Professional profile

Clare Stott is a Senior Consultant in Itad’s Inclusive Growth and Climate Change practice, where she delivers monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), project management and strategy development across the climate change portfolio. Her thematic expertise is focussed on different aspects of climate resilience and adaptation, including local and nature-based approaches, finance, policy and innovation. Clare has delivered MEL assignments in these spaces for diverse clients, including HMG’s DEFRA and FCDO, WFP, FMO, USAID, the World Bank Climate Investment Funds and others.

Clare has strong expertise in delivering theory-based MEL. She has supported the design and implementation of complex MEL approaches, including indicator and ToC development, value for money assessments, formative and summative evaluations, case studies and syntheses. Clare leads the learning workstream for FCDO’s COAST MEL supplier, designing and facilitating a robust learning approach to support evidence-informed adaptive management within the programme. She supports Itad’s impact evaluation as part of the Independent Evaluator for DEFRA’s Biodiverse Landscapes Fund (BLF), for which she has developed indicator guidance, including for ICF Key Performance Indicators, facilitated complex systems mapping and ToC processes, and supported the baseline MEL design. Clare has completed external training in theory-based MEL tools and approaches and actively participated in Itad’s internal learning and development programme, for which she is also a facilitator of Itad’s core MEL skills training module. Through her technical work with Itad, Clare has delivered a series of case studies, including in Kenya, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Clare has 17 years professional experience working in the social sciences, specialising through her masters in climate change and development, and moving into the MEL space within that. Her climate change expertise is focussed primarily on climate resilience, alongside climate finance, adaptation, policy and innovation. Before joining Itad, she worked as an independent consultant, delivering climate policy, governance and finance projects for international clients. Her work included co-facilitating climate finance trainings with government members across Asia-Pacific, supporting the drafting of the Myanmar climate change strategy with UNDP, developing an adaptation technology database for the UNFCCC and delivering a set of climate-sensitive indicators for the SDGs. She held a research post at the International Centre for Climate Change and Development in Bangladesh. Her research focussed on climate change adaptation, local resilience approaches and disaster risk reduction, in urban and rural contexts. Whilst in Bangladesh, Clare co-founded and managed a climate change knowledge network, ‘Gobeshona’, that supports climate-related programme and policy development in Bangladesh. Clare holds an MSc from University College London in Anthropology, Environment and Development, where she specialised in climate change adaptation, exploring local level knowledge sharing for adaptation in coastal Bangladesh.

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| Nationality | British | Country experience | Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Tanzania, Vietnam |
| Languages | English (native) |
| Education | 2012 - 2013 **MSc Anthropology, Environment and Development (Distinction)**, University College London2004 – 2007 **BSc Hons Archaeology (First Class)**, Cardiff University |
| Employment | 2016 - Present **Senior Consultant**, Itad, UK2015 - 2016 **Independent Consultant**2013 - 2015 **Visiting Researcher,** International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Bangladesh2013 **Research Internship**, IIED, UK2012 **Research Internship**, KOMAZA, Kenya2012 **Research Placement**, International Council of Environmental Law, Germany |
|  | 2011 – 2012 **Senior Administrator**, Foster + Partners, UK2009 – 2010 **English Teacher,** KMG Academy, South Korea2007 – 2009 **Archaeologist**, Freelance, UK |

