

Needs, barriers and opportunities for developing policy and community-relevant research:

**Key global research issues & questions
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The session will start with a brief presentation of some ways to co-create research that is relevant for policy makers and communities. The presentation will discuss ways to plan backwards from policy and community needs to research questions to ensure that the research is truly relevant. We will also discuss ways to blend traditional, local and scientific knowledge so that we jointly learn from each other about community-based conservation. We will also discuss participatory research approaches and ways to span the boundaries among different stakeholder groups. The remainder of the session will be a discussion of these issues from the perspective of workshop participants.