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I am a consultant and researcher with expertise in the intersection of climate change and development at the national and sub-national level, as well as in the international climate change negotiations.

My technical areas of expertise include adaptation and approaches to address the residual impacts of climate change. I am multi-lingual with over five years' experience in climate change and development globally, including in South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and across multiple regions.

I have extensive experience in research, project management, coordination, strategic communication, and the development of high impact knowledge products.

My aim is to contribute to efforts to build an enhanced understanding of how climate change strategies in developing countries can support development.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate

Overseas Development Institute; London, UK

October 2017 – ongoing

- Provide inputs to projects and research outputs upon request, particularly on the intersection between the international negotiations and national and sub-national climate change policy processes
- Contribute to the development of projects and partnerships using networks developed over the past six years working in the international climate change space

Researcher/Technical Advisor

August 2015 –

**ongoing Africa Adaptation Initiative
Advisor**

- Provide targeted research and technical support to the coordinator of the Africa Adaptation Initiative
- Develop and contribute to outputs including the framework document, initial workplan and technical reports
- Provide inputs into concept notes and technical advice during relevant meetings upon request

African Group of Negotiators

May 2014 – ongoing

- Provide targeted research and technical support to African negotiators on adaptation and loss and damage issues in UNFCCC meetings
- Develop high impact knowledge products to support the negotiators and submissions to articulate the African position on relevant issues



- Organize meetings of African and other developing country negotiators to strategize and discuss key issues for the UNFCCC negotiations

Consultant

African Climate Policy Centre; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia February 2014 - July 2015

- Undertook extensive background research on climate change and development in African small island states (SIDS) and contributed to a paper to identify opportunities to enhance development through climate change strategies
- Conducted needs assessments in the six African SIDS to understand the challenges and opportunities associated with addressing climate change in the context of sustainable development in each country
- Developed a concept note outlining strategic entry points for supporting climate change strategies in the African SIDS

Coordinator

**International Centre for Climate Change and Development;
Dhaka, Bangladesh February 2012 - December 2013**



- Oversaw a research project aimed at enhancing understanding of how approaches to address loss and damage could be integrated into national policies and plans in Bangladesh
- Organized meetings and workshops aimed at moving the national discussion on loss and damage forward
- Regularly met with national policy and decision makers to better understand the institutional context and how approaches to address loss and damage could be integrated into comprehensive risk management frameworks
- Attended relevant national and international meetings and participated in discussions on addressing loss and damage in a range of fora, providing presentations where requested
- Provided research support to the Least Developed Countries Group in negotiations under the UNFCCC including preparing background documents to support negotiators

Research Assistant

Overseas Development Institute; London, UK

November 2011- December 2011

- Conducted background research and mapped key disaster risk management projects for the Climate and Development Knowledge Network
- Developed a concept note outlining the successes and challenges and lessons that could be applied to future projects

Junior Biologist/ Sustainability Coordinator

Salmon River Watershed Roundtable; Salmon Arm, Canada

August 1998 – March 2003

- Conducted research to understand the range of stakeholder needs in a local watershed and proposed possible solutions to address these needs
- Oversaw the community outreach program, liaised with the media, coordinated a monthly newsletter and developed a youth program for children and youth in the community
- Collected and analyzed data on water quality and supported the restoration of several kilometres of riparian habitat
- Organized community meetings and developed partnerships with farmers and other stakeholders

EDUCATION

PhD candidate, King's College London

2013-

ongoing Thesis: Assessing the potential of loss and damage as a platform to facilitate transformative approaches to address climate change in developing countries and the role of leadership in these processes

MSc Development Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science

2010-2011

Coursework included: Environmental Problems, Politics and Development; Rural Development and Social Policy; Poverty and Managing Humanitarianism

Dissertation: An evaluation of the extent to which the National Adaptation Programmes of Action of Bangladesh, Nepal, Malawi and Tanzania aimed to reduce vulnerability



BA International Relations, University of British Columbia

2008-2010

Coursework included: environmental economics, development economics, international relations, political economy and political sociology

BSc Biology and Environmental Studies, University of Victoria

1993-1997

Coursework included: botany, environmental impact assessment, environmental law and zoology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Nadin, R. and E. Roberts (2017). *Ensuring Transboundary Resilience: Moving towards a growing global discourse*. Expert View/Resilience Scan. London: ODI.

- Roberts, E. and M. Pelling (2016). Climate change-related loss and damage: translating the global policy agenda for national policy processes. *Climate and Development*. DOI: 10.1080/17565529.2016.1184608.
- Zommers, Z., van der Geest, K., de Sherbinin, A., Kienberger, S., Roberts, E., Harootunian, G., Sitati, A. and R. James (2016). *Loss and Damage to Ecosystem Services*. UNEP: Nairobi. Available at: https://uneplive.unep.org/media/docs/assessments/loss_and_damage.pdf.
- Roberts, E., Andrei, S., Huq, S. and L. Flint (2015). Resilience synergies in the post-2015 development agenda. *Nature Climate Change* 5:1024-1025.
- Roberts, E. and S. Huq (2015). Coming Full Circle: The History of Loss and Damage Under the UNFCCC. *International Journal of Global Warming* 8(2):141-157.
- Roberts, E. and S. Andrei (2015). The rising tide: migration as a response to loss and damage from sea level rise in vulnerable communities. *International Journal of Global Warming* 8(2):258-273.
- Roberts, E., van der Geest, K., Warner, K. and S. Andrei (2014). Loss and damage: When adaptation is not enough. *Environmental Development* 11:219-227.
- Huq, S., Roberts, E. and A. Fenton (2013) Loss and Damage. *Nature Climate Change* 3:947-949. Kreft, S., Warner, K., Harmeling, S. and E. Roberts. (2013). Framing the Loss and Damage Debate: A Thought Starter by the Loss and Damage in Vulnerable Countries Initiative. *Climate Change: International Law and Global Governance, Volume II: Policy, Diplomacy and Governance in a Changing Environment*, eds. O.C. Ruppel, C. Roschmann and K. Ruppel-Schlichting. Berlin: Nomos.
- Roberts, E., Bavishi, R., Lofts, K., Khan, M.H.I., Hasemann, A. Barbosa, A.S. and S. Huq (2013). *Developing an Institutional Framework to Address Loss and Damage*. European Capacity Building Initiative LDC Working Paper Series. London: IIED.
- Roberts, E. and S. Huq (2013). *Loss and Damage: From the Global to the Local*. IIED Briefing. London: IIED.