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TO: UWIN Annual Meeting Participants

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RE: Session on Realignment

On Wednesday after lunch, we will discuss whether we need to realign any of our efforts in order to better achieve our goals. We only have an hour, so pre-meeting preparation will help us succeed.

Below I've listed our goals, abbreviated from our NSF proposal. Please read them before the meeting and *based on your experience with UWIN to date*, come prepared to discuss:

- 1) Good News: significant progress or achievements worth noting
- 2) Concerns: particular concerns about progress worth raising
- 3) Suggestions: ways we might want to realign or adjust our activities (or goals)

I don't expect you to bring thoughts on all 3 questions for all 9 goals – just bring any ideas you might have. It is fine if you have just one concern and one suggestion about one goal (or none at all). But please read all the goals over and see if anything comes to mind related to the above three topics:

Abbreviated UWIN Goals

Research

1. Develop an Urban Water Sustainability Blueprint containing the essential characteristics of sustainable urban water systems across regions.
2. Characterize interactions between urban development patterns and the interconnected natural/socioeconomic processes that impact urban water sustainability.
3. Identify sustainable water solutions, and their impacts, co-benefits and tradeoffs.
4. Explore the institutional frameworks required for transitioning to sustainable urban water systems.

Engagement

1. Engage stakeholders to foster learning and to guide the research programs.
2. Facilitate information sharing among research groups, stakeholders, and the global community.
3. Vet the Urban Water Sustainability Blueprint against stakeholders' priorities and concerns.

Education

1. Facilitate information sharing among research groups, stakeholders, students and educators, the general public and the global community.
2. Engage a diverse pool of [student] scientists in the network and provide them with outstanding support, mentoring and training.

Thank you for doing this. I'm really looking forward to seeing you in Fort Collins!