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Key Messages Future Earth Regional Workshop for Asia and the Pacific

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Future Earth Regional Workshop – Asia - Pacific

What we did?

1. Brought together 51 stakeholders/participants (in plenaries, break-out groups, panel presentation and discussions)
2. Explained what Future Earth is intended to be and how
3. Asked what participants thought were research priorities in the region
4. Asked what participants thought are the opportunities and key challenges in the region
5. Explored how Future Earth should be taken forward



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What conditions prevail?

International alliances are strong, and includes several UN bodies and organisations.

ICSU ROAP and partners e.g. APN should play a lead role in coordinating the regional link to Future earth

Many Asian-Pacific regional organisations, bodies with different mandates, scopes etc.

Strengthen link to national organisations, institutes, and other bodies

Strengthen the involvement of early career scientists



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Research priorities and opportunities in Asia - Pacific

- Framing the RQs from a societal problem/solution perspective
- Understand that we all speak different languages
- Urban issues, including megacities
- Water issues (interconnections)
- Vulnerabilities & resilience
- Coastal issues
- Integrating various scales & dimensions
- Environment & society
- Variability, extremes & heterogeneity
- Development with a focus on **green growth**

Future Earth is extremely relevant for this region



Remaining cross-cutting challenges

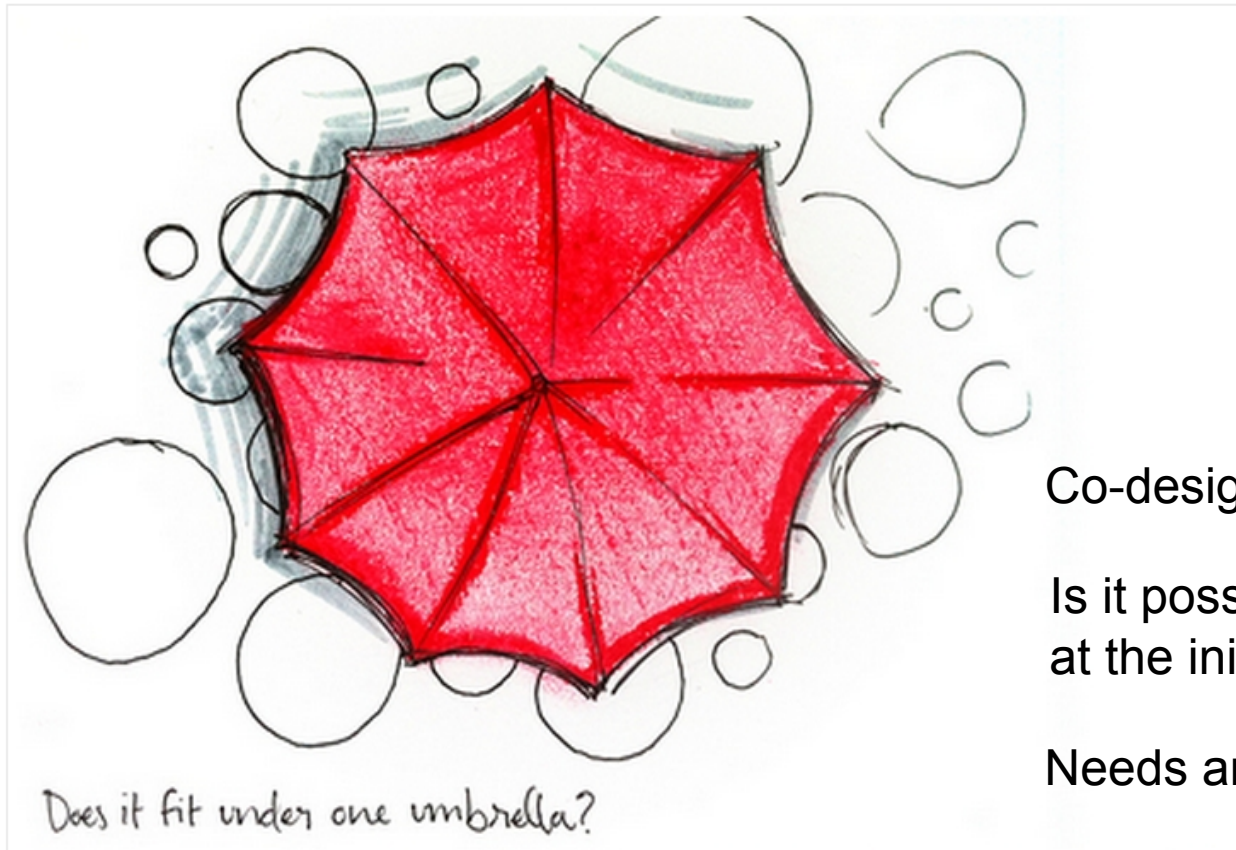
- Research to strengthen methodologies – How?
- Research on how to enhance policy impacts of science
- Research on improving cross-/trans- / interdisciplinary collaboration and understanding
- Translational research – how to translate research output to solutions more effectively



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The question of fit



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Co-design has not been extensive

Is it possible to include all stakeholders
at the initial stage of design?.

Needs an "agree to disagree" stage

<http://www.ihdp.unu.edu/article/read/future-earth-ambitions-and-design>



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