Project experience

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| **2024 - Present****2023 - 2024** | **Climate and Ocean Adaptation and Sustainable Transition (COAST), (FCDO),** *Learning Lead.* Itad, in partnership with MRAG, is the MEL supplier for FCDO’s COAST programme under the Blue Planet Fund. Clare is the Learning Lead for the MEL supplier, responsible for designing and facilitating learning within and across the programme, to inform an evidence-based adaptive management approach, and elevate learning to the programme, fund and sector level to allow for critical engagement on the latest evidence-based insights in the coastal adaptation and marine conservation space.**Tracking Multilateral Renewable Energy System (RES), (European Climate Foundation),** *Senior Analyst***.** ECF have commissioned a tracking of multilateral renewable energy system (RES) initiatives to understand progress being made towards global commitments. Itad is supporting this work by applying a rigorous approach to assessing the quality of evidence available and the status of progress of identified initiatives. Findings of the combined analysis will be packaged and published for public access ahead COP 28, delivering outreach and communications of the final product to ECF’s partners, multilaterals and others involved in negotiations around the renewable energy transition. Clare is leading the team in delivering this analysis, driving forward a rapid analysis to produce a succinct and digestible report ahead of COP28. |
| **2022 - Present** | **Independent Evaluation of the Biodiverse Landscapes Fund (BLF), (DEFRA),** *Impact Evaluation Support***.** In partnership with Oxford Policy Management, Itad is conducting an independent evaluation of the BLF. Itad’s systems-informed evaluation will run parallel to the implementation of the fund until 2029 to assess the impact, processes, and value for money of the BLF at both the programme and landscape levels. Clare is delivering impact evaluation support to the MEL team, to establish and deliver the MEL system at portfolio and landscape level. Recent activities include developing ICF indicator guidance and establishing the baseline evaluation approach. |
| **2022 - 2023** | **Strategic Global Evaluation of WFP’s Resilience Policy, (WFP),** *Evaluation Expert***.** Clare was responsible for evaluating the quality, results, and implementation context of WFP’s Policy on Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition. She co-led the evaluation design at proposal stage and supported its development through inception phase, including through high level interviews, document review, mapping of policy, programmes and plans, delivery of the evaluability assessment for the evaluation, and scoping of comparable institutions. She delivered desk-based case studies responding to identified evaluation questions, based on the Theory of Change. |
| **2021 - 2022** | **Formative Evaluation of the Dutch Fund for Climate and Development, (FMO),** *Senior Evaluator***.** As a senior evaluator on this evaluation, Clare co-designed and delivered the evaluation, including delivering landscape-level case studies that explored the fund investments in specific complex and vulnerable landscapes, including Vietnam, researching the landscape, climate, and environmental and social objectives of the fund, and analysing progress towards those objectives. Clare worked closely with FMO, and with the consortium of partners delivering the fund, including WWF-NL, SNV and Climate Fund Managers, to deliver the evaluation findings and co-create recommendations, which the consortium is now actively taking forward. |
| **2019 - 2020** | **Global Resilience Partnership Phase 3 MEL Support**, **(KPMG, Multi-country),** *Learning Lead.* Itad was re-contracted in 2018 to provide GRP, along with their grantees and partners, with MEL services, including the design and delivery of an interactive Management Information System, a learning agenda and associated outputs, and an updated version of the GRP MEL Plan reflecting GRP’s 2018 Strategy. Clare led on two strategic case studies exploring i. approaches to climate adaptation and resilience building in humanitarian setting in Kenya; and ii. learning associated with the scaling of innovations by GRP grantees. |
| **2017 - 2019** | **A Learning Review of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the Forest Investment Program (FIP), (Climate Investment Funds).** *Learning Lead*. Itad’s learning review sought to explore and capture the FIP DGM’s experience in encouraging greater involvement of IPLCs in financial and policy processes that relate to forests. Clare delivered evaluative design, knowledge sharing and case study analyses for the project, to support Itad in the delivery of the final report. |
| **2016 - 2020** | **Ideas to Impact (DFID Innovation Prizes for Environment and Development)**, (DFID, UK) *M&E Consultant.* “Ideas to Impact” launched and awarded seven innovation prizes stimulating solutions to climate adaptation, climate information, affordable clean energy access and safe drinking water. Itad led the design and implementation of Ideas to Impact’s Monitoring & Evaluation as part of the IMC-led service provider consortium. Clare supported the methodology development, including VFM, and led the evaluations for the Climate Information and Adaptation at Scale prizes. |
| **2016 - 2017** | **Global Resilience Partnership: Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation**, **(Rockefeller Foundation / USAID / SIDA, Multi-country),** *M&E Consultant.* The Global Resilience Partnership (GRP) aims to help millions of vulnerable people in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia better adapt to shocks and chronic stresses and invest in a more resilient future. It combines the critical know-how, tools, and processes required to improve, build, and scale up climate resilience thinking and capacity. Itad was engaged by GRP as a Learning Partner in the Impact Unit to design and deliver a MEL system for the programme. Clare was involved in Theory of Change and MEL development, with a focus on indicators for innovation and grantee MEL support. |
| **2016** | **Local Climate Finance in Kenya and Tanzania**, **(DFID, Kenya and Tanzania),** *Research Consultant.* Clare was responsible for the design, facilitation, and analysis of climate finance research projects across two countries. In Kenya, the focus was on the evaluation of the effectiveness of County Adaptation Funds in supporting community resilience. In Tanzania, research sought to examine the channels of finance from international to national and subnational levels. This included in-depth climate finance policy reviews for each country; establishing, training, and managing research teams in country; designing respective research framework; facilitating and conducting data collection with governments, communities and implementing agencies; and analysing data to produce reports for delivery at the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) in 2016. |
| **2016** | **Myanmar Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (MCCSAP)**, **(UNDP, Myanmar),** *Research consultant.* Clare was involved in engaging and facilitating consultations, interviews, and workshops with government representatives in Myanmar, seeking their input and analysis of options for effective and sustainable climate change strategy in the country. She synthesised and analysed the data, along with the consultative team, to draft a climate change strategy and action plan for Myanmar in line with their Green Growth Strategy and national priorities. |
| **2013 - 2015** | **Gobeshona**, **(DFID, Bangladesh),** *Co-founder and Project Lead.* Gobeshona is a research platform for delivering the latest research on climate change in Bangladesh to policy makers to support effective action. Its establishment included developing and formalizing strategic partnerships with contributing research organizations and government and implementing entities. Clare was responsible for designing and managing the corresponding web portal, seminar series and annual international conference to effectively support learning outcomes resulting from the initiative. Clare facilitated working sessions with the Government of Bangladesh to deliver targeted knowledge to inform national policy and planning for climate change related matters.  |

