

SECORES – the newly formed network on Social-Ecological Resilience - invites you to a half day seminar on Friday 2 December 2022 in Brussels (live event)

Rethinking our development model to deal with risks

How can the integration of the systemic approach of social-ecological resilience in our programs improve our resistance to risks?

Droughts, floods, forest fires, tropical storms ... Worldwide crises follow each other in quicker and quicker succession. They are caused by climate change, biodiversity loss, depletion of natural resources, pollution, intensive use of land and water, etc. and they lead to food insecurity, malnutrition and famine, water shortages, sanitary problems and pandemics, migration, ... The community of international cooperation (local and international NGOs, institutional actors, governments, movements, scientific institutions, etc.) deals with crisis on an almost daily basis and continually seeks how to cope with its impacts.

The resilience of social-ecological systems should be at the centre of these coping mechanisms. Improving the quality of the social-ecological systems that people are living in, increases the resilience of these systems and therefore protects the life and well-being of people. High-quality ecosystem services reduce the impact of disturbances and heighten our ability to bounce back from these disturbances.

Many organisations – not only those active in nature conservation, water, forest, agriculture, livestock etc., but also those involved in policy, education, and other sectors – are aware of this and work actively and intensively on the quality of ecosystems and their services. We know that trees reduce erosion risk; we know that unpolluted rivers provide good fishing grounds; we know that forests with a diversity of native species are much better in resisting forest fires than monoculture tree plantations...

However, our knowledge on social-ecological resilience is not always very conscious, coherent, or precise. High time to hear from each other how social-ecological resilience can improve our development model and contribute to reducing the effects of the crises we are all facing. To learn from each other which good practices already exist, and to search together how things can be done differently and better. Let's start that quest together.

SECORES therefore invites you to a seminar on **Friday 2 December from 9 to 13 h.**

Agenda

After a short post-its session of what resilience means for you and an introduction on how we see social-ecological resilience, we will exchange in working groups to learn from each other and glean ideas; to put our bottlenecks on the table; and to see how we can move forward together. The working groups will approach this from four angles (in line with the thematic JSF 'resilience of social-ecological systems'), which together describe a holistic approach:

- (a) Improving rights, policies, and governance of ecosystems and natural resources
- (b) Improving awareness, knowledge, skills about sustainable ecosystems
- (c) Strengthening sustainable access to, management and use of ecosystem services
- (d) Conserving or restoring ecosystems for optimal functioning

Registration:

- Venue: 11.11.11, Vlasfabriekstraat 11, 1060 Brussels
- Date and time: Friday 2 December 2022 from 9 to 13 h. Afterwards, for those who wish, lunch will be provided for further informal exchange
- Language: presentations will be in English; exchange in French or Dutch is possible (no translation foreseen)
- Please register via the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8gg-ziMFVkmeN8xgRaeNZ4geSgPiG9RBkE1DcxFIL45UNFIWM1c1VU1SWIBOTEs4NEVNUTkxRFdZOS4u>

We hope to see you there! Please also feel free to forward this invitation to colleagues.

Kind regards,

The core members of SECORES and of the thematic JSF 'resilience'.
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