

ACES 2018 Pre-Conference Workshop

Title: Linking Ecosystem Services to Human Health and Development Impacts – with Evidence

Description: Ecosystem services conceptually link nature and human well-being. While this conceptually connects health, development and the environment, the evidence commonly used to inform decisions, underpin models, or design monitoring programs remains fragmented. [The Bridge Collaborative](#), a partnership of The Nature Conservancy, PATH, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Duke University, exists to help break down these silos. During this workshop, we will invite participants to flex their inter-disciplinary muscles to explore health and development linkages, and consider how we might better reach, engage, and influence key stakeholders from these sectors, to increase buy in for our work.

Session Overview:

I. Warm-up & Introduction

We will begin with a game that get the participants engaging and finding synergies with one-another.

II. Conceptual Model & Evidence Evaluation

We will review what is a conceptual model, and how it is useful for identifying and communicating impacts cross sectors and use a case example explore common discrepancies between how we represent social versus environmental relationships and outcomes, and how we assess evidence from these diverse disciplines. We will introduce one of the Bridge Collaborative tools for standardizing evidence evaluation.

Making Connections Matter

We will ask participants to reflect on a project they are working on, the services generated, and their human wellbeing outcomes, and go through an exercise to identify what priority stakeholders you hope to influence, what their priorities are, how these relate to your work, and any challenges that you may face to meaningfully reaching these stakeholders.

III. From Problems to Solutions

Using your real projects and scenarios, we will facilitate a creative and collaborative brainstorming exercise to generate potential solutions for connecting with cross-sector stakeholders, and ultimately increasing support for your work.

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