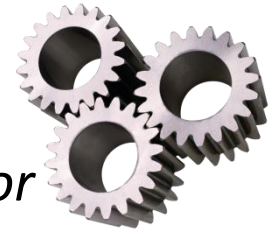


Group discussion on Resilience and Climate Change



Our group was well mixed with participation of countries (8), UN Agencies, Universities, NGOs and IOs → Important to get countries' perspectives as well as insights on UN/international processes around post-2015 agenda on water

It is very difficult to translate the concept of resilience and to make it accessible and understandable by everyone → attempt to steer the discussion around the question:



How can we explain why and how water is essential for resilience and coping with cc effects and other global pressures?

Highlights from the discussion

- 1:** resilience vs adaptation vs mitigation (vs prevention)
- 2:** are we speaking the same language? Countries perspectives.... Very interesting and enlightening
- 3:** strongest “post-it keywords”: prevention of and recovery from disasters; water security (is this overarching?); awareness raising / education; implementation of plans and need of infrastructure (countries have NAPAS but no money); FINANCING; resilient adaptation; deterioration of ecosystems; coping with extreme weather events; traditional and indigenous knowledge; ...
- 4:** Maybe not a standing alone issue but to be integrated with other ones (IWRM, Financing, pollution, ecosystems) BUT to be sure that water is there, under this or any other processs (COPs..).
- 5** Planning has to consider future changes, such as climate change but also any other global change with impact on water

We have put everything in the mixer...

Countries will include cost-effective measures for the protection and the integrated, sustainable management of water resources into their adaptation, mitigation and resilience strategies at all levels to cope with impacts of climate change and other global pressures.

A number of “indicators” were also sketched to address Issues that are not covered in this formulation. Among them:

1. Cut by half the cost of the impacts of cc on water resources
2. Insurance and reduction on the number of deaths linked to water related risk
3. Amount of funds mobilised interntionally for the implementation of resilient strategies
4. Green climate funds specific labelled for water to implement NAPS

