

GLOBAL RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

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Virtual Partners Meeting

29 April 2026





Meeting summary

The GRP virtual Partners Meeting, held on 29 April 2026, brought together more than 50 attendees from across the network. The meeting provided updates on GRP's key activities, highlighted opportunities for Partners to get involved, and welcomed new Partners to the community.

This annual meeting creates a space for Partners to openly share feedback, ask questions, and explore how to engage more effectively throughout the year. During the session, we reflected on the current state of the development landscape, stressing the need for partnership now more than ever.

We also looked ahead at the upcoming calendar and ongoing activities across GRP's programs. The meeting underscored the strength and diversity of the GRP network, demonstrating how the collective impact of the partnership is greater than the sum of its parts.

Agenda



Time

13:00

13:10 - 13:30

13:30 - 13:50

13:50 - 14:00

14:00 - 14:15

14:15 - 14:20

14:20 - 14:30

What

Introductions and welcome

Partnership engagement

Presentation from the GRP Team

Q&A

(Breakout groups) How can you get involved?

Partner survey

Announcements and closing



Partnership engagement

Partnership Engagement

GRP is currently made up of 90+ organisations

New GRP Partners:

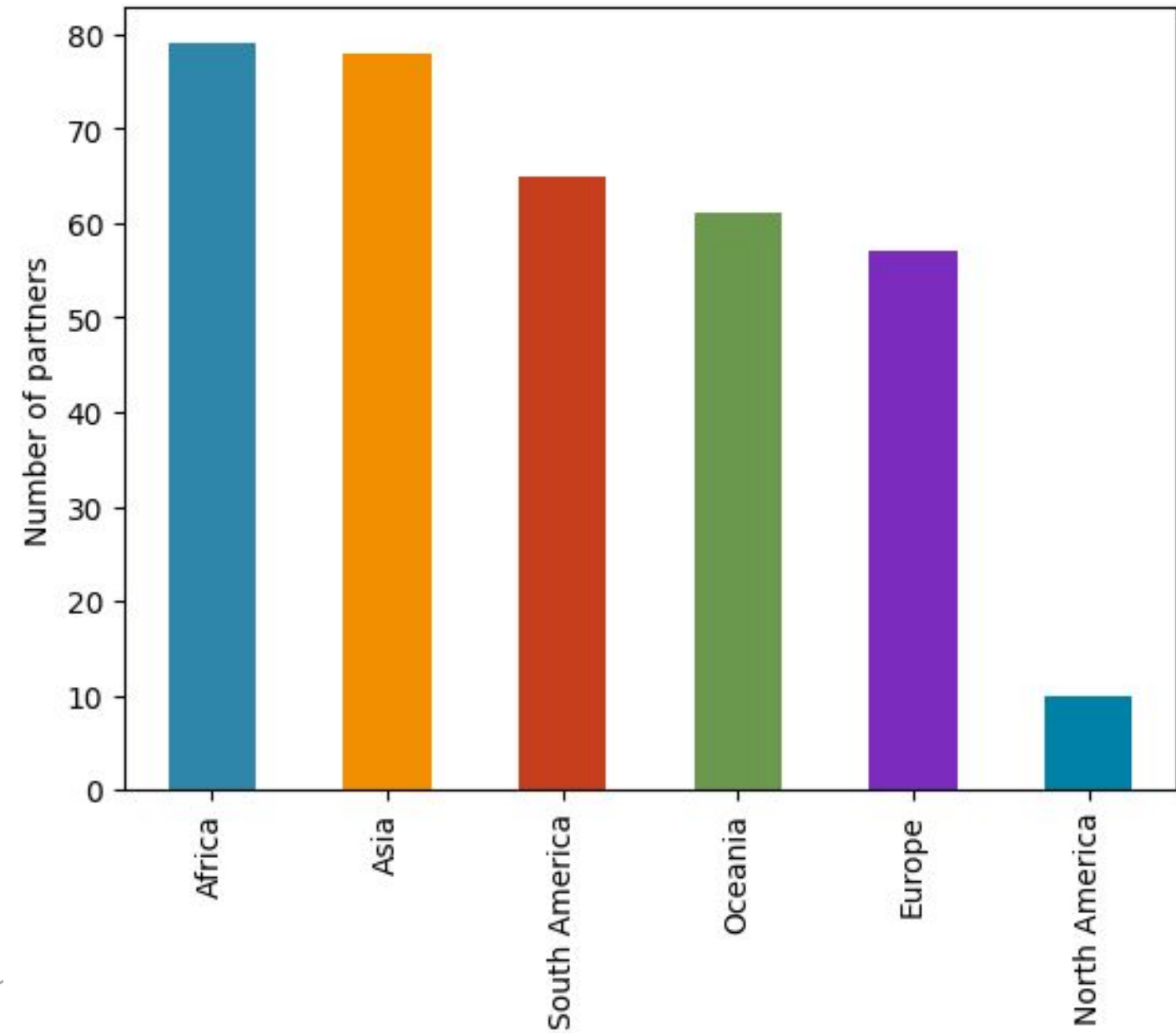
- Advancing Standards Transforming Markets (ASTM) International
- B.Inspired with Stories from Africa (B.ISA)
- Climate Change Africa Opportunities
- UNICEF
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development

