

# CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION GUIDELINES



## TAKE ACTION!



### FIND YOUR STRENGTHS

so you know what you have available to commit to adaptation planning. This pre-planning stage determines what is in scope for all other decisions, and begins the process of assessing your biosphere reserves adaptive capacity.

### KNOW YOUR VULNERABILITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

so that you can decide on appropriate adaptation actions. An impacts assessment is the foundation of capable adaptation, and climate change presents many opportunities if you can be strategic.

### ADOPT TWO-EYED SEEING

in order to adapt sustainably by engaging everyone in your biosphere reserve. Adaptation to climate change is consistent with reconciliation, and will require a concerted effort to integrate multiple ways of knowing for the benefit of all.

### PROMOTE LOCAL ADAPTATION

to ensure that your biosphere is building resilience in your network. Successful adaptation planning rarely tackles the issue alone, and instead recognizes the network within which it is operating. Find and promote those community members that are helping.

### LEARN FROM OTHERS

and how they have adapted. As a representative of UNESCO, your success depends on your ability to localize and implement global scale initiatives. You are a conduit for global thinking to local spaces, which includes adaptation.

### ENGAGE YOUTH

at every chance, because they represent those with the most to lose by inaction or maladaptation. If a collective cognitive rewiring is required, then the youth provide your best chance. Today's adaptation planning will be their future reality.

### CONSOLIDATE & REPORT

because it is hard, and essential. Though adaptation planning threads through many discussions, there must be a single repository of information relevant to ongoing adaptation planning. Everyone involved should know where this is.

SEE THE FULL REPORT ON THE GUIDELINES TITLED: "GUIDELINES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN CANADA'S UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVES / JUNE 2019  
COPYRIGHT: BRAS D'OR LAKE BIOSPHERE RESERVE ASSOCIATION 2020. COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM: [WWW.BLBRA.CA](http://WWW.BLBRA.CA)