint of sustainable development is woven together by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To unravel this complex pattern, the Governing SDG Interactions Project, led by ARIN Africa, ILRI, and WUR, earlier in the year convened a Mid-Term Review Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. This gathering brought together a diverse group of experts to explore the interconnections between SDGs and identify opportunities for synergistic action. By understanding these intricate relationships, we can create more effective and impactful policies and practices.



### ARIN's Voice at the Forefront of Climate Action: IPCC AR7 Pre-Scoping Meeting

ARIN was proudly represented at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) AR7 Pre-Scoping Meeting held from 30th November to 2nd December 2024, in Libreville, Gabon. Our Senior Research Associate, **Dr. Humphrey Agevi**, actively contributed to the discussions, showcasing ARIN's groundbreaking work on **adaptation, transitions, and the role of AI in climate action**. The meeting served as a critical platform to shape the scope and direction of the next IPCC Assessment Report (AR7). ARIN's perspectives on equitable transitions and the integration of AI-driven insights into adaptation strategies were well-received, further cementing our position as a thought leader in climate research and policy advocacy.



### Pioneering Green Healthcare: ARIN Drives Climate-Smart Solutions in Kenya

ARIN is at the heart of Kenya's push for greener healthcare, advocating for community-led, climate-resilient solutions. At a high-level forum hosted by the Netherlands Embassy, ARIN joined policymakers and global partners to advance Kenya's Climate Change and Health Strategy 2024-2029. The focus? Decarbonising healthcare through cleaner energy, sustainable waste management, and inclusive, community-driven action. ARIN remains a catalyst for transformative change in Africa's health systems. [Read more](#).



## Partnerships

### ARIN and UKCEH Team Up to Turn Data into Action

With climate impacts intensifying across Africa, partnerships like the recent collaboration between ARIN and the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH) are becoming critical. In Nairobi, experts from over 20 institutions gathered for the “Environmental Science for Climate Resilience” seminar, exploring key issues such as biodiversity protection, forest resource sustainability, and freshwater conservation. This dynamic exchange of ideas spotlighted the need for robust data-sharing and scientific collaboration to support vulnerable communities. [Read more](#)



### Taylor & Francis Partners with ARIN to Empower African Researchers through Grants and Capacity Building

African scholars are on the brink of unprecedented opportunity as the Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN) partners with global publishing powerhouse Taylor & Francis Group (T&F). Announced on June 7, 2024, this groundbreaking collaboration is set to redefine the research landscape by enhancing publication access, offering mini-grants, and creating essential capacity-building opportunities for African researchers. Through mini-grants, young scholars will gain critical financial support to advance high-quality research and cover publication costs—empowering them to contribute robustly to global knowledge. [Read more](#)

### ARIN and GIC: A Dynamic Duo for Climate Resilience

The Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN) and Grassroot Impact Center (GIC) are teaming up to supercharge climate action in Africa! Our recent collaboration focused on implementing the Locally-led Adaptation Metrics in Africa (LAMA) framework. By empowering local communities to track and measure their adaptation efforts, we are building a more resilient future. [Read more](#)



## Publications



### ***Stakeholder analysis towards unpacking communities of practice for transdisciplinary research and action in climate change and health in Africa.***

A recent study examines the linkages between climate and health in Africa, highlighting the need for transdisciplinary research, policy integration, and stakeholder collaboration. It identifies models for strengthening climate-health action, with a focus on capacity building, governance, and protecting vulnerable communities. [Read more](#)



### ***Opportunities for Enhancing the UAE-Belém Work Programme Process and Output***

This policy brief presents key recommendations to improve the UAE-Belém Work Programme, with a focus on climate-resilient agricultural practices. It calls for adaptation indicators that reflect local vulnerabilities, the inclusion of technical experts, and the development of indicators to track adaptation finance. A participatory approach is essential, involving diverse stakeholders and collaborating with the IPCC to strengthen adaptation measurement. [Read more](#)



### ***Locally Led Adaptation Metrics for Africa: A Framework for Building Resilience in Smallholder Farming Sectors***

This publication presents a framework for locally led adaptation (LLA) metrics aimed at building resilience in smallholder farming (SHF) sectors in Kenya, which are highly vulnerable to climate change. The study found that existing metrics have not adequately assessed the impact on SHF resilience or provided a framework for developing relevant metrics. It proposes a five-step approach: conducting gender analysis, co-developing metrics with stakeholders, incorporating contextual data, creating a knowledge-sharing platform, and engaging government decision-makers. The framework offers practical guidance for real-world implementation but highlights the need for further exploration of combining quantitative metrics with contextual data. [Read more](#)



