

Jerri A. Husch, PhD Bio

Jerri A. Husch is a PhD Sociologist, currently the Coordinator of the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, “Delaware Extension Climate Change Coordination Initiative” or “DECCCI”.

Jerri has a background in national and international climate change adaptation policy and focusses on the use of qualitative methods and ethnographic data to inform strategy, policy, and program implementation and subsequent project monitoring and impact assessments. Her career spans work across UN agencies and programs, including WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNITAR and FAO. In all of her work she has provided a sociological focus offering a socio-cultural perspective to international, national, regional and local climate change adaptation policy.

In her work as co-lead of the interdisciplinary analytic team that supported the National Adaptation Program (NAP) work of the UNDP 12 nation project, “**Africa Adaptation Program**” (UNDP/AAP) she designed an easy-to-use assessment tool, “**Climate Action Intelligence**” (“**CAI**”) that integrated data from across national ministries in support of climate change response activities. CAI was introduced to help countries monitor, track and integrate efforts in climate adaptation across regional, national, district and municipal levels. See: <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/momentum-for-change/activity-database/climate-action-intelligence-cai-database>

That work was furthered by the creation of the UNITAR/UNDP, “Skills Assessment for National Adaptation Planning”(<https://www.adaptation-undp.org/resources/training-tools/skills-assessment-national-adaptation-planning>)

Jerri remains committed to strengthening the individual skills and collective, group organizational capacities needed to support cross sector collaboration and strengthen links between regional, national and municipal climate change adaptation and SDG efforts. She brings her cross and multi-cultural work experiences across Africa, Asia and Latin America to the US and Extension by sharing the work of the new UD Cooperative Extension DECCCI project.