

# CLIMATE RISK NARRATIVES:

ENVISIONING POSSIBLE FUTURES FOR YOUR CITY

*Creating conversation for integrating climate information and dealing with climate uncertainty*

Climate Risk Narratives are essentially **STORIES** incorporating a range of plausible climate futures.

Ideally, diverse knowledge and different perspectives on possible climate impacts, such as knowledge from academics, city officials, national government, the private sector, communities and civic groups, come together in the **CO-PRODUCTION** of these narratives.

Climate Risk Narratives should be updated to reflect ongoing interactions between climate, social and environmental aspects. Co-developing these should be an ongoing conversation between all of the different stakeholders.

There are various **COMPONENTS** in the process of co-producing narratives. These include:

**VALUE** of the narrative process:



Relevant climate information is brought into the conversation



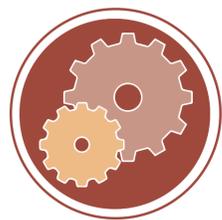
Different stakeholders come together to draft stories to capture the range of plausible climate futures



Future stories bring together climate information, perspectives and local knowledge



Climate Risk Narratives can be presented to a variety of stakeholders who reflect and add their own information



The broader holistic conversation supported by the process sparks learning and action related to specific sectors



The co-production of the stories and the conversation they inspire should be ongoing

The process is effective in helping make informed decisions, and can be used in decision making for all sectors (i.e. with water information, energy information etc.)



- Facilitates learning between and across different stakeholder groups

- Improves engagement between sectors, decision spaces and levels of governance

- Improves reflection around the interactions and linkages between different sectors and decision making processes

- Helps build understanding

- Contributes to the understanding of what relevant activities are already underway in a city

- Contributes to the understanding of how different plans might be adjusted to further support resilience to climate change



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PRIVATE SECTOR

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