

Universities as knowledge brokers in the governance of climate resilience

Project Overview

- This project is concerned with the role of universities as knowledge brokers within climate resilience networks
- It explores whether and how universities can serve to improve interactions by playing a role as knowledge broker in the production, use and translation of knowledge
- It will collect data from academics in four universities (in Bangladesh, Uganda, Germany and the UK) to analyze the range and extent of their networks
- It aims to understand the architecture of existing networks between universities and public, private and civil society sectors dealing with the governance of climate change resilience
- Future needs, opportunities and barriers for engaging universities as knowledge brokers will be assessed

Project Timeline

- 01 February 2019 – 31 January 2020

Methodological Framework

- The methodology of the research will combine quantitative and qualitative data
- Detailed information on knowledge brokering and knowledge translation activities of selected academics will be systematically collected for analysing social relationships
- The team will also engage with broader stakeholders for understanding and appreciation of how knowledge governance for climate resilience functions and can be improved

Activities

- Semi-structured interviews
- Consultation workshops
- Dissemination of findings for policy influence

Research Outputs

- Identification of barriers, capacity gaps and needs for improved academic engagement
- Improved understanding of linkages between academics and policy actors and strategies to promote universities as knowledge brokers
- Recommendations for more efficient use of university based resources

Research Outcomes

- Strengthened role of universities as in 'real world' networks to build long term climate capacity
- Improving universities range and quality of ongoing stakeholder interactions
- Improved knowledge sharing between South-South, North-South and South-North based on more equal exchange

Partners

