

Sample WATERS-esque Theme

Are existing social institutions and technological infrastructure sufficiently resilient to provide water in adequate quantity of appropriate quality in the face of population pressures and changing climate?

Criteria for evaluating themes

- Is the theme adequate to permit each discipline to ask questions which each view as fundamental research?
- Can the theme be meaningful across the continent?
- Does it provide a basis for dialog among natural scientists, social scientists, and engineers?

MREFC Quest

- Goal of exercise, but a difficult fit
- Lead from science and figure out what part 'fits' the MRE