Water as Leverage
Rethinking the approach for urban climate resilience

The World Economic Forum ranked water crises number one in its 2015 assessment of global risks. Traditional project management cannot keep pace with the impact of climate change on global water supplies. A new approach is needed.

**THE TRADITIONAL APPROACH**

- **Climate related challenge**
  - Research & analysis of problem
  - Feasibility study of solutions
  - Project development
  - Financing
  - Implementation

- **User**

- **Inadequate solution**

**THE WATER AS LEVERAGE APPROACH**

- All stakeholders involved from day one
- Responsive to changing environment
- Scalable and replicable in multiple environments
- Risk of failure reduced

- **People**
  - Combine the world’s best expertise with local talent.

- **R&D**
  - Catalyze innovative processes to understand vulnerabilities to future risks and uncertainties.

- **Integration**
  - Co-ordinate closely with local communities and governments in an agile working environment.

- **Process**
  - Ensure Government and community stakeholders work closely with experts from day one.

- **Finance**
  - Source innovative project funding through public private partnerships, blended and private finance initiatives.

Confidence is very high that the window of opportunity – the period when significant change can be made, for limiting climate change within tolerable boundaries – is rapidly narrowing."

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