

Longitudinal Sustainability

Challenge Session

Todd Kipfer, Montana EPSCoR

Glen Page, SustainaMetrix

Tue, 11/07/2017 - 2:00 pm

This session will address challenges with how to quantify and communicate project outcomes over time (across projects). Part of the challenge is that jurisdictions are funded for current projects, but impacts from previous projects generally continue successfully without being tracked.

Summary of Challenge Session:

Kipfer discusses how to document projects over time; the challenge is how to be better together. He asks the questions, is there continuity across Track-1 Projects over time? What makes EPSCoR unique? The following is embedded in every Track-1: unique context and promise, varying assumptions and values, different priorities, sense-making processes, explicit or implicit principles. These are hard to measure, but it's the story we work on. One should focus on the meta-narrative, stories of transformation, people and institutions, and stories of innovation. It is more than a sum of its parts.

There is power in a multi-dimensional timeline that uses collective investment. It is important to document outreach while simultaneously connecting workshops and publications.