

What Works Summit 2027



Tuesday, 13 April 2027 - Friday, 16 April 2027

Programme

Focus Areas

We welcome contributions that bring rigorous, empirical evidence (primary research, systematic reviews, evidence gap maps, in-depth case studies etc.) to inform what works in addressing climate policy and practice challenges. And we are equally keen to feature reflections that showcase how this evidence is used, translated, and embedded within real-world policy and practice decision-making.

We invite submissions addressing the following focus areas. These themes are intentionally broad and not exclusive:

Climate policy and practice interventions

Empirical assessments of the real-world effectiveness of implemented climate mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage policies as well as associated implementation practices.

Climate policy and practice in the Global South

Assessments of the effectiveness of climate policy and practice in Global South contexts such as a focus on the informal sector, vulnerable communities, effective science-policy translation, technology sharing and climate finance.

Evidence into decision-making and action

How research, evaluation and synthesis findings are used and translated to effectively influence decision-making, including approaches to engaging policymakers, practitioners, community stakeholders and other interest-holders in shaping evidence pipelines.

Co-effects of climate policies and practice

Measuring the socio-economic, environmental, equity and justice impacts (both positive and negative) of climate-oriented policies and their implementation.

Climate and health

Evaluating interventions at the intersection of climate change, public health systems, and community resilience that consider both emissions and/or adaptation and human health outcomes, as well as other broader indicators.

Climate and food systems

Evidence on interventions that mitigate the climate impact of food systems and/or build their resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change, including analysis of policy across economic, equity, health and wider indicators.

Climate solutions for cities

Evidence on policy and/or practitioner approaches related to sustainable infrastructure, city planning, climate-friendly urban environments and local governance and financing models for human settlements.

Other focus area

Methods

We are also looking for contributions that address the broad conference themes and apply the following types of methods:

Policy (instrument) evaluation

Primary ex-post evaluations of outcomes of climate policies using rigorous methods, particularly experimental and quasi-experimental study designs, as well as qualitative research.

Evidence synthesis

Rigorous syntheses of climate policies and actions comprising systematic maps, systematic reviews (including quantitative synthesis/meta-analysis, qualitative synthesis as well as mixed-methods synthesis).

Evidence use

Contributions on how climate evidence is used and translated into action, such as science-policy translation, knowledge-brokering, and evidence uptake in decision-making processes.

Novel methodological contributions

Novel methodological contributions, such as living evidence, digital evidence synthesis methods, the use of machine-learning methods, as well as approaches for synthesising and communicating diverse forms of knowledge, e.g. from indigenous or local communities, among others.

Other method