### ***Building Effective Communities of Practice for Transdisciplinary Research and Action in Climate Change and Health in Africa***

The escalating impacts of climate change on health-determining sectors such as agriculture, food security, energy, disaster risk, and broader social structures require urgent, multi-sectoral approaches. The evolving climate and health policy landscape now advocates for placing health at the centre of climate change decisions, informing integrated National Health Resilience. [Read more](#)



### ***NGO-Led Community-Based Conservation: A New Frontier of Territorialization with Implications for Pastoralists' Land Tenure and Climate Change Adaptation***

This study co-authored by Dr. Joanes Atela from ARIN examines the impact of NGO-led community-based conservancies (CBCs) on pastoralists in Northern Kenya. It highlights how these CBCs, while promoting conservation, can limit pastoralists' mobility, exacerbate land tenure conflicts, and hinder climate change adaptation. The research, based on data from Samburu County, underscores the need for more inclusive governance that respects local communities' land rights and traditional practices, ensuring that conservation efforts support both environmental and social resilience. [Read more](#)



### ***Towards Participatory & Inclusive Urban Planning Processes: The Case of Nairobi***

ARIN Africa has contributed a new book chapter, "**Towards Participatory & Inclusive Urban Planning Processes: The Case of Nairobi,**" authored by Aoko Leah and Kanyangi Washington. This chapter explores the vital topic of inclusive future visioning in Kibera slums.



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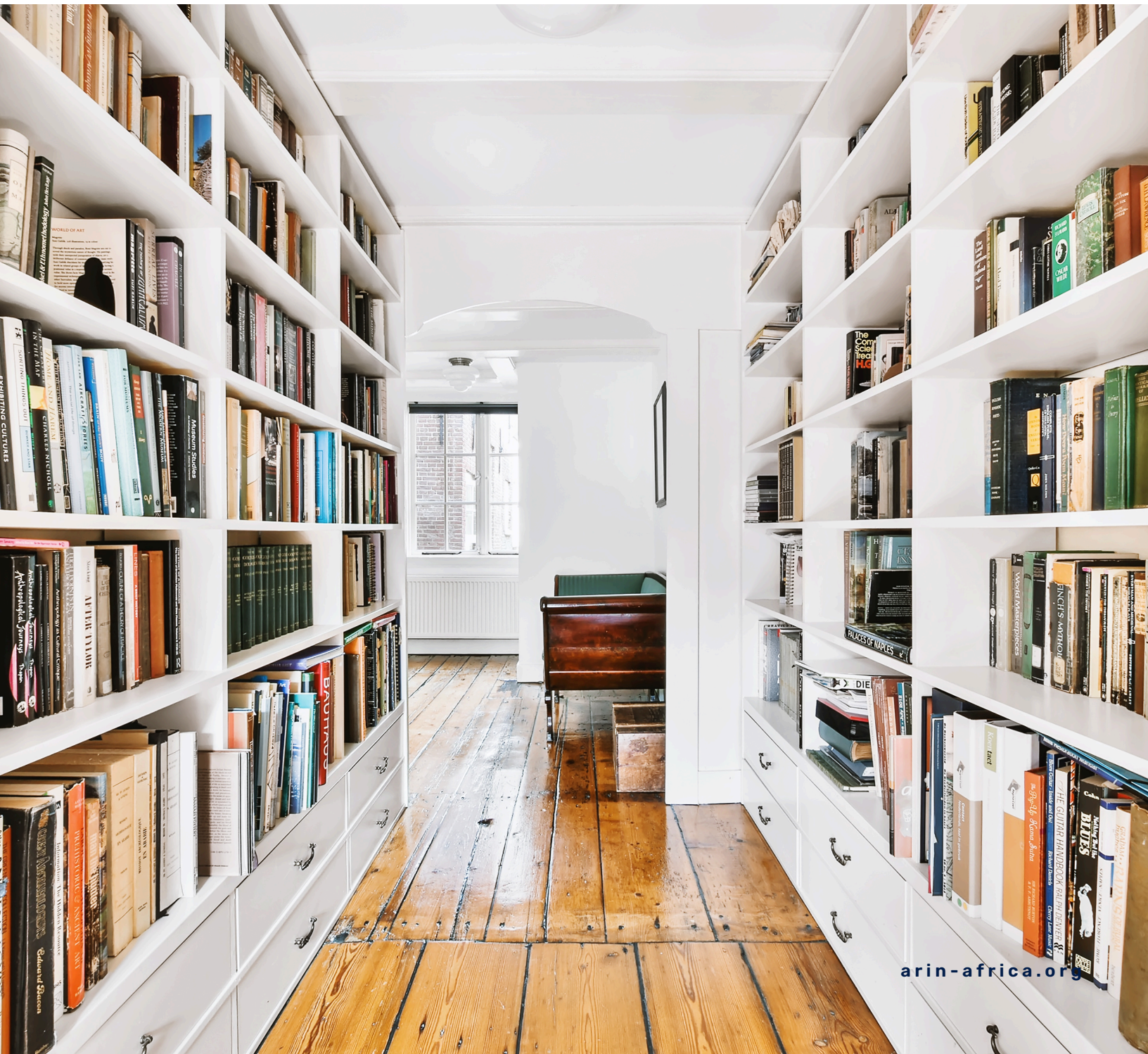
### ***The Impact of Community-Based Conservation on Pastoralists' Climate Change Adaptation***

