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# Networks and Partnerships for Building Coastal Resilience

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“People protect what they love, they love what they understand, and they understand what they are taught.”

~JY Cousteau

# Definitions

## Coastal Regions: Collision Points

### Shock

An **acute** natural or human-made **event** or **phenomenon** threatening major loss of life, damage to assets and the ability (of a community, habitat, business, family, etc) to function and provide basic services, particularly for poor or vulnerable populations.

- *Storm*
- *Flood*

### Stress

A **chronic** (ongoing or cyclical) natural or human-made **event** or **phenomenon** that renders a location less able to function and provide basic services, particularly for poor or vulnerable populations.

- *Sea Level Rise*
- *Climate Change*

### Resilience

The capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems to survive, adapt, and **thrive** no matter what kinds of chronic **stresses** and acute **shocks** they experience.

### Precovery

The necessary planning and prevention to reduce ill effects of natural and/or man-made shocks or stresses and to preemptively speed the return to a normal state or condition of **health, mind, being or strength**, particularly within **human communities** and **natural habitat**. (*The Precovery Mindset*)

# Networks

## Who?

Important networks and alliances bound by themes, programs, solution delivery and more, bringing together cities, SIDS, small islands, non-profits, funders/financiers – sometimes all of them at once.



# Networks

## How?

- Awareness Creation
- Education
- Training
- Capacity Building
- Project Preparation
- Solutioning
- Financing and Funding
- Policy and Advocacy
- Sharing
- Research
- Storytelling

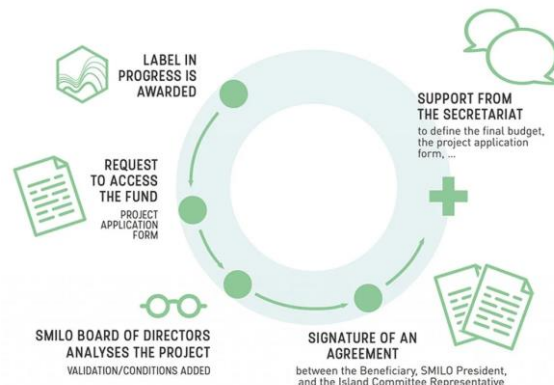
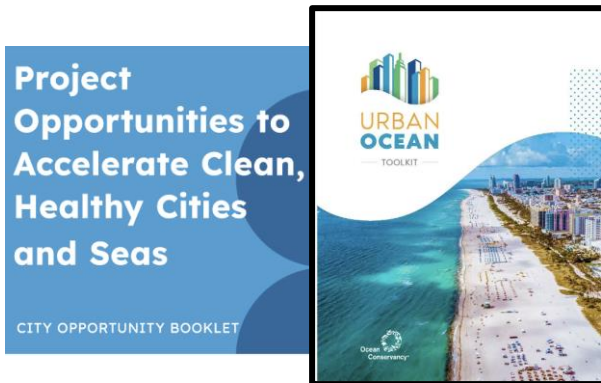




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## What?

Effective networks, associations and institutions do not just gather, put reports out in a storm of PDFs, and expect something to happen. With the urgency of sea level rise and the other intersections of coastal resilience and blue economy, it has to be about action and changing systems.



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“It begins with this: the climate is warming, the world’s great ice sheets are melting, and the water is rising... Sea-level rise is one of the central facts of our time, as real as gravity. It will reshape our world in ways most of us can only dimly imagine.”

~ Jeff Goodell, *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World*

# Thank You and Stay in Touch



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