



Resilience Dialogues

An Overview



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- Resilience Dialogues is an online service that provides customized, facilitated consultations to communities entering into climate vulnerability assessments and resilience and preparedness planning
- A public-private collaboration co-managed by the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) and the American Geophysical Union's Thriving Earth Exchange, overseen by a Leadership Team
- Launched publicly by the White House in October 2016

Federal Partners

- As the Federal managing body, USGCRP will help to coordinate input and participation from the following Federal agencies:
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - U.S. Department of Energy
 - U.S. Department of the Interior
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration





Non-Federal Partners

- The Resilience Dialogues Leadership Team includes members from several private-sector organizations:
 - American Meteorological Society
 - American Society of Adaptation Professionals
 - Institute for Sustainable Communities
 - Meridian Institute
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Climate CoLab
- Support for the beta service is provided by The Kresge Foundation





Objectives of the Resilience Dialogues

- What the Resilience Dialogues aims to do:
 - Identify and refine key community questions
 - Characterize local risks and impacts
 - Identify best-available resources to inform planning strategies
 - Connect communities with an expanded network of resilience scientists and experts
- What the Resilience Dialogues will not do:
 - Make decisions for communities
 - Conduct a full climate assessment or resilience planning effort
 - Replace professional consultants hired to develop in-depth climate resilience plans



Pilot Dialogues

- Five pilot dialogues took place in March 2016
 - Coral Gables, FL
 - Dubuque, IA
 - Knoxville, TN
 - Minneapolis, MN
 - Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) / Kansas City Metro Area)
- Subject Matter Experts, facilitators, and community leaders from more than 22 public and private organizations worked with these communities in a series of three dialogues



Beta Dialogues

- In the beta rollout, the Resilience Dialogues team will work closely with several community networks to select an initial set of 10 communities.
 - California Governor's Office of Planning and Research
 - Community and Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI)
 - ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
 - Resilience AmeriCorps
 - Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact
- Selected communities will represent a diverse group, including historically underserved or financially challenged communities experiencing a range of climate impacts





Dialogue Logistics

- Online, collaborative platform accessible with username & password
- Series of two, asynchronous dialogues
 - Dialogue 1: understanding local climate impacts and identifying key climate adaptation risks and opportunities
 - Dialogue 2: tools, resources, and experts that are most relevant to the community and its questions
- Each dialogue includes 3-5 community leaders, 4-5 resilience scientists and practitioners, and a facilitator

Beta Dialogues Timeline

2016	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select ~5 communities for the first cohort of the Resilience Dialogues• Build pool of Facilitators and Subject Matter Experts
	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orient Community Leaders• Select, match, orient and train SMEs and Facilitators
2017	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run first Dialogues with first cohort• Identify second cohort of ~5 communities
	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run second Dialogue with first cohort• Follow up with community networks
	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and evaluate first cohort of dialogues• Run first Dialogue with second cohort
	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue follow up and evaluation of beta Dialogues• Run second Dialogue with second cohort

How to Engage

- The Resilience Dialogues welcomes collaborators committed to building community resilience, including:
 - Organizations and networks that can facilitate engagement with communities
 - Potential Subject Matter Experts and Facilitators who want to contribute their expertise
- Visit <http://resiliencedialogues.org> to submit your interest in participating and to find out more.