Community-based conservancies in Kenya's ASALs support pastoralists' climate adaptation through tourism income, development projects, and resource management. Covering 4.7M hectares, they generated KES 672M (USD 5M) in 2011-2019, enhancing livelihoods and resilience. [Read more](#)



### ***Policy Brief : Opportunities for Enhancing Trans-Disciplinary Research and Action in Climate Change and Health in Africa***

The Wellcome-funded study highlights the need for transdisciplinary research to tackle climate change's impact on health. By integrating diverse expertise, Africa can build more resilient health systems and protect vulnerable communities. [Read more.](#)



# Capacity Building

## Enhancing Climate Adaptation Finance Skills in East Africa

The Frankfurt School, MUBS, and ARIN Africa, supported by IFAD and the Danish MFA, have launched an e-learning course on Climate Change Adaptation Finance in East Africa. This initiative aims to empower professionals with the latest tools and knowledge to address climate change challenges in the region. By focusing on adaptation finance, the course will equip participants to assess climate risks, develop effective adaptation strategies, and mobilize the necessary financial resources to build resilience and mitigate the impacts of climate change. [Read more](#)



## ARIN at the UKCDR Annual Stakeholder Event 2024

The UK Collaborative for Development Research (UKCDR) Annual Stakeholder Event, held on September 12, 2024, at The Royal Society in London, emphasized the critical need for research investment to progress international development and achieve the SDGs. With Dr. Joanes Atela, Founder and Executive Director of ARIN, among the expert panelists, the event highlighted how science and evidence can address global challenges like conflict, poverty, and climate change. ARIN participated by showcasing its impactful research initiatives, contributing to the dialogue on why research is essential in today's volatile world, and fostering meaningful networking opportunities. [Read more](#)



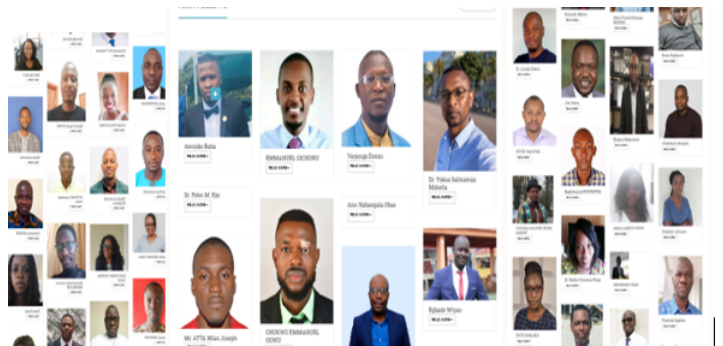
## Sowing Seeds of Change: A Week of Climate Resilience Training

ARIN, in partnership with GrassRoot Impact Center and Masinde Muliro University, ignited a spark of change at Nyabondo High School. Over 200 young minds were equipped with the tools to combat climate change, from practical adaptation strategies to cutting-edge technologies. This training is a key step in the LAMA project, empowering the Lake Region Economic Bloc to build a more resilient future. [Read more](#)



