



SESSION 6.1.1 KNOWLEDGE FOR ALL, ALL FOR KNOWLEDGE

Report on WG 2: Collaboration between scientists and practitioners



- **Dialogue: society, research and government**
 - **Practitioner:** all who has a 'stake' and are involved in management and decision (e.g., government, NGO, city engineer)
 - Middle-manager horizon: short-term, solution/problem -oriented and pressure from 'above' (delay in research actions)
 - Lack of data (e.g., ecosystem service)
 - Tools (especially by universities) by scientists are too complicated and too 'narrow' ('research silo'). Policy makers want simple facts and figures.
 - Too difficult terminology by scientist make applications problematic
 - evaluation committee that translate scientific results (learning alliance)
 - Scientists are only awarded after scientific publications. New 'award' system needed.
 - **Applied research institutes vs. traditional university research (chain of research – 'river of knowledge')**
 - Time allocation and need for mechanisms to understand each other (practitioner and scientists)
 - The practitioner should define the problem