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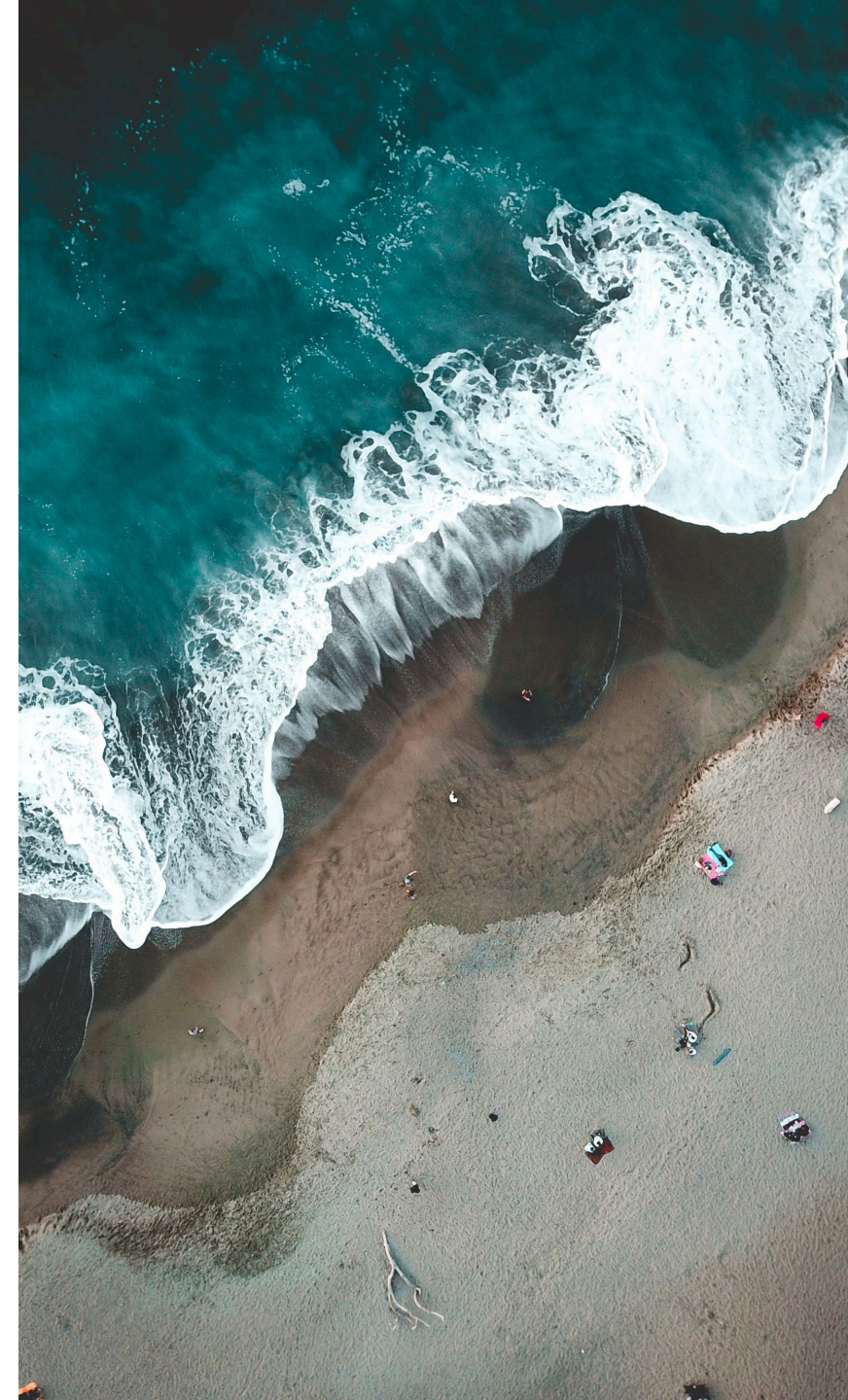- Next Steps
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Making Waves in Equitable Coastal Resilience: A National Workshop on Social Equity and Coastal Resilience

- November 2022
- Virtual format
- Three-day workshop
- Participants: academics, researchers, practitioners, and community members
- Total # of participants?