## Africa's Rising Stars: ARIN's Fellowship Program

ARIN's Fellowship Program empowers over 200 researchers across Africa to bridge the gap between research and policy. This diverse group tackles challenges like climate change and water scarcity, driving innovation for a brighter African future. With a focus on inclusivity, the program elevates researchers from all backgrounds, paving the way for transformative change. [Read more.](#)



## Capacity Building

### Igniting the Spark: ARIN's Mini-Grants Fuel Africa's Future

ARIN ignited a spark of innovation across Africa by awarding mini-grants to a talented group of researchers. Through the "Learning Together to Advance Evidence and Equity in Policymaking for SDGs" (LEEPS) Hub Project, we empowered the next generation of researchers to tackle pressing challenges and drive sustainable development. In collaboration with AFIDEP, AIHPHS, and Makerere University's School of Gender and Women's Studies, ARIN supported innovative projects that explored evidence-informed policymaking, best practices, and regional challenges. [Read more](#)



### Fueling the Future: ARIN & UCL's Accountable Adaptation Fellowship

The Accountable Adaptation Initiative invites early to mid-career researchers in the Global South to apply for mini-grants, with support from ARIN and UCL. Offering up to eight grants of GBP 4,500 each, the program focuses on projects exploring accountability in climate adaptation across Africa. Selected researchers will work with academic mentors, participate in networking, and attend a write-shop to develop publications. [Read more](#)

### LEEPS Initiative: Advancing Evidence-Based Policy

In a powerful partnership under the LEEPS Initiative, ARIN, AFIDEP, AIHPHS, and Makerere University's School of Women and Gender Studies conducted a transformative virtual training on Evidence-Informed Policy Making (EIPM) this April. Over the span of 10 days, African researchers and policymakers honed their skills in systematic review methods, crucial for converting complex evidence into actionable insights that shape policy and improve outcomes. Now entering an ongoing mentorship phase, participants benefit from bi-weekly sessions, further refining their systematic review techniques and problem-solving abilities. This initiative strengthens the link between data and decision-making, fostering a robust network of African researchers committed to evidence-driven policies.

## ARIN at COP29: | Advancing Climate Action and Adaptation

### 1 Advancing the UAE Belem Work Programme: The Critical Role of Adaptation Metrics

ARIN contributed to discussions on climate adaptation metrics at a key side event hosted by the International Platform on Adaptation Metrics (IPAM). ARIN expert **Charles Tonui** shared insights on the food sector, drawing on feedback from IPAM experts under the UAE Belem Work Programme.

**Date:** Saturday, November 16, 2024

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

**Location:** Moroccan Pavilion, Blue Zone

### 2 Engagement in INBOA Events

ARIN actively participated in a series of events organized by the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBOA) at COP29, focusing on boundary work, collaboration, and transboundary climate risks:

#### ▶ Showcasing Tools for Municipal Adaptation and the Regions4 Initiative

**Date:** Friday, November 15, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canada Pavilion

#### ▶ Private Networking for Adaptation Partners

**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** SHARE Hub

#### ▶ Panel on Subnational Actors and Transboundary Climate Risks

A discussion on how networks of subnational actors can address transboundary climate risks and build resilience.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 19,

**Time:** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Climate, Peace & Resilience Pavilion

### 3 High-Level Meeting on Building Climate Resilience with the Urban Poor (BCRUP)

ARIN engaged in high-level discussions on climate resilience for urban poor communities, focusing on consolidating the Regional Readiness Project and mobilizing for implementation.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** WGEO Pavilion

## Engage with ARIN: Join Us in Advancing Resilience in 2025

Building on the momentum from COP29, ARIN invites stakeholders to join us in 2025:

▶ **Stay Informed:** Follow us on social media for real-time updates on new reports, publications, and event announcements.

▶ **Collaborate with Us:** We welcome partnerships with organizations dedicated to advancing climate and health resilience across Africa.

Thank you for supporting ARIN's journey and contributing to meaningful solutions for Africa. Your engagement and partnership fuel our mission to drive impactful change across sectors, expedite innovation, and create a more sustainable and just future for the continent.

**May your holidays be bright and your new year be bold. Warm wishes from ARIN!**



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