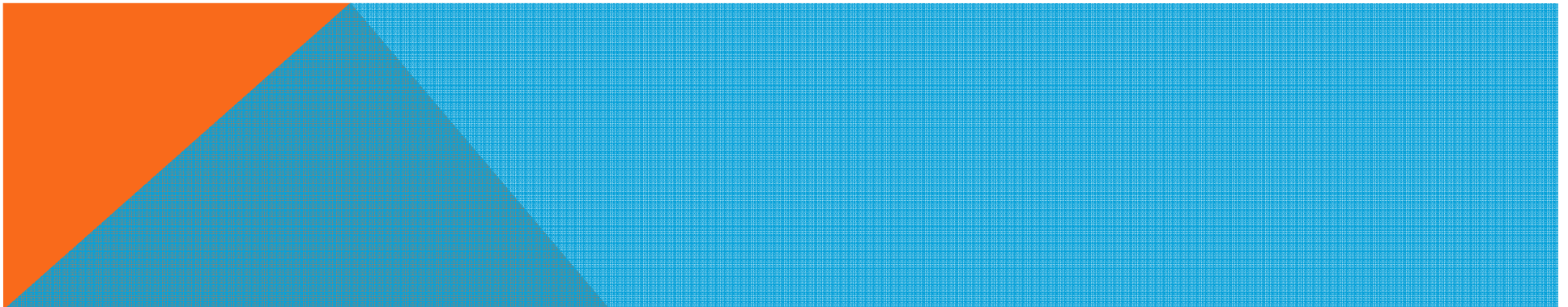


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PREPARING UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS

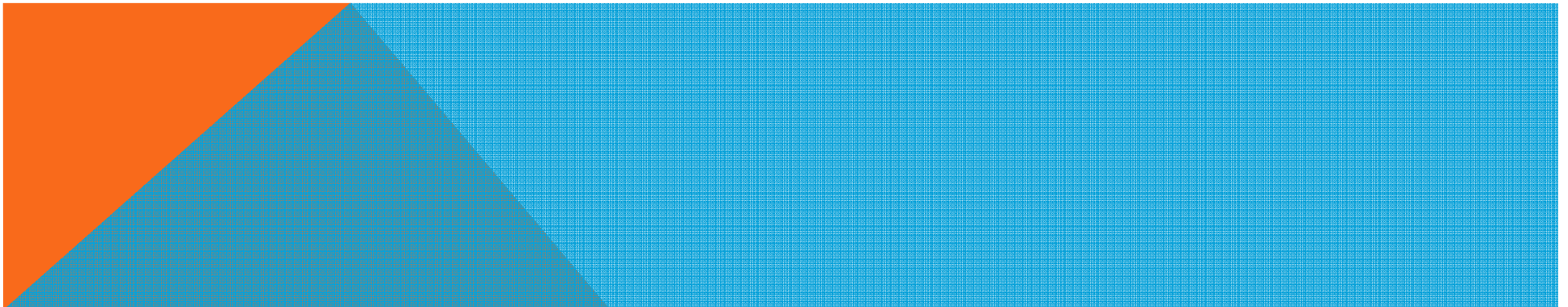
# PERSONAL LINK TO THE TOPIC

- **Seven years, participating in foundation supported efforts to reduce vulnerability in the Gulf region after the storms of 2005**
- **Putting Katrina and the Gulf Coast in context through comparative studies of recovery planning after a disaster in Kobe Japan, Tsunami in Aceh, fires in Australia**



