Background to the KE4CAP Project

The KE4CAP project builds on outputs and outcomes from a number of international workshops and discussion sessions that members of the project team have led in recent years.

Adaptation Futures 2016 (Rotterdam)
Together with international partners, a session was hosted at Adaptation Futures 2016 on: ‘Climate adaptation platforms in action and networks: the practical challenges and lessons learned from designing and operationalising web-based platforms’. Presentations on experiences from the Netherlands, Australia, Ireland, UK and the European Environment Agency were followed by a workshop exploring the interest in working together as a community to share knowledge and address challenges.

Adaptation Futures 2018 (Cape Town)
Members from the KE4CAP team led a session (S87) on ‘Web-based platforms supporting climate action: continuing to learn and improve’. Presentations from the UK, Ireland and Brazil addressed experiences and lessons learnt in developing such platforms. The workshop engaged participants in addressing questions related to the challenges and opportunities in delivering and using web-based platforms in supporting action, the characteristics of the platform and content, innovations needed, and consideration of the role Adaptation Futures Conferences can play in supporting platform development and delivery.

In addition, a series of International Climate Change Adaptation Platform (ICCAP) meetings have been held recently in Tokyo (December 2018), Ireland (October 2019) and Tsubuka, Japan (November 2019). Each meeting has had a slightly different focus ranging from further understanding the wide range of engagement approaches being employed by climate adaptation service providers, the use of climate adaptation platforms in particular to support decision-making, and better understanding best practice in developing and delivering effective and accessible adaptation platforms. A fourth ICCAP meeting is planned for autumn 2020.

Team members also contributed to the European Environment Agency Technical Report No. 5/2015, ‘Overview of climate change adaptation platforms in Europe’ which provides and overview on the state of play of most adaptation platform in Europe including 14 national adaptation platforms.