
TUTORIAL: HOW TO GROUP VULNERABILITIES FOR CROSS-SECTOR STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Key Points

In the Guide, review Step 4, Task 1: Prepare for the Resilience Strategy Development Workshop, specifically the Develop Breakout Groups section

Summary points

- ▶ Purpose: re-organize risks that were captured in the Vulnerability Assessment matrix in a different way for the Strategy Development phase. This will help the process of developing cross-sector resilience strategies
- ▶ Working across sectors for strategy development is incredibly important - if each sector developed their own resilience strategies without consulting other sectors, there would be numerous conflicts and redundancies
- ▶ Start by looking at the risks identified in the Vulnerability Assessment matrix. What are the major themes for your community?
 - ▶ Themes are a category of risk into which multiple specific risks will fit
 - ▶ Examples might be: 1) forest dynamics and wildfire or 2) water quality
 - ▶ #1 would then include participants such as: ecologists, land managers, conservation groups, emergency response professionals, and city planners
 - ▶ #2 would include: health professionals, vector control, water utilities, aquatic biologists, farmers, recreation outfitters, and breweries
 - ▶ Be sure to include representatives of underrepresented populations and natural resources in most break-outs
 - ▶ Some creativity is likely to be needed. One example used by a community was Outside Influences which held a variety of risks such as climate change refugees moving in from the coasts; outside companies buying up water rights; new diseases/pests/invasive species affecting people, crops and wildlife; and energy price increases due to national trends.
 - ▶ Use these themes to develop 6-10 new breakout groups. Next, distribute all of the prioritized vulnerabilities into these new groups. Some trial error to get the best approach is likely; ideas for tackling the process
 - ▶ Print the vulnerabilities on post-it notes and move them around on your desk, until you have it sorted out
 - ▶ Gather 2-3 people around the whiteboard to help identify the appropriate groupings
 - ▶ Breakout groups don't have to be perfect, but they do need diverse and knowledgeable participants to develop effective cross-sector resilience strategies