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## International Development of Risk Assessment Tools for Climate Change

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- Project cycle and the Vulnerability& Adaptation approach
- Tools of Climate Change Risk Analysis
- Tool demonstration
- Lessons learnt and Conclusions

## Why Risk Assessment Tools for Climate Change?

- Infrastructures are designed (eg. 50 or 100 years...) according to specific "reference" events (i.e. frequency: flood of one hundred years return period)

  References on Specific events are currently based on past experience with a stable climate hypothesis.
  - → Climate Change modifies (already now, and much more over the next 50 or 100 years...) the actual risk level and therefore challenges design rules
- There is and will be an increase in unusual climatic events (strength-frequency) caused by climate change; impacts on infrastructures, operations, and the economy at large may be significant, and in some cases more dangerous than many now think.
- Other factors will increase the impacts of unusual climate events. i.e. Urbanisation growth leading to more run-off, increase in trade, "just-in-time" transport, increasing sensitivity of transport users to risks.
  - → A more-in-depth, wider-open and more-systematic Risk Management approach is necessary.



## Typical examples of impacts of unusual climate events - 1/3

#### **Stronger Winds**



December 1999: Storm in France: winds from 160 to 200 km/h

#### Heat & Drought

Summer 2003: Forest fire close to A8 motorway (South of France)



Source : ASF/ Escota

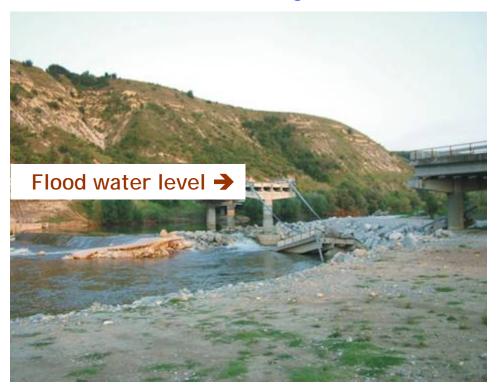
## Typical examples of impacts of unusual climate events - 2/3

#### Rain & Flood

#### 8 July 2001: A1 motorway flooded (North of France), following very local strong storms



#### Flood in Bulgaria



## Typical examples of impacts of unusual climate events – 3/3

#### Hurricane & Bridges



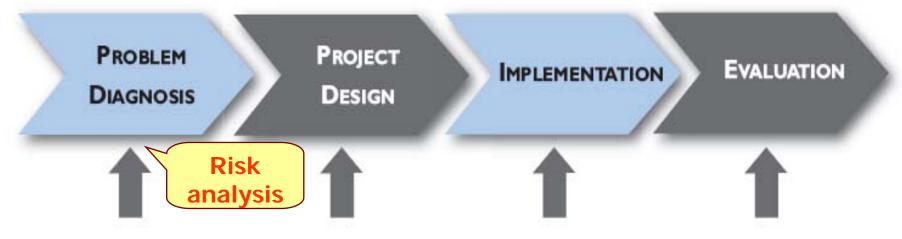
US 90 - St. Louis, Mississippi

#### **Hurricane & Roads Network**



Many part of Interstate 10 (New Orleans, Louisiana) were underwater. Some ramps were used to support emergency operations

## Project cycle and the Vulnerability & Adaptation approach



Step 1: Screen for Vulnerability



Step 2: Identify Adaptations

Step 3: Conduct Analysis

Step 4: Select Course of

Action

Thai residents walk on a flooded street in the Chon Buri province, about 81km (50 miles) east of Bangkok, September 14, 2005. The weather bureau warned that the depression from the east coast of Vietnam could cause flooding in some areas of Thailand. REUTERS/Sukree Sukplang SS/mk.