GRP's activities and strengths relies on committed and active partners!



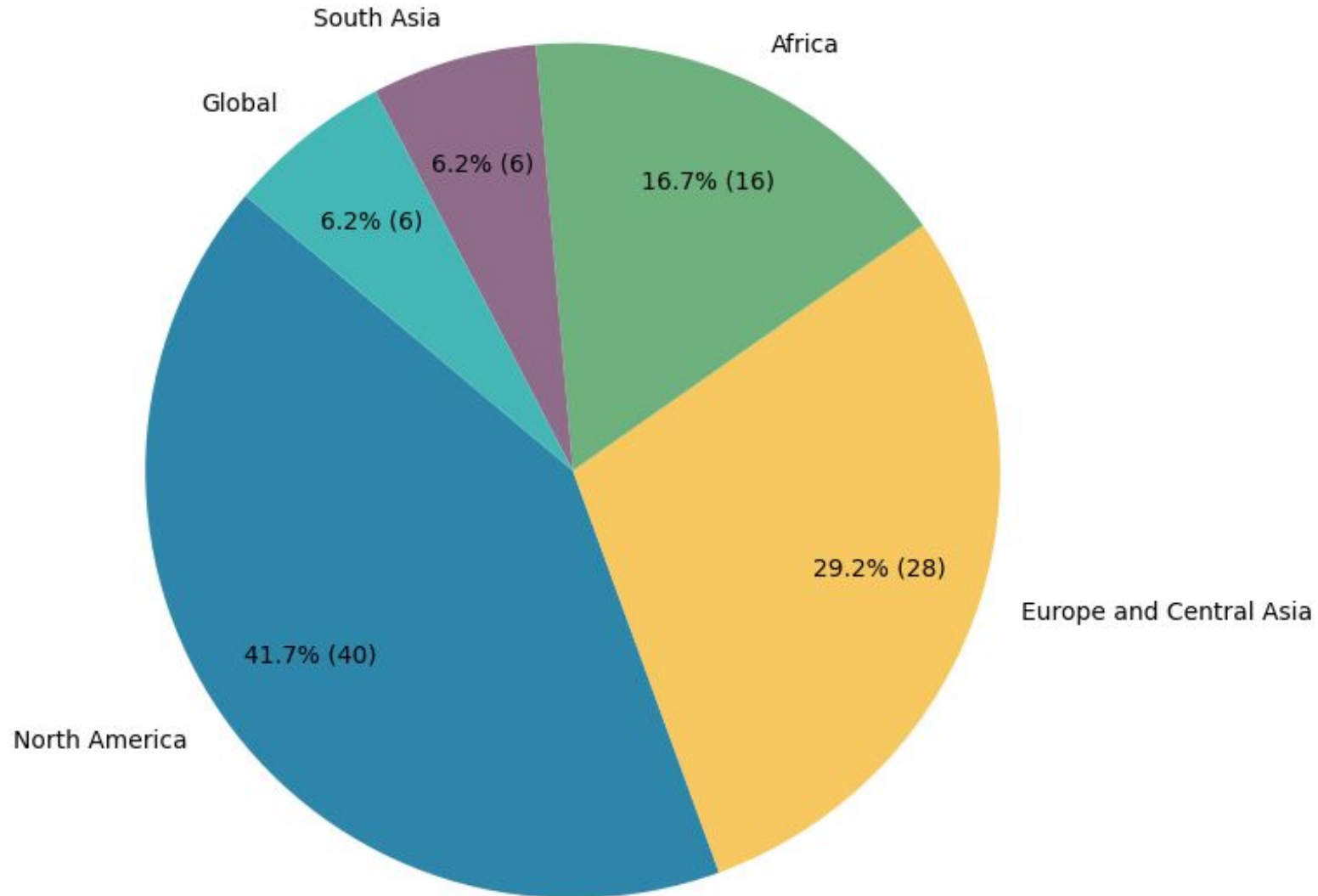


Where our Partners work





Where our Partners are headquartered







Partner Engagement calendar



- **Ask Me Anything-** Twice a year
- **Quarterly Email updates** - to inform Partners about ongoing developments and initiatives.
- **Partner spotlight sessions** - opportunity for partners to share their work and get input or feedback. Slots available for partners to express interest
- **Partner content amplifying** - Amplify partners work on GRP social media twice a month
- Partners to share content with GRP through mkasumba@globalresiliencepartnership.or
- Poll



