

## Module 3b: Partnerships and consortia

### What is in this module?

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#### Introduction

In this module we explore the importance of partnerships for climate risk management and policy dialogue. We discuss the need to collaborate with a wide variety of stakeholders, ranging from governments and knowledge centres to the private sector.

Working on climate change adaptation or climate-smart disaster risk reduction (DRR) requires an understanding of climate impacts and the use of new information and expertise. Knowing how your country and your work can be affected by climate risks is key, as well as using climate information on different timescales to reduce risks of weather-related disasters.

The module comprises three major components:

1. Networks and partnerships relevant when investing in climate risk management and dialogues
2. Working in consortia, with lessons, opportunities and challenges
3. Private sector engagement, with a working paper in the relevant reading section.

Highlights of this module are:

- \*The experience of National Societies, with an overview of successful collaborations.
- \*Relevant reading section, which offers in-depth guidance on how to collaborate with hydro-meteorological services and a special working paper on collaboration with the private sector.

We also offer a range of experiential learning exercises you may want to use when facilitating a session on partnerships in adaptation.

#### Objective

This module is useful if you would like to explore why partnerships with diverse stakeholders are important for our adaptation and DRR work. We also illustrate some important principles for working in partnership, in a consortium with many different partners, or with a new partner such as the private sector.

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**Products****1. PowerPoint presentations with explanatory notes**

This module contains two PowerPoint presentations explaining:

- Why working in partnership is important for adaptation or DRR and resilience work
- How we can work effectively in consortia

A third presentation is available on request, on how to harness the power of the private sector for resilience and adaptation.

Please note both PowerPoints should be used in connection with other resources in this module, like exercises, games and resource materials. All the PowerPoints need tailoring to context and audience.

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**2. Group exercise**

This is followed by a brainstorming session in which additional collaborations can increase the effectiveness and scale of our work on climate risk management.

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**3. Games**

This module contains a game called Decisions for the Season and two energizers to break up the day with some playful activities that can be tweaked to link to the content of adaptation sessions.

The game simplifies explanations on the complexity of investments in adaptation (e.g. for private sector partners) and opens up discussions on how collaboration can help tackle some of these complexities.

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**4. Experience from Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies**

Partnerships are crucial for National Societies to form consortia to access climate-related funding and implement complex adaptation solutions involving a range of stakeholders.

In this section you will find some great examples of National Societies engaging with actors on climate change and DRR, from scientists and knowledge providers to artists and game-makers. And this is just a snapshot of the many possible interactions.

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**5. Frequently asked questions**

A short set of questions is compiled for this module.

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**6. Relevant reading**

This section to the various guides to helping National Societies navigate partnerships more effectively is the backbone of the module:

- Guidance note on Collaboration with your hydro-meteorological Met office.
- Koelle et al (2019): A guide to Effective Collaboration and Learning in Consortia - Building resilience to rising climate risks, BRACED publication, London 2019.
- E. Cameron, J. Arrighi, F. Monasso, P. Suarez, E. JJemba (2019), Working Paper Companies and Climate Resilience: *Mobilizing the power of the private sector to address climate risks*.
- C. Vogel et al. (2007): Linking vulnerability, adaptation, and resilience science to practice: Pathways, players, and partnerships; in Global Environmental Change 17 (2007) 349–364.
- Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE) (2014): A Guide for Transboundary Research Partnerships, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Switzerland.
- Creative conferences: engage and energise (2018), Bettina Koelle, Paul Z Jackson, Carina Bachofen, Margot Curl.