

# Climate Resilient Development (701M9)

## Spring 2021



## Module overview

Course session, 30 October 2020



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## UNDP and World Resources Institute Launch Report on Engaging the Private Sector to Build Resilience to Climate Change

Dec 8, 2015



The UN Development Programme (UNDP) and World Resources Institute (WRI) launched a joint report today during the Paris climate change conference (COP21), highlighting why enhancing resilience in the private sector, led by small business, is vital to building resilient communities.



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## Partners for Resilience

# Resilience is 'everywhere'...

Resilience features in all four major post-2015 frameworks

- Development (UN Sustainable Development Goals)
- Climate change (UNFCCC Paris Agreement)
- Disasters (UNISDR Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction)
- Humanitarian issues (World Humanitarian Summit)



# What is the module about?

- A critical examination of theory and practice of 'climate resilient development' and how to understand concepts and debates
- Debates and exercises on different approaches, tools and methodologies, what they do and how they differ
- Exploring arguments about synergies, trade-offs and the potential for “triple wins”

# Resilience as a normative goal

- Promoting integration, breaking down silos (boundary object)
- Broad, system-wide perspective
- Accepting uncertainty and managing for change
- Crisis as opportunity for change

# Resilience as a normative goal

But ...

- Resilience of what and whom? (Whose goals? What are the possible trade-offs?)
- Focus on short term stability rather than long term sustainability
- Most definitions missing attention to power and agency
- New buzzword, old practices?
- Can be negative – rigidity
- Diverting attention away from social, economic and political reasons for why people are vulnerable, maintaining status quo?



# Module structure and themes

- What is ‘resilience’ and ‘climate resilient development’?
- Scale and knowledge
  - Local level adaptation
  - Science-society interactions
- Challenges of planning and implementation, including
  - Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and resilience
  - Urban planning
  - Migration
  - Organisational challenges
  - Gender and intersectionality as crosscutting concerns
- Mitigation-adaptation linkages
  - Resilience and “triple wins”

# Tentative weekly schedule

Week	Topic	Lecturer
1	Overview of module and introduction to key debates	Lars Otto Naess
2	The problem of resilience	Terry Cannon
3	Local level resilience?	Terry Cannon
4	Science, society and adaptation	Lars Otto Naess
5	Resilience and health	Terry Cannon
6	Disaster risk reduction and resilience	Terry Cannon
7	Urban resilience	Terry Cannon
8	Migration and adaptation	Terry Cannon
9	Organisational challenges to adaptation	Lars Otto Naess
10	Resilience and 'triple wins' (joint lecture with Low Carbon Development)	Lars Otto Naess
11	Assessed presentations	Lars Otto Naess

Weekly seminars focused on debates and exercises on the week's topic



# Module assessment

- **Term paper (80% of mark)**
  - 4000 words
- **Assessed individual presentation (20% of mark)**
  - Ca 10 minutes
  - Week 11
- **For both:**
  - Select one topic from the questions provided by lecturers

# Learning objectives

- Position and articulate your own specific interests
- Devise and sustain arguments that contribute to debates on linkages between resilience, adaptation, disaster risk reduction and development
- Distinguish different dimensions of climate resilient development
- Critically evaluate resilience in relation to international institutional systems, structures and actors
- Understand and use the variety of approaches, methods and tools available to support ‘climate resilient development’

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**Thank you**  
Questions?