Innovation challenges

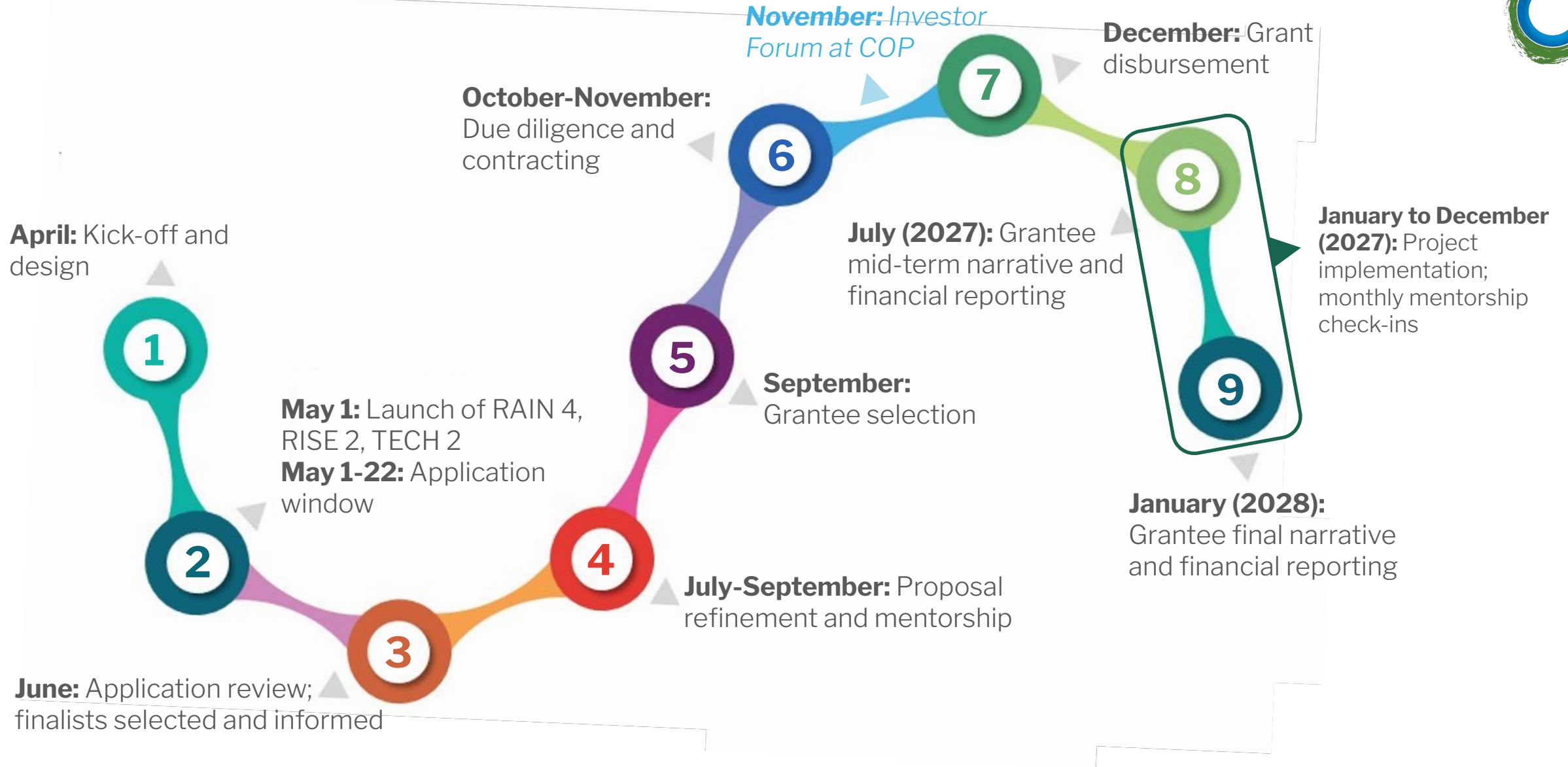
GRP Innovation Challenges



Ongoing challenges

- **Resilient Agriculture Innovation for Nature (RAIN) Rural Challenge** - with Munich Re Foundation, Shockwave Foundation, and Trafigura Foundation
- **Resilience Innovation through Scaling Entrepreneurship (RISE) Urban Challenge** - with Sida and Trafigura Foundation
- **Technology for Evolving Challenges in Humanitarian Contexts (TECH) 4 Resilience Challenge (TECH) Challenge** - with Gates Foundation and Trafigura Foundation (emergency) and with SEACAR Alliance (BCG, WWF and Think City) and Trafigura Foundation (Nature)
- **Hindu Kush Himalaya Innovation Challenge for Entrepreneurs (HKH-ICE)** - with ICIMOD / FCDO







Get involved in Innovation

Our innovation challenges promote the emergence of transformative solutions from the bottom-up. This approach differs from conventional funding as applicants have freedom in designing innovative solutions to the most pressing problems. The funds are focused on outcomes and the implementation pathways are not prescribed. We invite partners to join GRP in this transformative initiative as ecosystem partners.

Funding support we are looking for:

- **Core funding** for the execution of the Challenges and support to winners
- Fund and co-create **bespoke thematic or geography** specific Challenge Funds
- **Funding prizes** for specific winner(s) of the Challenges
- **Sponsor events** (kick-off event, final selection of winner(s), award ceremony, investor forum)

In-kind support to innovation challenges:

- Promotional support
- Participating in events
- Acting as experts and mentors
- Match-making with funders

Why **get involved**:

- Early access to innovators
- Access to network of experts
- Contribution towards accelerating resilience in the Global South



Seeds of Resilience

Seeds of Transformative Resilience



Seeds of a Good Anthropocene - identifying positive examples of transformative actions toward sustainable, just, and peaceful futures - **we call them “seeds”**

- **Aim**
 - Assess local scale initiatives with potential to drive meaningful change, identify key features & link it to resilience theory
- **Theoretical Framework**
 - Framework with 5 dimensions to assess **transformative potential**
 - **Preconditions:** *Alignment with local/broader contexts, enabled by resources and support*
