Session 4.2: Establishing priorities for mitigation and adaptation

• Our discussions were primarily focused on adaptation to change rather than mitigation.

• While climate change was identified as an important agent of change, responses for adaptation didn’t generally target drivers of climate change in the solutions— even in cases where climate change is the dominant concern (e.g. coastal erosion) these issues are better understood as long term social issues.

• The task at hand is how to create policies that leverage the strengths and expertise of all involved, with a goal of coupling bottom-up and top-down efforts.

• Multiple lenses for thinking about climate change (resilience, vulnerability and human health) that make research more policy ready.

• Need to move from individual case studies to cross regional comparisons and collaborations.