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Making Waves in Equitable Coastal Resilience: A National Workshop on Social Equity and Coastal Resilience

• November 2022
• Virtual format
• Three-day workshop
• Participants: academics, researchers, practitioners, and community members
• Total # of participants: 113
Framework for advancing on-the-ground research-practice collaborations to support equitable coastal resilience

Themes

Definition

Measurement

Decisions/Actions

Instruments/tools
Summary of Discussions and Key Points

- Definitional concerns
- Measuring equity and coastal resilience
- Funding for engaged or applied research
- Funding for communities to support on-the-ground projects and programs
- Incentives, infrastructure, and institutional support for academic research
- Support for communities and community partners
Recommendations for research-practice collaborations

- Increase funding for engaged or applied research and allow more flexibility for research to co-produce with communities or community partners
- Ensure equity in prioritizing, evaluation, streamlining, award, and types of on-the-ground projects and programs that benefit underserved communities
- Provide institutional and administrative support, and incentives in encouraging and fostering community-based, engaged, and applied research

- Create and disseminate tools and metrics for project assessment that emphasize equity and mechanisms for collaboration-building processes
- Create paths and resources for community empowerment and advocacy
- Facilitate training for students engaged in community-based research and projects
Goal: Successful projects that incorporate applied and engaged research in coastal resilience and social equity

→ Task: Create a framework for what communities/community organizations should expect from researchers and the types of partnerships/collaborations that can be pursued.

→ Task: Provide guidelines and best practices for researchers and community partners to use in on-the-ground projects.

→ Task: Identify gaps in research and practice that can be filled by data-driven solutions.
Lessons learned

1. Understand what equity-centered policy related to coastal resilience is.
2. Learn how equity-centered policy development and program design can be encouraged.
3. Learn about measures and instruments of equity-related policy outcomes.
4. Identify how equity concerns of coastal resilience policies can be sustained over time.
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