

The International RiverFoundation (IRF), is currently developing an International Resilient Rivers Blueprint for organisations around the world to commit to enabling their rivers to leapfrog from recovery to resilience.

The International Resilient Rivers Blueprint will inspire a global transformation to resilient rivers.

Our goal is to develop a Blueprint which will be applicable to rivers worldwide.

We look forward to your support on our journey to resilient rivers.

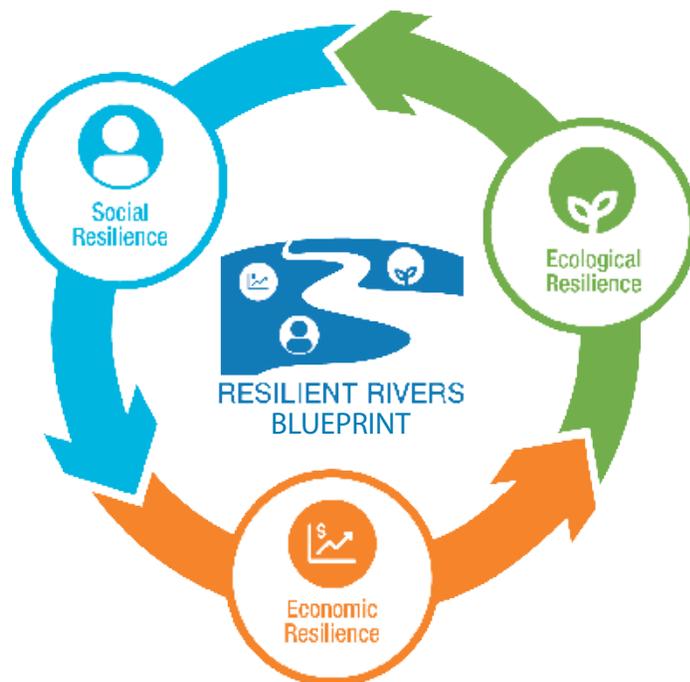
*The International RiverFoundation (IRF) builds leadership and strong networks for the restoration, protection, sustainable management and resilience of the world's rivers. We aim to achieve this vision through our three programs of River Leadership, River Celebration and River Collaboration.*

# A Blueprint for the Resilience of Our Rivers

Rivers, wetlands and lakes are the planet's circulatory system, transporting, for thousands of kilometres, the water that people and ecosystems depend on all around the world. With our partners, we will enable our rivers and waterways to become resilient – resisting and recovering quickly from disturbances, ensuring water security for communities and contributing to the reduction of poverty.

## Achieving resilient rivers

River resilience is the capacity of our rivers and communities to recover from disturbances, like extreme weather events, and return to a healthy state. The road to resilience can be a complex journey with the interdependence of environmental, social and economic outcomes.



The Blueprint will build on existing integrated river basin and water resource management frameworks by identifying the key principals and components for mitigating and adapting to climate change and by showcasing recovery to resilience pathways through regional case studies.

The Blueprint will raise the profile of river basin management throughout the world and will be used to develop Resilient Rivers Roadmaps for river basin organisations worldwide.

While the Blueprint recognises and complements existing IRBM/IWRM plans, it will add value and have impact through:

- a. outlining a set of key principles towards a paradigm shift from recovery to resilience;
- b. promoting a holistic and transparent partnership including access to information and tools; and
- c. developing innovative engagement and financing mechanisms, all of which aim to protect and/or restore our rivers for future generations.

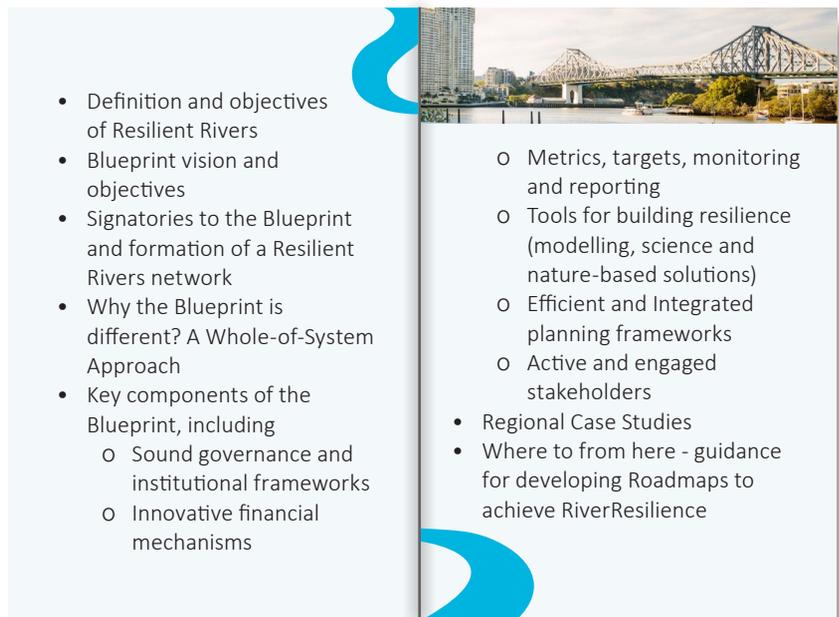
# What is the Resilient Rivers Blueprint?

The Resilient Rivers Blueprint will identify the key principles and components to improve the capacity of our rivers and communities to recover from disturbances and return to a healthy state.

The Blueprint will be developed together with the founding partners to outline a pathway to achieve resilience of rivers - its basins and communities.

River basin organisations from around the world will be invited to become signatories to the Blueprint, identifying their commitment to developing river basin-specific roadmaps in their respective areas/regions.

The Blueprint will be used to guide the development of Resilient Rivers Roadmaps for river basin organisations worldwide.



- Definition and objectives of Resilient Rivers
- Blueprint vision and objectives
- Signatories to the Blueprint and formation of a Resilient Rivers network
- Why the Blueprint is different? A Whole-of-System Approach
- Key components of the Blueprint, including
  - Sound governance and institutional frameworks
  - Innovative financial mechanisms
  - Metrics, targets, monitoring and reporting
  - Tools for building resilience (modelling, science and nature-based solutions)
  - Efficient and Integrated planning frameworks
  - Active and engaged stakeholders
- Regional Case Studies
- Where to from here - guidance for developing Roadmaps to achieve RiverResilience



## How can you get involved?

### Become a Founding Partner

A small number of Founding Partners are chosen for their leadership in river management, their desire to move from river recovery to river resilience, and their expertise in aspects such as governance and institutional arrangements, finance mechanisms and collaborative partnerships. They:

- play an integral role in determining the direction of the Blueprint through membership in the Steering Committee.
- are required to provide a financial contribution
- will have the opportunity to affirm their commitment to resilient rivers through a written statement in the introductory pages of the Blueprint
- will provide insight into their expertise and capacity to assist with the development and implementation of Resilient Rivers Roadmaps globally
- receive automatic status as Signatory to the Blueprint

**For more information or to become involved, please contact Dr Eva Abal, CEO, International RiverFoundation: [eva@riverfoundation.org.au](mailto:eva@riverfoundation.org.au) / +61 7 3002 9061**

### Become a Signatory

By becoming a Signatory you commit to operationalising the Blueprint in your respective region, and work with Founding Partners to develop your river basin-specific roadmaps.

There is no financial contribution to become a Signatory. You can provide in-kind support to develop case studies for IRF to showcase to an international audience, providing increased opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange with other river basin organisations. Sign up here:

<https://riverfoundation.org.au/our-programs/resilient-rivers-blueprint/>