Tension Points and Convergences
Finding solutions for challenges to designing and implementing integrated programming
20 January 2016
Multi-sectoral programming: Working across sectors
Multi-sectoral programming

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Areas of convergence and tension

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Example: Areas of convergence and tension

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Facilitated table discussions

• Within areas of convergence among these sectors, how were synergies developed?

• Within areas of tension, what are mitigation strategies?
Next steps

With the group at your table, complete the worksheet through identifying:

• Three issues of tension or convergence;
• An associated approach for mitigation or synergy development; and
• The sectors of tension or convergence for each issue.

*Remember to note your table’s number and facilitator.*

Tomorrow, we will report-back on group discussions. **Designate a member of your group to lead the report-out for your table.** Ensure that this individual is prepared to present tomorrow morning.

If you are a facilitator, ensure that Carolyn and Sally have a photocopy of your table’s worksheet.
Thank you!

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