

What You Can do to Advance Adaptation in the US

All readers of this report have a role to play in adapting to climate change—whether or not you identify as an adaptation professional. Below is a sample of priority actions for various actors within and outside the field; more detail on how to find your role and make a contribution can be found in Chapter 5.

- The most important thing **thought leaders** can do to advance the field is to press the urgency of climate change. They must insist on the need to address climate challenges through both mitigation and adaptation in ways that enhance equity and social cohesion. Thought leaders can push the field to think bigger, bolder, and deeper about challenges and solutions.
- The most important thing **field builders and supporters** can do is to expand and stabilize the funding support for the field and to use every leverage point, including policy, to move adaptation forward rapidly, effectively, and equitably. The task is one of acceleration, scaling up, and ensuring deeper practice.
- The most important thing **field actors and implementers** can do is to make resilience building real on the ground—to implement mitigation and adaptation in equitable and just ways so that American communities are safer for all. This includes deepening practice on equity and transformative solutions, learning from peers and those outside the field, sharing lessons learned, and breaking down silos and other divisions to address resilience challenges holistically.
- The most important thing **supporters and actors currently outside the field** can do is to assess their sector's sensitivities to climate change and disruptions, educate themselves about adaptation, and forge alliances with relevant actors in the adaptation field.