



## Job Aid: Common Principles of Good Governance

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Good governance is a good-faith effort by all those involved in decision-making (not just in government) to create inclusive and transparent decision-making processes.

### Common principles of good governance include:

- Meaningful participation, inclusive representation of relevant stakeholder groups and fair conduct of the adaptation process;
- Responsiveness (timely, respectful and adequate) to inquiries, requests and needs;
- Efficiency and effectiveness (e.g., in the use of available time, staff, stakeholders, and resources);
- Openness and access to information, and transparency in decision-making;
- Following the rule of law;
- Ethical conduct in research, human interactions and decisions;
- Competence and capacity of staff in carrying out the various aspects of (in this case) adaptation;
- Innovation and openness to change if the situation requires it;
- Sustainability and long-term orientation (whole-systems approaches, consideration of long-term climate risks, future generations etc.);
- Sound financial management (including transparent RFP and project review processes, skilled financial administration, anti-corruption policies etc.);
- Upholding or restoring of human rights, civil rights, cultural diversity, equity and social cohesion; and
- Accountability to all stakeholders.



This job aid was created to serve as a reference for individuals interested in indicators and metrics to help communities define and track progress on their climate adaptation goals. Additional background and resources are available on the website: [www.ResilienceMetrics.org](http://www.ResilienceMetrics.org). This website was developed in partnership with the National Estuarine Research Reserve System with funding from NOAA.