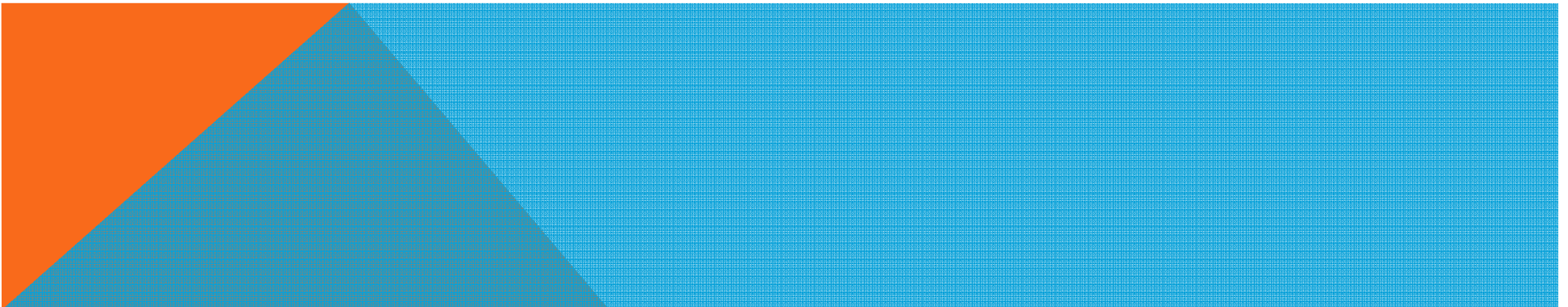
# COMMONALITIES...

- 1) All of these recovery plans intend not only to restore the impacted area to its original condition but also make the area safer, stronger, smarter, and better than before the disaster.
- 2) All of these recovery plans make use of existing comprehensive plans as the template for the completed recovery.
- 3) All of these recovery plans treat the participation of sectors of society as indispensable for the success of the recovery and rebuilding
- 4) All of these recovery plans were formulated to be holistic and comprehensive in nature.



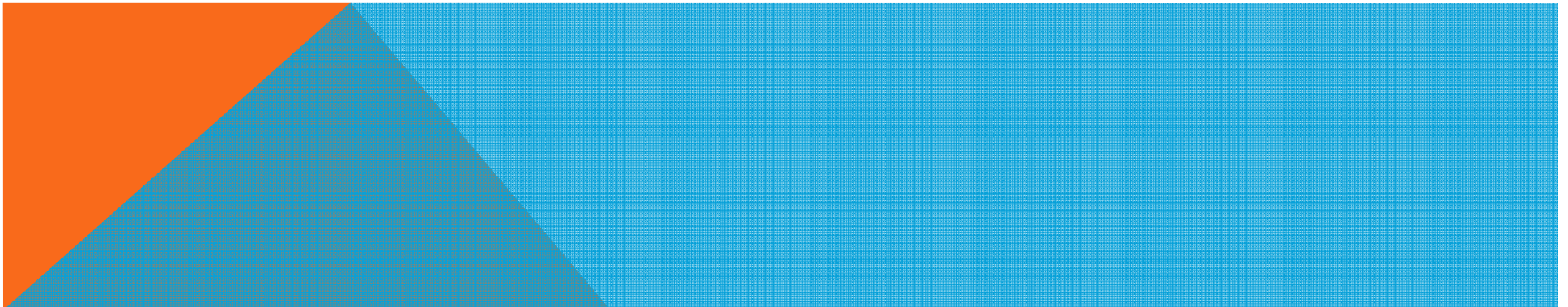
## **RECOVERY PLANNING IS DIFFERENT FROM PLANNING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

- **Full effect not felt, and won't be felt for some time**
- **Natural tendency to resist change without full information**
- **Incrementalism**



# LAYERING ON RACE AND POVERTY ON INCREMENTALISM

- **Privileged/Spatially Vulnerable**
- **Marginalized/Spatially Vulnerable**
  - Isolation, information about climate change
  - Self-definition about the relevance of climate change, reinforced by larger narrative that says poverty should trump the environment



# PREPARING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

- **Poverty reduction is crucial to preparing underserved communities for climate change**
- **I have to say this but the reality is....**
- **Change the narrative in discussing poverty and climate change; insist on the linkage by telling clear, compelling stories, some borrowed from other contexts grappling with ever-present danger from natural disaster**
- **Use disaster prevention and mitigation planning as a port of entry for a discussion about protecting vulnerable populations in the climate change discussion**
- **Public policy should stress disaster audits and planning as part of the master planning process**

