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**Title:** Understanding the role of transformational risk management-insights from the Flood Resilience Alliance community cases

**Abstract of presentation:**

Risk management is seeing increasing attention in responses to disasters linked to natural hazards and climate change. Analysis including IPCC reviews have emphasized the role of learning, such as experiential learning, adaptive management and transformational learning. Risk management and policy can accordingly be broken down into incremental, fundamental and transformational interventions. Particularly, *transformational risk management* is increasingly debated. Options under this rubric exhibit substantial overlap with interventions of disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation yet may be focused further on avoiding and managing intolerable risks that touch on hard and soft limits, for which IPCC's recent SR15 provides first evidence. While frameworks and concepts for transformation in the risk space have been put forward, there is little reported evidence at the level of implementation. We examine recent resilience practice by the NGO partners of the Flood Resilience Alliance across about 10 countries in the Global South enhanced by a number of expert interviews to categorize flood risk interventions summarized in a 'Solutions Catalogue'. We particularly study the types and (perceived and actual) levels of risk targeted by interventions planned and implemented, the types of risk management and governance processes set up with relevant stakeholders as well as the learning generated.