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Stakeholder Perspective Activity

This document is an example of a simple exercise that can be used to get students to take on a different perspective (reflection; perspective taking and making). The exercise requires students to put themselves in the shoes of (one or more) stakeholders involved in a case study and to formulate a solution that would be desirable in the eyes of the stakeholder they have taken on. Students will then also share and reflect together with peers on the perspectives and suggested solutions.

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(This learning activity has been developed for and used in one of the MOOC courses in the field of International Land and Water Management.)

In this assignment, students are asked to take on the perspective of one of the stakeholders, essentially becoming them for a moment. This activity is part of the reflection phase of Boundary Crossing (*in Edx this can be built as a feedbackfruits peer review assignment*). We ask the students to look through the eyes of a particular stakeholder to the case study of problem at hand, and ask them to formulate a solution that would suit their particular stake. Later on, we combine the perspectives of various learners, and ask them to reflect on it. E.g. How come this stakeholder has a particular perspective? How can the problem be solved for all the stakeholders? Who wins and who loses? Does this have to do with power, social relations, etc?

Assignment instructions to students

1. Take on the perspective of stakeholder X, you become them for a while. For this stakeholder, formulate a solution for the problem identified in the case study. Try to think about why this solution would suit you the best.
2. Read the solutions proposed by the other stakeholders, and try to understand their solutions for the problem. What is their motivation to put this particular solution forward? Would there be a solutions that fits all? Can you combine elements of the solutions that are put forward by the different stakeholders? Write a short reflection on this (max 300 words) and share with your peers.

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