Step 5: Implement

Adaptations

Step 6: Evaluate Adaptations

Source: Adapting to climate variability and change -- a guidance manual for development planning, USAID (2007)

#### **PROCESS** Step 1: Screen for STEP 1 Vulnerability No Further Is project sensitive Action Needed to climate? Yes Step 2 - 6 Analysis, STEP 2 Implementation Identify Adaptations and Evaluation STEP 3 **Conduct Analysis** STEP 4 No Select Course of Action - Are No Further Changes Action Needed Justified? Yes STEP 5 Implementation Plan STEP 6 Evaluation 5 4 1

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Step I – Screen for Vulnerability Vulnerability Screening is a preliminary assessment of whether climate variability or change could compromise the integrity, effectiveness, or longevity of a project within the planning horizon for the project.

Step 2 – Identify adaptations Work with stakeholders to identify alternative designs or management practices that may enable them to better cope with climate variability and change. The emphasis should be on finding measures that increase resilience to climate change, but still make sense under the current climate.

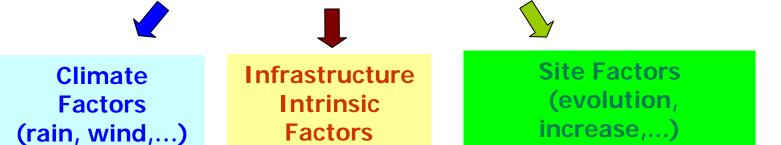
Step 3 - Conduct analysis Examine the consequences of climate variability and change as well as the effectiveness, costs, and feasibility of adaptations that can reduce vulnerability to climate variability and change.

Step 4 – Select course of action Meet with stakeholders to review results of the analysis. Determine if changes in a current project design are required or if a proposed project should feature new adaptations.

Step 5 - Implement adaptations Prepare an implementation plan identifying next steps, responsible staff and organizations, timeline, and resource needs required to incorporate the climate change adaptations into the project.

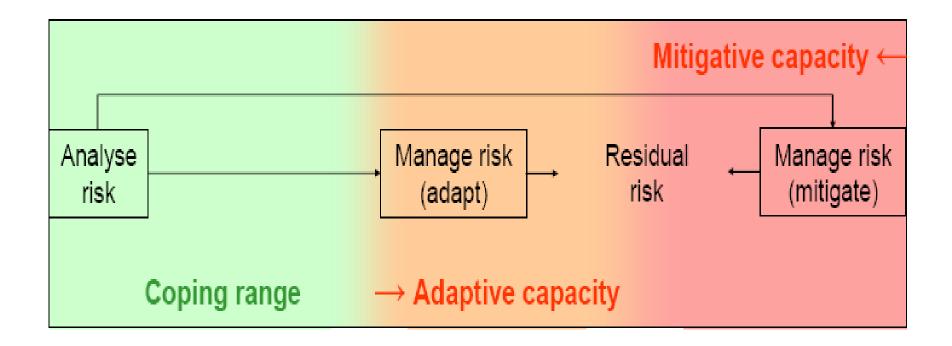
Step 6 – Evaluate adaptations Evaluate the implementation of adaptations and their effectiveness. Since many adaptations may be due to infrequent, extreme events or long-term climate change, it may be difficult to evaluate effectiveness in a relatively short time period following implementation. But, at a minimum, an evaluation can be done to see if the adaptations were put in place and whether there were problems or excessive costs associated with them.

### A systematic identification of Risk Factors

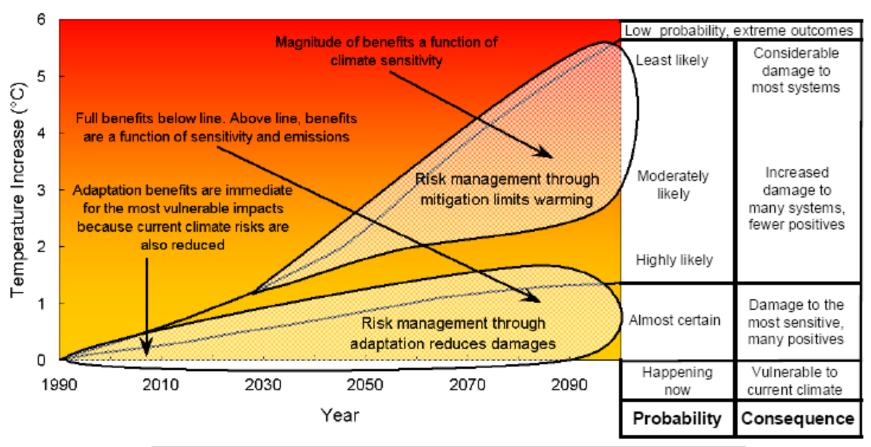


- Assessment of the Infrastructure sensitivity (issues at stake)
- Determination of Risk Levels and their critical thresholds
- Ability of continuous adjustment to Climate Data evolution
- Networking Knowledge and Experience Capitalisation for sustainable relevance of both methods and tools
  (GERICI, 2007)9

