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Knowledge Mobilization Core Team

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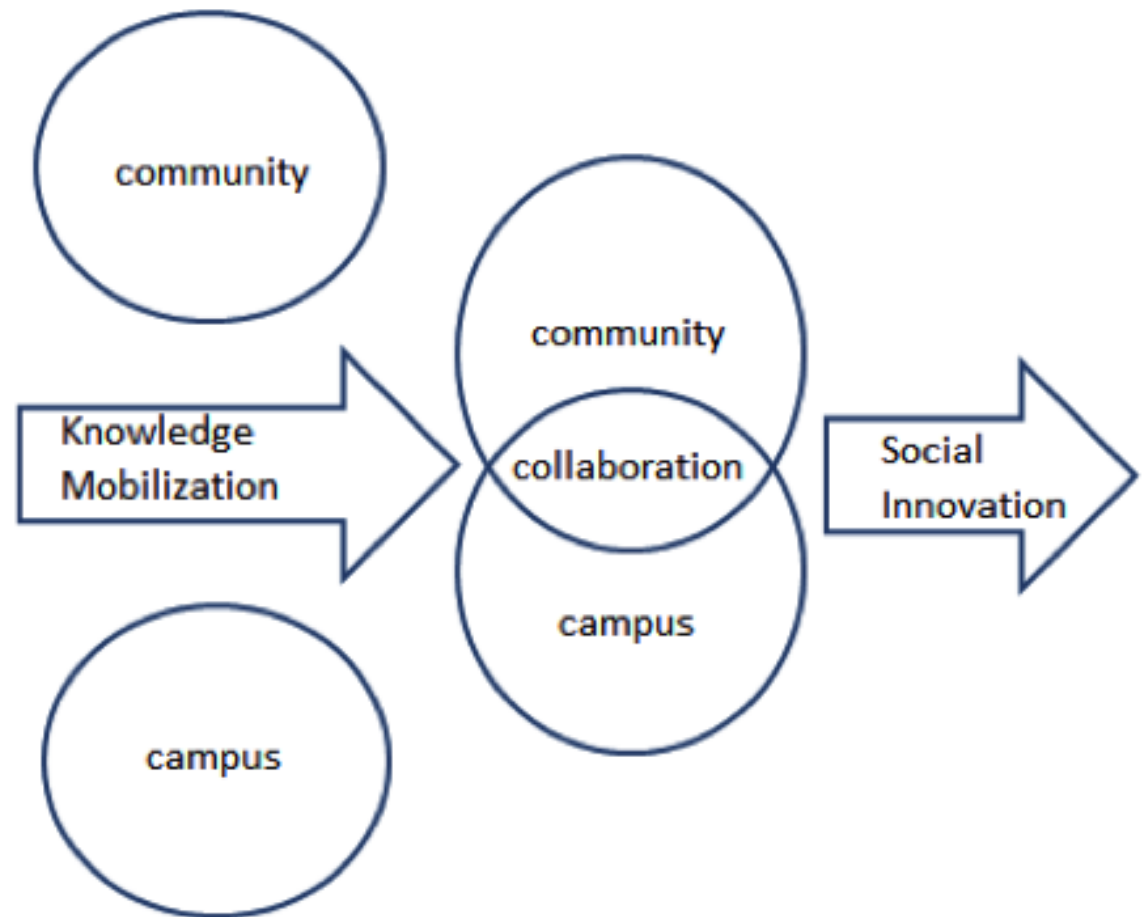
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Knowledge Mobilization Is...

- Sharing of knowledge between research producers and user communities
- Co-producing research questions, methods and products
- Moving knowledge from research projects into active use
- A continual engagement process from beginning to end





Knowledge Mobilization is not...

- Simply translation or dissemination of your science to potential users or the masses
- Something you do at the beginning or end, but continuously throughout project
- The same as communications or outreach



GWF KM Mandate

- The ability to mobilize knowledge for the benefit of society and the economy is a core principle of the entire Global Water Futures project
- KM is central to Pillar 3 projects but also important to Pillar 1 & 2 projects



Who is responsible for KM?

- Shared responsibility of GWF
- The PI for every project is accountable for ensuring that the KM strategy is developed and implemented
- PIs must submit an annual progress report that addresses KM



The role of the KM Core Team

- Team is an **advisory body** that reports to the SMC
- Provides **oversight, advice, and support** for KM initiatives of GWF projects (Pillar 1, 2, 3)
- Leads or supports cross-network KM capacity building



Project-level KM Services

- KM Core team can lead, support and advise on projects tasks
- A list of services has been developed based on:
 - requests from project teams to date
 - KM specialists' experience and key skills
 - GWF program goals and commitments
- Good communications is essential and challenging for effective KM support



KM Services Summary

- Lead, support and/or advise on:
- Project planning and initiation
- KM activities and materials
- Networking and relationship management with collaborators
- Progress tracking and monitoring
- Reporting and administration



What we've been doing

- Pillar 3:
 - The priority to date for KM specialists' time/resources
 - Working with teams to identify project-specific roles: project & KM planning, kick-off workshops, initiating advisory cmtees, newsletter templates, etc.
- Pillar 1, 2:
 - Have undertaken a partial needs assessment; KM components & Core Team needs higher than expected
 - Developing a strategy to assist between specialists



Scaling up to GWF KM

- GWF Network KM capacity building/training
 - Young Professionals (YP) network
 - Brown bag sessions, webinar offerings, one-on-one support
 - Develop, maintain and share a centralized KM resource library
- Facilitate GWF collaborator network to advise engagement
- KM research project: documenting KM progress over the life of GWF
- Collaborate with GWF Communications and Outreach teams on project-level KM products



Further Considerations and Discussions

- There a lot of projects: 33 total Pillars 1, 2, 3
- There are 3 of us – we cannot provide all services to all projects
- Support and need for KM assistance varies
- Sustaining support for KM under budgetary constraints
- Success depends on PI commitments and engagement
- Coordinating between KM, Communications and Outreach
- Some core team members also have institutional commitments, leaving some resource gaps



Next Steps

1. List of Services for discussion
2. Continue KM needs/demands assessment
3. Priority setting and resource assessment

We welcome feedback and discussion!



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