

RESCUE Stakeholders Conference – Thematic Session 'Society and Institutions'

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Ensure the relevance and quality of the contents / issues related to 'Society and Institutions' in the draft RESCUE report, through active participation of all present in the session.

The discussion should, focus on **the clarity and coherence of the Recommendations.** (p.6)

Comments on each chapter are welcome in the light of the recommendations discussed in the group:

- the relevance and adequacy of the arguments;
- any missing or incomplete points;

Present the session summary during the plenary session on 16th May, late afternoon (10 minutes).

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1. 'Recommendations'				
	IMPORTANCE / COHERENCE	CLARITY / CONFIDENCE	FEASIBILITY / DESIRABILITY	COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS
1	<p>New Research Framework</p> <p>Governance considered in most general terms</p> <p>Recommend a very specific focus on research objectives to limit scope</p>	<p>Need to clarify partners, roles and terms</p> <p>Which institutions are involved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sustainable solutions •Use previous experience to identify aspects of exemplary practice and obstacles •Incentivising structures •Incorporate heterogeneity of countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not all stakeholders represented at meeting •Applicability to diverse scenarios and scales •Sustainable implementation mechanisms needed •Flexible, open systems •Evaluation system •Coordinating body

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2	<p>Institutional Change</p> <p>Focal point as a round table discussion and networking event</p>	<p>Defining terms and partnerships Who should be invited?</p> <p>What are the governance structures involved?</p>	<p>Social Science input</p> <p>Simultaneously global and local solution</p> <p>New media tools desirable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transformative research output ie. Interdisciplinary research structures •Challenge of human interactions as part of the process of change •Coordinating body

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3	<p>Revolution in Education</p> <p>Need to define a specific problem and take a participatory approach – learning by doing</p>	<p>Identify interest groups to motivate change</p> <p>Specify target groups for change</p>	<p>Social Sciences input to work in partnership with science</p> <p>Use new media</p> <p>What are we changing and why?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Meeting required to determine a specific problem to act as a fulcrum for change •Criteria for success and appropriate assessment tools and methods

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4	New Tools Define information	Who are the tools aimed at? Educators, students, the public?	Flexible, open frameworks New media	Did not have time to discuss

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2. **Other comments**

- Clarification of concepts and terminology
- Feasibility is the big issue
- Being practical about how to start and who to involve – good previous examples
- Scale and scope are significant issues related to the diversity of knowledge needed on so many levels and the number of people involved
- Importance of social sciences and humanities key to develop effective strategies
- Evaluation of social outcomes was not thoroughly discussed
- Platform for coordination and facilitation vital