

C40 Policy Impact and Knowledge Transfer Course

The core training team

John Young joined INASP as Executive Director in November 2018. He previously spent 17 years developing and leading the Research and Policy in Development (RAPID) programme at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), which provided research, advisory and capacity development services for a wide range of organisations involved in producing and using research for development. He has provided training in research communications and policy engagement to researchers in UK and Southern Universities, Bilateral and Multilateral NGOs and Civil Society Organisations.



Jonathan Breckon is currently an independent consultant providing research, advice, and training in knowledge mobilisation methods and evidence-informed policy, for clients including What Works Wellbeing, Campbell Collaboration UK and Ireland, Evidence Quarter, Centre for Homelessness Impact, Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology, and HM Government Open Innovation Team. Between 2012 and 2021 he was Director of the Alliance for Useful Evidence in NESTA where he built a network of over 5,000 individual policymakers, researchers, consultants, and charity leaders committed to better production and use of evidence in the UK and elsewhere.



Louise Shaxson is an experienced senior manager with long experience of evidence-informed policymaking in the UK and internationally. In October 2021 she stepped aside as Director of ODI's Digital Societies Programme to focus on her PhD on the use of evidence in UK policymaking. She has over 30 years' experience as an interdisciplinary researcher, research manager, science policy adviser, management consultant and political economy analyst. She has supported research-policy relationships and knowledge brokering in over 10 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and has advised government departments and international agencies on their internal processes to improve the use of evidence.



Tabitha Buchner joined INASP in January 2019 as a Programme Coordinator. She works with university partners in Uganda as part of the FCDO-funded Transforming Employability for Social Change in East Africa (TESCEA) project and previously was the capacity development lead for the Strengthening the Use of Evidence for Development Impact (SEDI) programme which worked to strengthen evidence use in policy in Ghana, Uganda and Pakistan and in which INASP was the technical lead on capacity development. She is a highly experienced online workshop facilitator.



Guest Speakers

Sam Bickersteth has over 30 years experience of strategic research and advisory work on international environment, development, food security and climate change challenges in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He has worked with DFID, Oxfam, PwC and Oxford University. He has managed many large global research programmes involving multiple stakeholders in the UK, globally and in developing countries. From 2011 to 2018 he was Chief Executive of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network, and after that Executive Director of the Rockefeller Foundation Economic Council on Planetary Health.



Shehnaaz Moosa has been actively involved in the climate change space in Africa for the last 8 years. Prior to that she delivered projects centering on water and service delivery in South Africa. She is a Director at SouthSouthNorth which focuses on knowledge brokering on a wide range of issues around climate change. She currently leads the Climate and Development Knowledge Network, the Southern African Climate Finance Partnership and Amplifying Voices for Just Climate Action.



Liz Carslile has worked in the development sector and specialised in communications work for over 30 years. Originally with IIED/Earthscan raising awareness through seminars/press briefings and publications. She was a co-founder of Panos London in 1985 where she worked in the communications trading arm and as head of information marketing and acting director of the organisation. Then she returned to IIED as Director of Communication where she led a substantial expansion of communications activity including launching the Barbara Ward Lecture series, the IIED Communications Learning Week and the Fair Ideas event in Rio and more.