# Schematic representing the complementary relationship between mitigation and adaptation



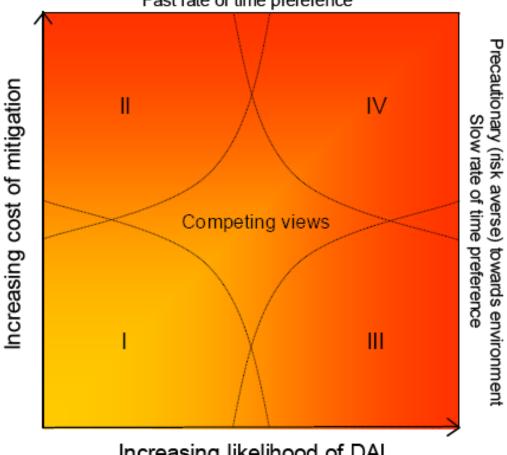
#### The Structure of Climate Change Risks



Core benefits of adaptation and mitigation

Probability – the likelihood of reaching or exceeding a given level of global warming Consequence – the effect of reaching or exceeding a given level of global warming Risk = Probability × Consequence Matrix linking increasing costs and mitigation and increasing likelihood of dangerous anthropogenic interference (DAI) to four possible strategies for managing those risks.

Precautionary (risk averse) towards economy Fast rate of time preference



Increasing likelihood of DAI

#### Strategy I

- ·Wait and see on everything
- Reduce uncertainty through experience
- Reactive adaptation (min loss/max benefits)
- Modest mitigation known low cost options

#### Strategy II

- Wait and see on climate and impacts
- Research economic, tech uncertainty
- Reactive adaptation (min loss/max benefits)
- Efforts to reduce mitigation costs

#### Strategy III

- Act early to stabilise
- Research climate & impact uncertainty
- Anticipatory adaptation
- Strong mitigation develop low cost options

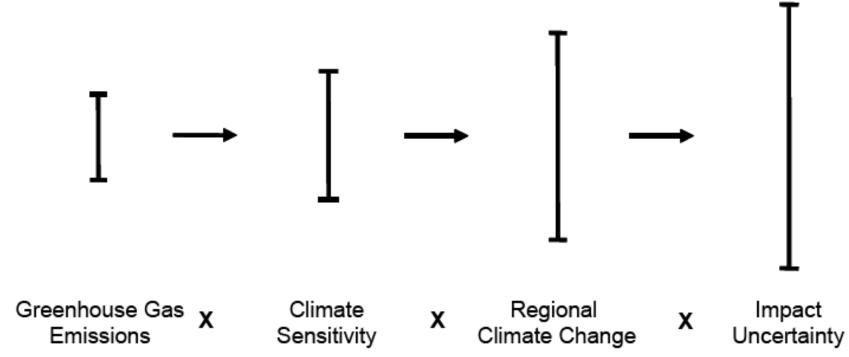
#### Strategy IV

- Act on everything
- Research everything
- Anticipatory adaptation and cost reduction
- Anticipatory mitigation and cost reduction

