

## **Building Resilience through Community Engagement for ‘Building forward Better’**

Resilience has rapidly risen to the top of the sustainability and development agenda. The concept underpins a number of high-level policy initiatives, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on climate change. In the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and with billions of dollars’ worth of resilience investments being mobilised globally, this issue will continue to rise as a policy priority. The scale of these investments further amplifies the importance of resilience and highlights the need for rigorous and decision-oriented evidence. Under these conditions, current measurement approaches can do more to serve the learning, evaluation and accountability needs of resilience stakeholders. The focus of this session will be on enhancing community engagement and resilience for building forward better in uncertain times under the framework provided by various international development policy initiatives mentioned above.

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