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Sheona Shackleton is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Environmental Science at Rhodes University and a Senior Associate with the Center for International Forestry Research in Indonesia. She has worked extensively at the interface between rural development and natural resource management for the last 30 years, undertaking research in such spheres as community conservation, rural livelihoods and vulnerability, ecosystem services and human-well being, non-timber forest product use and commercialisation, and climate change adaptation. She has participated in several large international, interdisciplinary and inter-institutional research programmes, and teaches aspects of inter- and transdisciplinarity and complex social-ecological systems in her undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Current interdisciplinary research projects relevant to the topic of the conference include a four year study on the “*Vulnerability, coping and adaptation within the context of climate change and HIV/AIDS in South Africa: Investigating strategies and practices to strengthen livelihoods and food security, improve health, and build resilience*” with partners at the University of Alberta, Canada and funded by the IDRC; a project on “*Human Adaptation to Biodiversity Change: Building and Testing Concepts, Methods, and Tools for Understanding and Supporting Autonomous Adaptation*” funded by ESPA and coordinated by University of Kent, UK; and a project on “*Limits to Adaptation*” funded by WUN and managed by Penn State University, USA. In addition to research in the areas of vulnerability, adaptation and resilience, she has also worked with colleagues on Higher Education approaches to learning and research in sustainability and complexity issues, and has students working on ecoliteracy. She has some 85 peer reviewed journal and book contributions to her name, the same number of research reports and is a B-rated scientist with the South African National Research Foundation.