Selected publications

* The climate information prize (CIP) evaluation: helping Kenyans to adapt to climate change (2019) DFID Evaluation report, Clare Stott, Cheryl Brown
* Adaptation at scale: final evaluation report (2020) DFID Evaluation report
* Evaluating the value for money of Ideas to Impact’s innovation inducement prizes (2020) DFID Research Paper, Clare Stott, Catherine Gould
* An incubator approach to scaling effective resilience solutions (2020) GRP Case Study. Clare Stott, Sarah Robens
* Building resilience in the humanitarian-development nexus: The Community Flood Resilience Project, Kakuma, Kenya (2019) GRP Case Study, Clare Stott
* A Learning Review of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the Forest Investment Program (FIP) of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) (2019), CIF report. Boru Douthwaite, Ben Murphy, Clare Stott, Bara Sladkova, Patrick Hardcastle, Dave Wilson
* Finance for resilience building and ecosystem-based adaptation in Kenya (2017) Adaptation Consortium Working Paper. John Nyagena, Clare Stott and Adan Wario
* Climate Finance Short Course Training Report (2016), IIED Report. Yousuf Mahid, Clare Stott
* Climate Proofing the Goals (2015) BOND. Clare Stott (lead author)
* APAN Adaptation Technology Database (2015) APAN Online Resource. Clare Stott (lead author)
* Knowledge flows in climate change adaptation: exploring friction between scales (2014) Climate and Development, 6:4, 382-387, Clare Stott & Saleemul HuqFramework for Various Approaches including Non‐Market Based Approaches and the New Market Mechanism (2014) SEAN-CC Negotiation Briefing Paper. Clare Stott (lead author)
* Technology Executive Committee Brief #4: Technologies for Adaptation in the Agriculture Sector (2014). UNFCCC. Clare Stott (lead author)
* Technology Executive Committee Brief #5: Technologies for Adaptation in the Water Sector (2014). UNFCCC. Clare Stott (lead author)
* An Examination of the Least Developed Countries in the IPCC (2014) IIED. Clare Stott