

# Reconciling Resilience and Development

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## Development

- **Expansion and extension** of generally capitalist systems of production, exchange and regulation
- **Organized interventions** with goals
- **Progressive expansion** of economic and social networks
- **Global, local, transnational**



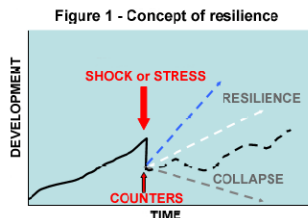
## Recent Development Thinking

- Sustainable Development
- Globalization & rescaling development
- Development alternatives
- Environmental risk
- Transformations



## Resilience & Development

Self organize, build adaptive capacity, buffer shocks

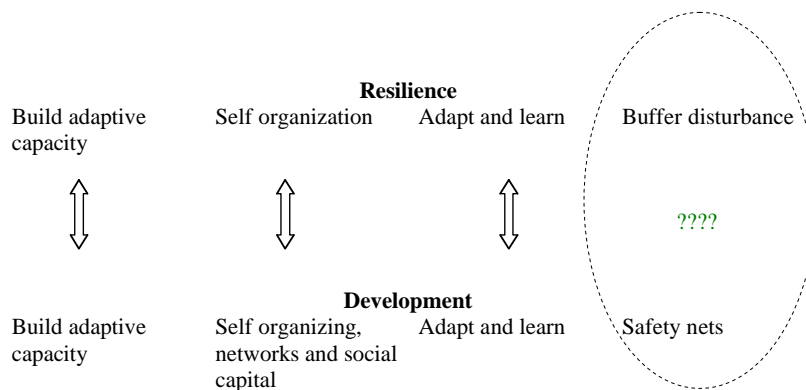


- » Self organized greening Sahel (Oxfam agroforestry)
- » Green Belt in Kenya (Wangari Maathai)
- » Self-organized responses to Hurricane Mitch

## Message 1: Plasters or revolution?

- Elements of the resilience approach and the development approach are similar, but divergent regarding buffering and transforming.

## Diagram 1



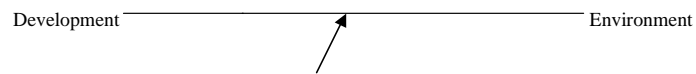
## Message 2: Resilience of what?

- Resilient outcomes are not always *desirable*
- Is the community persistent?
- Is the community stable?
- Is the community adaptive?

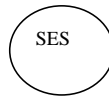
## Message 3: Same old?

- The current sustainable development paradigm is flawed in that it is based on continuum, which is a false dichotomy
- Resilience offers explicit tradeoffs between coupled social and ecological systems

## Divergent paradigms



Always making choices, false dichotomy, linear



Coupled, linked, nonlinear, more explicit

## Message 4: Measurement requires goals

- In fostering resilient development, policy makers must make choices...this requires measurement, while complex transformations are difficult to measure if at all...

## Summary Key Questions

- Resilience to what?
- Can the resilience approach be more explicit about power and equity issues?
- How do you measure and assess resilience?
- Can we use resilience to help reflect and reassess how we look at development?

