

# From Innovation to Learning: Creating a CDRFI Evidence Roadmap

**Date:** Virtual workshop part-time over four days, 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Asynchronous Participation:** <https://climate-insurance.org/news/creating-a-cdrfi-evidence-roadmap/> and on Twitter @\_MCII\_ and #EvidenceRoadmap

**Participants:** International experts on climate and disaster risk finance and insurance (CDRFI, also referred to as disaster risk finance, or DRF) implementation, academic and research institutions, CSOs with DRF implementation experience, private sector partners, InsuResilience Global Partnership Impact (the Partnership) Working Group members, InsuResilience Global Partnership Program Alliance representatives, and other stakeholders

## Problem Statement

Since the 2015 G7 Stakeholder Conference on Climate Risk Insurance, there has been a substantial amount of innovation around DRF. **This massive innovation has not been accompanied by adequate learning and sharing of lessons.** To help strengthen the resilience of poor and vulnerable people at a global scale, it is critical that DRF donors, implementers, experts, and researchers implement an evidence roadmap to generate strategic analytics, promote evidence-based action, and develop (and share) best practice. This work supports the Partnership’s [Vision 2025](#), one of its key result areas to increase evidence relating to the most effective and most cost-efficient climate and disaster risk finance and insurance solutions, and their [Pro-Poor Principles](#).



## Workshop Goal

The goal of this workshop is to jump-start the creation of a CDRFI evidence roadmap. Prior to drafting the roadmap, the community must first take stock of the evidence landscape, particularly with regards to the Pro-Poor Principles, to create a common understanding of a) current knowledge, b) work being done, and c) gaps that need to be addressed.

Participants will then outline a roadmap that will serve as a basis for joint research action and advocacy. The roadmap will be finalized in fall 2020 through a process of collaboration among workshop and IGP Impact Working Group members and stakeholder consultation (include regional perspectives and grassroots consultation) and launched at an appropriate venue. The roadmap launch will highlight the critical role of DRF evidence to motivate participation, generate demand for DRF evidence, and advocate for donor resource commitments. The roadmap will also shape the activities of the IGP Impact Working Group.

## Guiding Landscape Questions

1. What knowledge already exists?
2. What are the open questions around DRF?
3. Who is actively working on answering these questions?
4. What are they doing?
5. What are gaps that need to be addressed?
6. What are potential challenges around methodology?

## DRF Evidence Themes

1. Agricultural & other household level microinsurance
2. Meso insurance & aggregation
3. Sovereign risk pools
4. Macro policy solutions (public private partnerships, governmental (re)insurers, and adaptive social protection)
5. Non-insurance DRF

## IGP Pro-Poor Principles

1. Impact
2. Quality
3. Ownership
4. Complementarity
5. Equity

## Agenda

Tues 8 Sep (15:00-17:00 CEST)	Objective
<p><b>Plenary:</b> Opening &amp; Framing – Vision 2025 and the Evidence Roadmap</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Sönke Kreft (MCII), Katharina Nett (InsuResilience Global Partnership)</p>	<p>Participants are aware of the evidence-related components of the InsuResilience Global Partnership’s Vision 2025 and understand the importance of creating an evidence roadmap for achieving that vision and ensuring the quality and impact of CDRFI projects and instruments.</p>
<p><b>Plenary:</b> Pro-Poor Principles</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> Sönke Kreft, Jennifer Denno Cissé (MCII), Swenja Surminski (LSE Grantham)</p>	<p>Participants are 1) familiar with the Partnership’s pro-poor principles and potential success criteria for CDRFI schemes and 2) understand how an evidence roadmap can strengthen implementation of the pro-poor principles.</p>
<p><b>Plenary:</b> Q&amp;A Panel</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> Sönke Kreft, Katharina Nett, Swenja Surminski, Jennifer Denno Cissé</p>	<p>Participants can ask question about the workshop, the roadmap, the role of evidence in CDRFI, and gaps in the evidence base.</p>

Wed 9 Sep (15:00-18:00 CEST)	Objective
<p><b>Thematic Breakout 1:</b> Agricultural &amp; other household level microinsurance <b>#DRFmicro</b>  <b>➔ Moderator:</b> Michael Carter (UC Davis)</p> <p><b>Thematic Breakout 2:</b> Meso insurance &amp; aggregation <b>#DRFmeso</b>  <b>➔ Moderator:</b> Dan Bierenbaum (Global Parametrics)</p> <p><b>Thematic Breakout 3:</b> Sovereign risk pools <b>#DRFsrp</b>  <b>➔ Moderator:</b> Marcela Tarazona (Ripple Economics)</p> <p><b>Thematic Breakout 4:</b> Macro policy solutions <b>#DRFmacro</b>  <b>➔ Moderator:</b> Vositha Wijenayake (SLYCAN Trust)</p> <p><b>Thematic Breakout 5:</b> Non-insurance DRF <b>#DRFnonins</b>  <b>➔ Moderator:</b> Ruth Hill (Centre for Disaster Protection)</p>	<p><b>Topics covered in each breakout:</b> Stock-Taking, Identifying the Knowledge Frontier, Sharing Ongoing M&amp;E / Research</p> <p>Building on previously disseminated evidence summaries, participants have learned about and expanded the available evidence landscape while identifying connections to the principles. <i>(What knowledge already exists?)</i></p> <p>Experts have shared their views on open questions in DRF research and participants have helped identify the research frontier. <i>(What are the open questions around DRF?)</i></p> <p>Implementers/researchers provide information on ongoing work and participants learn about the work of others. <i>(Who is actively working on answering these questions? What are they doing?)</i></p> <p>Participants have identified any gaps in the current evidence landscape. <i>(What are gaps that need to be addressed? What are potential challenges around methodology?)</i></p> <p><b>➔ Breakout groups prepare small presentation for plenary discussion the following day</b></p>
Thur 10 Sep (15:00-17:00 CEST)	Objective
<p><b>Plenary:</b> Readout of group findings  <b>Moderator:</b> Jennifer Denno Cissé</p>	<p>Participants have identified existing knowledge, evidence frontiers, and gaps within each of the thematic areas.</p>
<p><b>Plenary:</b> Gaps and challenges in the Evidence Roadmap  <b>Moderators:</b> Sönke Kreft  <b>Presentation:</b> Katherine S. Miles</p>	<p>Participants have confirmed any gaps in the current evidence landscape related to the thematic areas and related to gender, and identified gaps not associated with specific themes (or missing thematic areas). <i>(What are gaps that need to be addressed? What are potential challenges around methodology?)</i></p>
Fri 11 Sep (15:00-17:00 CEST)	Objective
<p><b>Plenary:</b> Outlining the Roadmap  <b>Moderators:</b> Sönke Kreft, Jennifer Denno Cissé</p>	<p>Implementers/researchers identify the objectives and primary milestones for a four-year roadmap, outlining key research questions to ensure a robust pipeline of DRF research, including quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods covering a variety of thematic areas.</p>
<p><b>Plenary:</b> Next-Steps &amp; Close  <b>Moderators:</b> Dan Bierenbaum, Sönke Kreft, Vositha Wijenayake</p>	<p>Participants understand the next steps needed to accomplish the evidence roadmap and how their organization fits into the process.</p>