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CONVERGE Initiatives:
Some conclusions and emerging themes

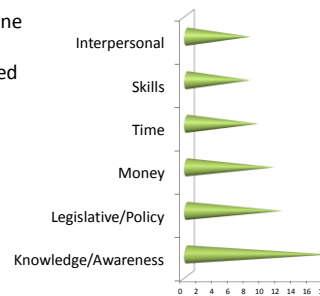
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Challenges mentioned by initiatives/researchers

- ▶ Lack of awareness and knowledge of issues is one of the most important challenges the researched initiatives face
- ▶ Legislation/policy also plays an important role



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Developed-developing countries, and scales

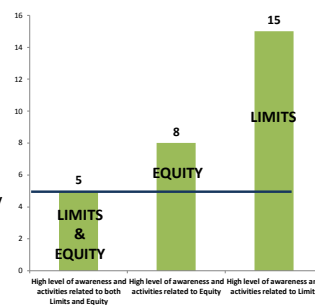
- ▶ Contraction and convergence usually do **not mean the same in developed and developing countries**
developed: mostly contract ('converge' may motivate this (e.g. Bokor),
developing: often grow but with limits in mind (e.g. SCAD))
- ▶ Contraction and convergence is needed **across scales**, i.e. it is **needed at all levels**: within communities, towns, regions, countries, ... at the global level, and it needs to happen simultaneously at these levels

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Cross-fertilization

- ▶ Contraction/Limits and Convergence/Equity:
often appear separately in initiatives – “**cross-fertilization**” may be advantageous, awareness and promotion of both aims are necessary



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„Any vision of sustainable development fit for the 21st century must recognise that eradicating poverty and achieving social justice is inextricably linked to ensuring ecological stability and renewal.“

A Safe and Just Space for Humanity, Oxfam (2012)

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