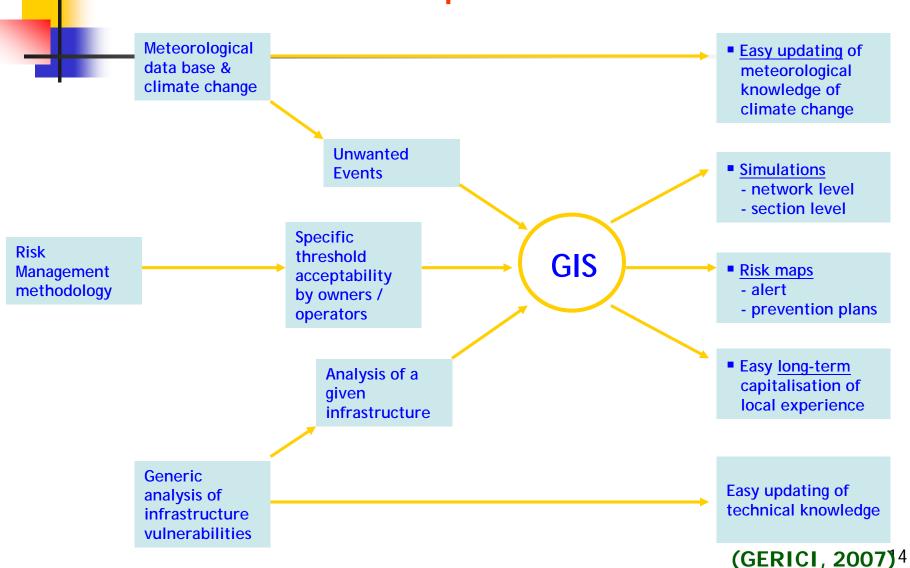
(Jones and Preston, 2006)<sub>12</sub>



### Schematic Depiction of the Uncertainty Explosion in Climate Change Analysis



# Structure of Risk Management Tools for Approach & Results -- A example of GERICI



#### Adaptation Options Identified for the V&A pilot studies

	HONDURAS	MALI	SOUTH AFRICA	THAILAND
Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Construction of groins, sea walls, breakwaters, dams, drainage systems</li> <li>Sand pumping, river dredging, lining of river channel</li> <li>Improved design and higher levees</li> <li>Installation of collectors, storm gates and pumps</li> </ul>	storage facilities	<ul> <li>Recycling – urban</li> <li>Reuse – mining</li> <li>Build dam</li> <li>Expand well fields</li> </ul>	Water resource development     Construction of weirs
Capacity Building	Improve environmental education     Build staff capacity and infrastructure to implement flood warning system	Build knowledge and capacity to understand agricultural production stressors     Build capacity in weather forecasting	<ul> <li>Drought/risk management</li> <li>Hydro-climatic network/monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Build knowledge and capacity in adaptation</li> <li>Encourage conservation</li> <li>Strengthen commodity value chains and find new markets</li> </ul>
Policy	<ul> <li>Design and implement zoning regulations and building codes</li> <li>Limit deforestation</li> <li>Adoption of local policy and ordinance initiatives</li> </ul>	Facilitate access to credit	<ul> <li>Intersectoral reallocation</li> <li>Reallocation of reservoir yield</li> <li>Water conservation and demand management (including metering and price structure)</li> <li>Conjunctive use</li> </ul>	Compensation for flood damages     Regulations to control unsustainable fishery practice     Develop resource management plans at the community level

**Source: (USAID, 2007)** 

### **Criteria for Analyzing Matrix Adaptations**

PILOT STUDY	Effectiveness	Cost	Feasibility	Social/Cultural Feasibility	Assistance Requirements	Adequacy for Current Climate	Speed of Implementation	Consistency with State Policy
La Ceiba, Honduras	$\sqrt{}$						$\sqrt{}$	
Zignasso, Mali	√	√	√		√	√		
Polokwane, South Africa	√	√	√	√			√	
Songkram River, Thailand				√				√

Source: Adapting to climate variability and change -- a guidance manual for development planning, USAID (2007)

## Suggested Adaptation Planning Resources

**UK Climate Impact Program (UKCIP):** UKCIP provides tools and data to support climate change risk assessments and develop adaptation strategies. The program offers climate change and socio-economic scenarios, a framework for making decisions in the face of climate risk and uncertainty, and a methodology for costing the impacts of climate change. Although specific to the United Kingdom, UKCIP's tools and databases of climate change adaptation case studies and adaptation options are relevant and useful for the U.S. http://www.ukcip.org.uk/