 - **Seed Actions:** Relationships and collaborations, power structures and norms, learning and systems understanding





Seeds of Transformative Resilience

- Collaboration with innovation challenges
 - RAIN 2 & RAIN 3
 - TECH
 - RISE
- Project process
 - Interviews, survey & feedback calls
- Initiatives supported
 - 38 initiatives
- Factsheets for RAIN 2 published in 2026



Partner engagement

- **Core funding** - through Innovation Challenges for continued research studies with grantees
- **In-kind** - Promotional support of findings
- **Research collaborations** - collaboration on research papers or joint funding proposals



Quotes from innovation projects about Seeds

"We will take the document and workshop it internally to see how we can improve. Firstly, we want to **adapt the Seeds framework into our strategy** a bit more in the project in Nigeria. It seems **beneficial to internal staff and the cooperatives**. Second, the factsheet captures our reality at the moment very well **it does reflect what we are doing in terms of process and learning**" - *Initiative in Tanzania & Kenya*

"I like how you mention the **importance of different types of knowledge** in the framework, **Indigenous Knowledge is often overlooked** when we talk about climate resilience - I always say that **farmers have been practicing like this** (regenerative farming) **for millennium - but other research has not captured it.**" - *Initiative in Tanzania*

"We love it. It is so thoughtful, and **it helps one look at transformations as a non-linear process**, how a seed becomes a tree. Reading it, it feels like looking in a mirror and seeing both the shadows and the potential, it highlights how our work **aligns with farming** not only as an occupation, but **as identity and grounds our work.**" - *Initiative in Uganda*



Road to Action

Road to Action Vision and Approach



Vision

To bridge the gap between resilience science and decision-making by turning knowledge into clear, actionable strategies that drive system wide change



Approach

To deliver co-created, evidence-based guidance based on the RSMKs aligned with real-world decision processes

Tracks explored



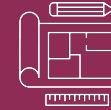
Private Sector

Strengthening resilience in private sector practice through learning modules and workshops that build internal capacity, resilience thinking, and aid companies in aligning their strategies with the sustainability of the planet.



