Resilience in development: a dialogue among practitioners and researchers

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Abstract

What does resilience in development look like? How can development challenges be addressed through a resilience lens? How can the research community support practitioners in resilience-focused development efforts? This session will explore these questions and the multiple links between resilience thinking and understanding and solving some of today’s major development challenges. Representatives from development projects and programs that take resilience as a strong central feature of their vision and approach will examine resilience in the face of global issues such as feeding 9 billion people while staying within planetary boundaries and addressing current and future climate change challenges. Roundtable discussants will share insights into how resilience approaches can facilitate positive change in places where these challenges are central. Focusing on resilience – the capacity to deal with change and continue to develop - in social and ecological systems and farming systems the discussion will explore building resilience in communities and the linkages between development and science.

This session will contribute to the conference theme Development Challenges through a Resilience Lens. It is hoped it will compliment the research sessions in the theme and support integrated discussion and learning that bridges the research to development divide.

The session questions:

What does resilience in development look like?

What development challenges are, and can be, addressed with a resilience lens?

What are the major challenges in applying resilience in development contexts?

Keynote address from Klaus Schreiner, GIZ (20 min)

Response and insight from Katrina Brown (10 min)

Round Table discussion (30 min)

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Klaus Schreiner
Katrina Brown

(each discussant 3 min to share their key insights, followed by open facilitated dialogue)

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