

## Adaptation Futures Conference

*Scaling up the role of wetlands  
in climate change adaptation*



**Session SP 5.1. Chair: Jane Madgwick, CEO Wetlands International**

Wednesday, May 11, 08.45-10.30, Goudriaan Room II



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### Keynote presentations

Hj. Keizrul bin Abdullah, Wetlands International

The Rajang Delta, Sarawak: Addressing challenges of land subsidence caused by deforestation and drainage of tropical peatlands

Mr Ibrahim Fofana and Pieter van Eijk, Wetlands International

Options and implications of safeguarding and rehabilitating the Inner Niger Delta as part of the solution to climate adaptation and resilience to increasing climate variability and water scarcity

Ms Raisa Banfield, Vice Mayor of Panama City, Panama

Urban and rural wetlands of Panama: Challenges and "Building with nature": Opportunities for improved coastal resilience in Panama Bay and along an urbanizing mangrove coast

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Discussion statements for a 'House of Commons Debate'

Wetland conservation and restoration **will be necessary for successful climate change adaptation** (in all regions, in urban as well as rural situations)

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Ecosystem-based climate change adaptation **is hampered by lack of scientific evidence** of the value of ecosystem services

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Planning and governance systems  
**need to be transformed** in order  
to deliver  
ecosystem-based CCA

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**Businesses**  
**need to take the lead**  
in investing in natural capital and  
not wait for government regulations  
to enforce it.

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To be climate resilient,  
development always needs to  
cover the costs of sustaining  
ecosystems, for example through  
use of taxes

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