



CARIAA
*Collaborative Adaptation Research
Initiative in Africa and Asia*

Monitoring and Evaluating Collaborative Global Adaptation Research

Early Lessons from CARIAA

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Global Adaptation Research

Doubly complex?

- Dual challenge of tackling a so-called “wicked” problem in climate change, *and* getting research into use across scales and locales
- Ever-growing impact/results-driven research for development - pitfalls of the “attribution game”
- Emergence of new thinking and approaches to help address these challenges
 - Theory of Change, etc.
- Need to re-think how we design, value, and assess research for development

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- Complex problems require collaborative approaches that place the capturing and sharing of learning at the heart of organisational culture. This requires **working across organisational boundaries and building relationships**, creating a shared understanding of the problem and people's framings of it from early stages.

(Australian Public Service Commission 2007)

Need for “multilayered initiatives at local and regional scales and across institutional boundaries”

(Head 2014)



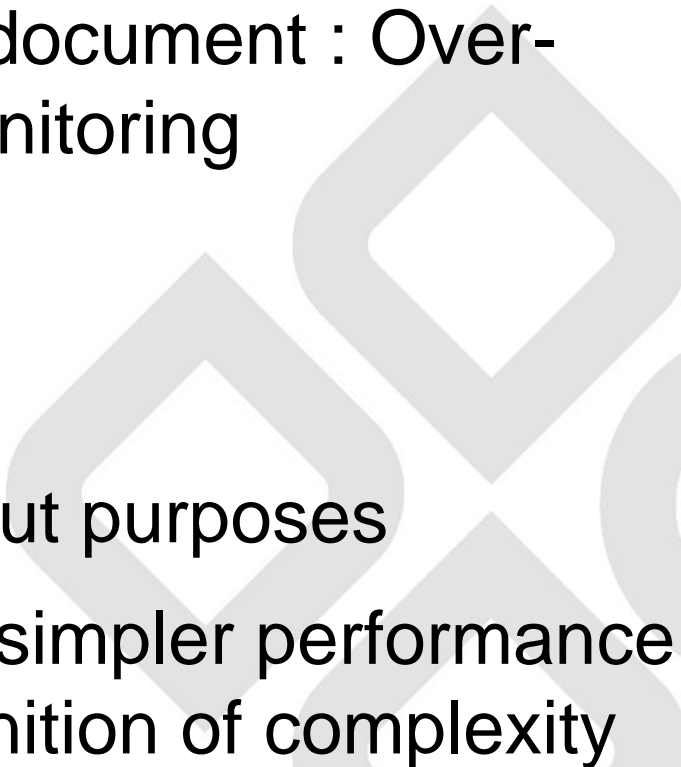
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- Seven year partnership (2012-2019) between IDRC and DFID to fund use-inspired research in three climate change hot spots – Areas with high climate signal and high levels of vulnerability
- *Three objectives:*
 - Generate new knowledge
 - Promote the uptake of research into policy and practice
 - Strengthen the cadre of adaptation research in the hot spot regions

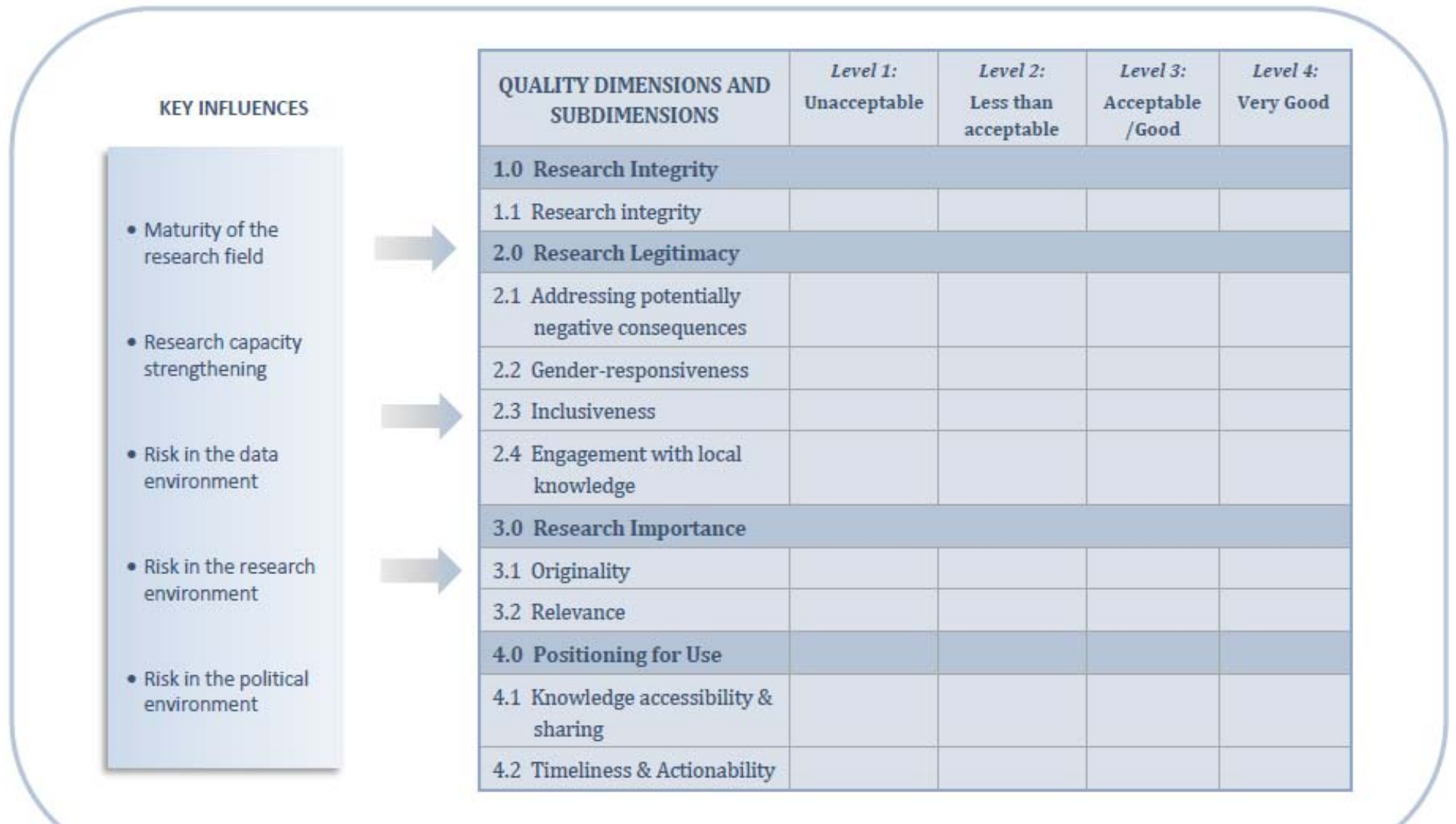
Hot Spot Approach: Different contexts – Shared Challenges



