

## THE ATLAS ADDRESSES

the adaptation information needs of communities, foundations, governments, aid agencies, NGOs, and research institutions worldwide as it is:

- An analytical tool for better understanding of the multi-layered impacts of climate change on people, the places they live, and the resources they depend upon;
- A priority-setting tool for action based on the current and projected impacts of climate change;
- A method of monitoring and evaluating adaptation activities;
- A clearinghouse for peer-reviewed research; and
- A repository of information on past, current, and planned adaptation activities.



### **THE GLOBAL ADAPTATION ATLAS:**

#### *Project Overview*

The Adaptation Atlas is a web-based, dynamic mapping tool under development by Resources for the Future that will bridge the gap between the science, policy and practice of adapting to climate change. The Atlas synthesizes peer-reviewed academic literature on the impacts of climate change on agriculture, health, livelihoods, land, and water with information on proposed and ongoing adaptation activities. By selecting criteria for location, timeframe, and impact type, users can access visualized knowledge to assist in setting priorities for action, funding, and further research. Visit the beta version at [www.adaptationatlas.org](http://www.adaptationatlas.org).

#### *Project Team, Partners, and Advisory Board Members*

- RFF's Atlas team comprises Senior Fellow and Center for Climate and Electricity Policy Director Ray Kopp, as team leader; and Nisha Krishnan, project manager.
- Partners include the World Resources Institute; Columbia University; The College of William and Mary; RMSI, a firm based in India responsible for World Bank and UN climate impact spatial data collection; and Interaction, an organization of 179 development and humanitarian NGOs.



- Advisory Board members include Mohamed El-Ashry, RFF Board Member and former Chair of the Global Environment Facility; Bo Kjellén, Ambassador and former Chief Climate Negotiator of Sweden; Heather McGray, Senior Associate, World Resources Institute; Michael MacCracken, Former Director, U.S. Global Change Research Program; Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Associate Director, Climate Change Resilience, Rockefeller Foundation; and Atlas creator, former RFF fellow, and EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Affairs Shalini Vajjhala.

### *Your Organization Can Support the Atlas*

To fulfill the Atlas' potential to address the expanding adaptation information needs of communities and nations worldwide, continued funding is vital. Already, RFF supporters, including Goldman Sachs, UN Foundation, ESRI, and the Mistra Foundation, among others, have generously supported the development of the Atlas prototype. With the prototype complete, RFF is poised to advance new data collection, and enrichment, and analysis activities that will dramatically expand the Atlas' scope and value – from the local to global levels. However, the generous support of philanthropic partners is essential to doing so.

As your organization evaluates its future climate and adaptation strategies, RFF invites you to invest in the Atlas. Your support can underwrite

the overall work of the project team or can be directed toward specific activities:

- **Invest in Key Themes of Research:** Organizations and individuals interested in the Atlas data themes of food, health, land, livelihoods and water can support the continued development of the Atlas in those particular sectors – including the visualization of uncertainty and vulnerability data.

- **Support a Regional or Country Pilot:** The Atlas team is seeking partners to pilot the use of the Atlas as a planning and monitoring tool in individual countries and regions. This approach will test the power of the Atlas and provide feedback for the implementing country, as well as fuel further innovation of the Adaptation Atlas.

- **Foster Outreach and Network Building:** The applicability and relevancy of the Atlas depends on RFF's ability to reach the communities that are active in the adaptation field. Moreover, the Atlas concept relies upon the participation of a wide variety of partners who are essential in enhancing, applying and supplying vital information to the Atlas. Therefore support for work in this area is also needed to ensure effective engagement of communities, individuals, and institutions worldwide.

*For more information, please contact*

*Virginia Kromm at [kromm@rff.org](mailto:kromm@rff.org) or (202) 328-5042 or*

*Nisha Krishnan at [krishnan@rff.org](mailto:krishnan@rff.org) or (202) 328-5182.*