Large-scale disasters that exceed the current coping capacity of Haitian socio-ecological systems are increasing. At the same time, post-disaster interventions on the parts of the Haitian government, humanitarian aid organizations, and international donors often fail to recognize the existing assets of the most impacted communities. A three-month assessment conducted by the Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development (INURED) examined both the local resources and pressing needs of rural communities across the Grande-Anse and Sud, two Haitian departments devastated by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016.

This Town Hall will present the findings of the study “Mapping Assets-Access for Equitable Recovery and Reconstruction from Hurricane Matthew in Haiti,” and will feature a discussion with local leadership from the most affected areas.