What can go wrong?

- Evidence challenge
 - Attribution and Contribution issues
 - To document or not to document : Over-Monitoring vs. poor monitoring
 - Monitor and Document
 - For Accountability
 - For Learning
 - Risk of confusion about purposes
 - Overlooking value of simpler performance metrics amidst recognition of complexity
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Strategies and early lessons



Strategies and early lessons

- Distinguish between learning and accountability functions.
- Theory of change a strong foundation to build from.
 - Nested frameworks can balance heterogeneity & contribution to shared outcomes
- Develop monitoring tools that are fit for purpose:
 - Learning reviews - Annual (explore complex dynamics)
 - Automation of simpler accountability/output functions to provide real-time
 - Collective development and review of tools
- Knowledge Management is key



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Nairobi Inception meeting



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CARIAA Program - Key Events

Today Monday, November 3

Monday, November 3
4:00pm Planning - Research into use

Tuesday, December 9
SDPI's annual conference 9-10-11 Dec

Wednesday, December 10
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Thursday, December 11
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M&E Dashboard

Track and monitor progress related to the CARIAA programme and its consortia. Navigate the tabs below to view headline figures and specific results for the three objectives and various metrics monitored.

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General **Objective 1** Objective 2 Objective 3

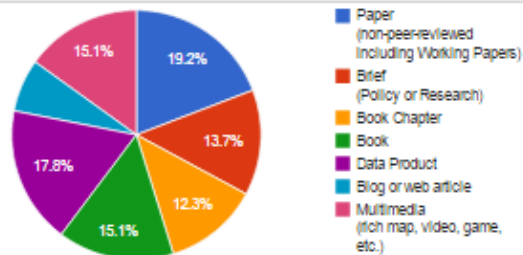
Research outputs

Headline figures for all research outputs.

Outputs	100
Total citations	4145
Peer Reviewed	55
Openly accessible	50
Female Authors	82

Research outputs by type

Research outputs (%) by type of content produced.



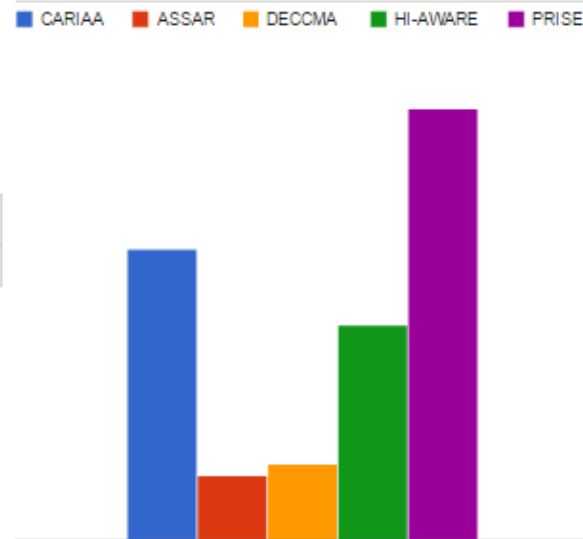
Authorship, by country

Location of authors for all research outputs.



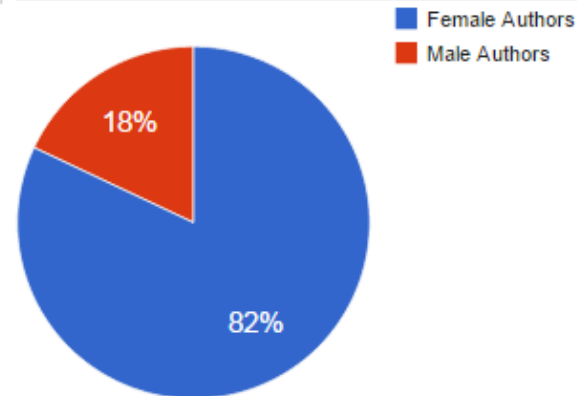
Research outputs by Consortia

Number of research outputs produced by each consortia.



Authorship, by gender

Male and female authors (%) for all research outputs.



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