Framework for advancing on-the-ground research-practice collaborations to support equitable coastal resilience

Definition

Measurement

Decisions/Actions

Instruments/tools

Themes

Summary of Discussions and Key Points

Definitional concerns

Measuring equity and coastal resilience

Funding for engaged or applied research

Funding for communities to support on-the-ground projects and programs

Incentives, infrastructure, and institutional support for academic research

Support for communities and community partners

Research Agenda for future applied projects

- Educate university leaders and administrators on the importance of community-based engaged and applied research and on the need to provide institutional support for and resources to researchers, faculty, students, etc.

- Provide resources to help researchers understand the process for community-based applied and engaged research and offer guidelines/training for building relationships with and engaging communities.

- Build long-term focus and requisite resources into funding and programs/grants requirements, such as accounting for the time to build relationships, compensating individuals or groups in the community participating in the research, long-term monitoring or checking back on communities.

- Develop partnerships with professional organizations that can help disseminate research findings, project results, etc. to complement the academic articles that are emphasized in academia.

Recommendations for research-practice collaborations

Increase funding for engaged or applied research and allow more flexibility for research to co-produce with communities or community partners

Ensure equity in prioritizing, evaluation, streamlining, award, and types of on-the-ground projects and programs that benefit underserved communities

Provide institutional and administrative support, and incentives in encouraging and fostering community-based, engaged, and applied research

- Create and disseminate tools and metrics for project assessment that emphasize equity and mechanisms for collaboration-building processes

- Create paths and resources for community empowerment and advocacy

- Facilitate training for students engaged in community-based research and projects
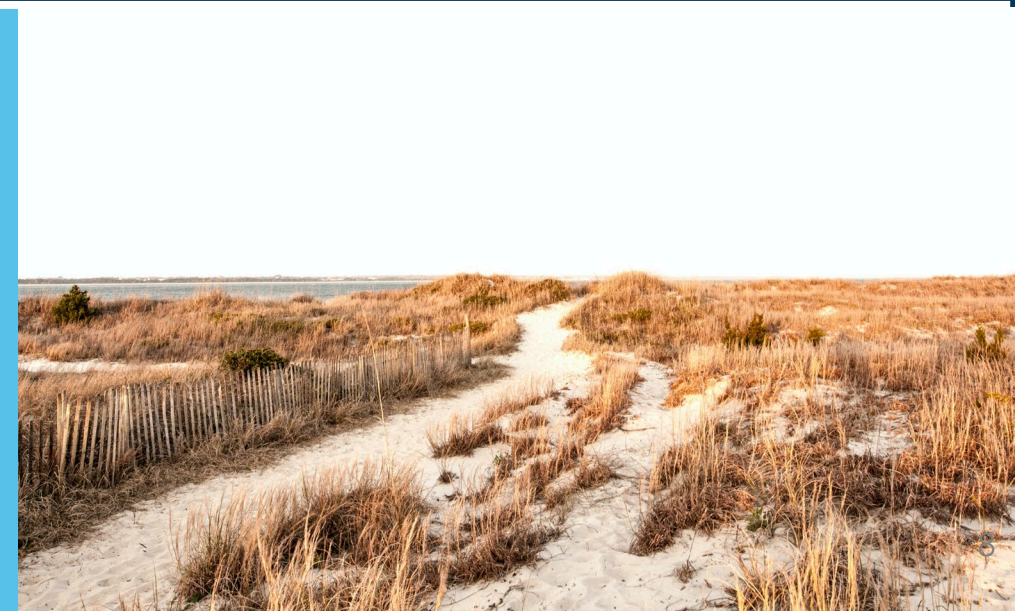
Goal: Successful Projects that incorporate applied and engaged research in coastal resilience and social equity

Task: Create a framework for what communities/community organizations should expect from researchers and the types of partnerships/collaborations that can be pursued.

Task: Provide guidelines and best practices for researchers and community partners to use in on-the-ground projects.

Task: Identify gaps in research and practice that can be filled by data-driven solutions.

Next steps

Lessons learned

- 1. Understand what equity-centered policy related to coastal resilience is.

- 2. Learn how equity-centered policy development and program design can be encouraged.

- 3. Learn about measures and instruments of equity-related policy outcomes.

- 4. Identify how equity concerns of coastal resilience policies can be sustained over time.