

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.