

Comment Form

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Title of the Program	Societal Transformation under Environmental Change
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<p>Program Comments Summaries of the EREC:</p> <p>The importance of the grand theme of social transformation as part of RIHN's explorations of the interaction of humanity and nature was reaffirmed in a presentation rich in ideas. The long-term historical perspective was found important in exploring contemporary challenges. The Committee was aware of the difficulties involved in integrating preexisting projects, but the presentation did well in extracting key insights from the projects and placing them in the context of the overarching program.</p> <p>The PD's leadership provides good opportunities to reflect on the intermingling of environmental and social change processes and their environmental and societal drivers rather than exclusively addressing the environmental dimension. This was apparent in the discussion of the rural-urban nexus and urbanization, an area where new insights and conceptualizations are called for.</p>	