

## **Uncertainty and transformation: looking back and looking forward**

*Panel session at the event [Pathways to sustainability: knowledge, politics and power](#)  
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Climate change is considered to be a key threat to the sustainability of societies and their environments. Yet knowledge about the scale and impacts of these changes remain deeply uncertain. In this context, is it possible to 'reimagine' uncertainty so that it can inspire transformative change?

This session will focus on the links between climate change uncertainty and transformation. Speakers will explore how and under what conditions uncertainty can open up opportunities for transformation highlighting the synergies and tensions about temporality, accountability, responsibility and ethics.

These reflections from different global South contexts will help consider the wider lessons and challenges to enable transformations from below in an increasingly uncertain world. The session will build on the insights from past STEPS projects as well as the ongoing [TAPESTRY project](#).

### **Speakers**

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