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2026 AIKRN QUARTERLY WEBINAR SERIES

Ubuntu translanguaging:

Valuing local languages in community-engaged digital storytelling with isiXhosa-speaking Cape Flats residents to address environmental disaster risks



Monday | 10:00 am - 12:00 PM EST
March 30, 2025 | 3:00 pm - 5:00 PM GMT

Zoom

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **Community-Led Knowledge on Climate Resilience**
 Nine isiXhosa digital stories from Cape Flats communities reveal lived experiences of flooding, drought, and fire— co-producing grounded understandings of resilience through participatory research.
- ◆ **Ubuntu as a Framework for Resilience**
 Co-researchers emphasized ubuntu — humanism and interdependency — as central to how communities conceptualize and practice resilience in the face of environmental disasters.
- ◆ **Translanguaging as a Decolonial Method**
 Expanding beyond English to include isiXhosa narratives, creative arts, and cultural meaning-making tools enriches knowledge production and advances decolonial approaches to environmental research.



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