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- Hard to measure positive side of social health
- Social health is equity as related to access (to environment and government)

Eva Banos de Guisasola – *Senior Scientific Manager, SERC division-Climate Services, Euro Mediterranean Center for Climate Change*

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Bongani Mnisi – *Regional Manager, Biodiversity Management, City of Cape Town*

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Andy Lipkis – *Founder and President, TreePeople*

- Humans largely underutilize the energy they are fed by the ecosystem
- We must open ourselves to climate change doubt and illustrate indicators of unhealthy, unhappy human species to bring about collaborative change
- We need to step outside of barriers to work with our “enemies”
- Volunteers proved connection and community which are indicators of social health

Discussion/Questions

- How do the principles of sustainability apply to your working groups?
 - **Bongani** (Biodiversity and Open Space)
 - Use current, not borrowed resources
 - Protect open spaces because they protect our children
 - Open spaces contribute to economic growth of the country
 - **Eva** (Governance)
 - Combine top-down and bottom-up approaches
 - Cities can act as laboratories to experiment, innovate and create jobs and they can act quickly
 - Cities need a framework from political mandates
 - Local level makes the most difference and impact
 - Need to provide all options in order to form policies
 - Need good climate data
 - Need to change our behavior
 - **Walker** (Build Environment)
 - Include adaptation strategies in every plan/strategy henceforth
 - Advance distributive networks

- Needs to be partnerships and collaborative efforts
 - Look at the city as an ecosystem
 - Ability for everybody to be engaged through the many different actors
 - Appropriately define the problem
 - The power of design as a creative solution
- Who else needs to be part of these collaborations and how do we engage them?
 - **Walker:** Mostly government and non-profits
 - **Eva:** Engagement with the community and all the sectors in it
 - **Bongani:** Climate change is everybody's problem. We need to communicate with the public so they feel the need to get involved. Businesses are responsible to the public.
- How do you reconcile the reality that preparation for the future is needed with the human instinct to plan for and act now?
 - **Eva:** We need to find a good compromise and act responsibly. Must try to abandon our here and now perspective.
 - **Bongani:** Scientists need to investigate phenomenon and communicate data to politicians to understand the risk they are facing by using tangible results
 - **Walker:** It is the role of the government