Funders

Engaging with resilience funders (philanthropies, multilateral organizations) through strategic convenings to support the reframing of strategies and funding models around resilience



Policy makers

Integrating resilience insights to policy processes through NAPs, NDCs, and tailored tools for negotiators

Private Sector

- **Resilience e-learning course**
 - Collaboration with Bentley Systems
 - Launched LCAW at Resilience Hub event
- **Cross sector convenings**
- **Stockholm private sector workshop**
 - Swedish private companies

Funders

- **Philanthropies dinner**
 - 10-15 funders at LCAW
- **Strategic convenings**
 - LCAW, NYCW and COP

What we have focused on

Policy makers

- First engagements with **climate negotiators** (Swedish delegation)
- **Breaking silos between NDCs and NAPs** - Joint proposals GGGI, AGWA

Partner ask and offer

- Opportunities to engage in one of the three tracks
- Financial or in kind contributions to specific activities under the Road to Action
- Partnerships and collaboration around specific events

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Resilience Hub

RESILIENCE HUB

Resilience Hub 2026

Now entering its sixth year, the Resilience Hub has become a leading, impact-driven platform, with sustained engagement since COP26.

- Programming aligned with the [Resilience Science Must-Knows](#) to ensure a strong foundation in evidence-based practice
- Focused on **action-oriented agendas** with high-impact, implementable solutions (aligning with Road to Action where relevant and broader agendas)
- Increasingly **hands-on and strategic** in shaping outcomes and priorities
- Connects decision-makers with key actors, insights, and tools for system-level change



RESILIENCE HUB



London Climate Action Week 2026

For the third year, the [Resilience Hub](#) is on the road and heading to London Climate Action Week for a full day of insightful dialogues, hands-on workshops, and artistically inspired mingles and networking opportunities!



External registrations
open tomorrow!

09:00 - 10:30

Resilience that works: Aligning business, finance, and policy for transformative potential (in collaboration with COP31 HLC)

11:00 - 12:15

 **WINNING THE NEXT ECONOMY**

12:15 - 12:30

Engineering Resilience: From Science to Infrastructure Decisions

13:30 - 14:30

Who pays for next wave of technological investments on health resilience to climate change?

14:45 - 16:15

Investor Forum: Connecting innovators and investors for climate action

16:30 - 17:30

Going Digital for Infrastructure Resilience



How and when you can get involved

Attend and engage at our convenings:

As a Partner of GRP you have already been invited to attend our LCAW event via email in advance of open registration.

External Registrations go live tomorrow!

Leading 'flagship' events at COP31

If you are interested to lead outcome-driven convening in unusual formats (hackathon, hypothetical exercises, daily interview) let's explore how we can make a powerful statement and footprint on Adaptation and Resilience this year

Please reach out if interested in discussing further:

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LCAW Event Information



Res Hub Newsletter



RESILIENCE HUB





Private Sector

Advancing Resilience

An aerial photograph of a dense, vibrant green forest. A river winds through the center of the forest, creating a large loop. The sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The image is partially obscured by a white diagonal line on the right side, which serves as a background for the text.

Mobilising Business for Resilience

At COP30, GRP launched Mobilising Business for Resilience with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) as a Strategic Knowledge Partner, and eight signatory companies: Aon, ASTM, Bentley Systems, Blue Marble, Danone, LinkedIn, Mercy Corps Ventures and Pula.

MBR focuses on four key activities:

- (i) Resilience science-policy-practice brokering**
- (ii) Strategic events, communications, and outreach**
- (iii) Building the investment base**
- (iv) Building the evidence base**



Private Sector Engagement

2026 Plans

- High level **in-person leaders convenings:**
 - June: London Climate Action Week (in partnership with WBCSD, UNICEF and the COP31 Presidency)
 - October: Private Sector Adaptation and Resilience Residency in Stockholm
 - November: COP31
- **Showcase company evidence:** Climate Resilience Awards for Business (in partnership with WBCSD)
- **Drive resilience innovation:** Invest in our for-profit Challenge winners (core innovation, bespoke challenges, specific prizes, events, in-kind support)



What our Partners are saying

“GRP’s unique contribution is the combination of trusted cross-sector convening, practical resilience innovation and knowledge exchange, including through platforms such as the Resilience Hub. Few partnerships bring together locally led resilience actors in a way that supports shared learning, collaboration and pathways from innovation toward scale.”

- *GRP Partner*

“The ability to tap into a diverse, global network and crowd-source solutions to pressing global challenges. The ability to provide hands-on mentoring, leadership training, and other technical assistance to promising applicants.”

- *GRP Partner*

“This partnership supports our efforts to learn how others are applying principles of resilience to their work across various sectors.”

- *GRP Partner*

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