**USAID:** Through their Global Climate Change Program, USAID helps developing countries and countries in transition address climate-related concerns. In 2007, USAID published a guidance manual for development planning, *Adapting to Climate Variability and Change*. This manual provides guidance on how to assess vulnerability to climate variability and change, as well as how to design or adapt projects so that they are more resilient to a range of climatic conditions. Specific cases on water, flood, and agricultural management impacts and adaptation options are included. http://www.usaid.gov/our\_work/environment/climate/docs/reports/cc\_vamanual.pdf

Eldis—Community-Based Adaptation Exchange Program: Eldis is a global services organization specializing in adaptation services in high-risk countries. It offers a database of donors, implementing agencies, academia, and policy organizations involved in adaptation. http://www.cba-exchange.org

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability: ICLEI is a global services organization specializing in both mitigation and adaptation support to local governments in the U.S. and globally. Through their Sustainable Cities program, ICLEI works with local governments to build resiliency to climate impacts. http://www.iclei.org

Queensland Climate Change Center of Excellence (QCCCE): Based in Australia, the QCCCE is a new unit within the state's Office of Climate Change, providing policy advice, information, and scientific data on climate change and impacts. ClimateSmart Adaptation 2007-12 (put title in italics) is the government's action plan to increase resilience to climate change impacts in key sectors including: water planning, agriculture, emergency services, human health, tourism, finance, and insurance. http://www.climatechange.qld.gov.au/

(Pew Center, 2007))

### **Tools of Climate Change Risk Analysis**



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#### Sharing Climate Adaptation Tools:

Improving decision-making for development Geneva Workshop, 11-12 April 2007

Do not wait; the time will never be "just right."

Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.

Napoleon Hill





- Information generation, databases and platforms
- 2. Computer-based decision tools
- 3. Adaptation/risk management processes

- Information generation, databases and platforms
- Current information generation and database tools provide a wide variety of audiences with climate and vulnerability related information.
- For the most part, the information is open source and provides analysis across a wide variety of sectors and scales. These are not decision-making tools but rather provide donors, governments and NGOs with inputs that could be utilised for risk management and adaptation management processes.
- This category ranges from those databases which utilise Global Circulation Modelling (GCM) (eg. PRECIS) as well as general vulnerability and adaptation data (eg. NAPA Platform).

#### -- 1. Information generation, databases and platforms

	Tools	More information
-	PRECIS - Providing Regional Climates for Impacts Studies - UK Met Office Hadley Centre	http://precis.metoffice.com/
	Vulnerability mapping and impact assessment – ILRI, TERI, ACTS, CIAT	http://www.dfid.gov.uk/research/mapping-climate.pdf
	SERVIR Climate Change Mapping Tool - USAID, NASA, CATHALAC, IAGT	http://www.servir.net/
	Statistical DownScaling Model (SDSM) – Environment Agency, UK	www.sdsm.org.uk
	Climate Analysis Indicators Tool - WRI	http://cait.wri.org/
	NAPA Platform - UNITAR	www.napa-pana.org
	Climate envelopes/adaptation risk screening platform (CIEAR) - SEI	www.sei.se/oxford/
	Other information generation/database tools:OFDA/CRED International Disasters Database (EM-DAT)	

#### -- 1. Information generation, databases and platforms

Tool	Audience	Screening level	Spatial scale	Training time	Application time	Main data type	Economic analysis
1.a) PRECIS (UK Met Office)	all	Input tool	multi- scale	varying	varying	Quantitative	No
1.b) Vulnerability assessment (ILRI et al)	donors	policy	national	unknown	2-6 months	Quant.	not at present
1.c). SERVIR (USAID, NASA)	all	various	local, regional	none	<1 month	Quant	No
1.d). SDSM (Environment Agency)	gov't, donors, other	project	multi- scale	half-day	<1 month	Quant	No
1.e). CAIT (WRI)	all	programme	national	none	<1 month	Quant	No
1.f). NAPA Platform (UNITAR)	gov't, donors, NGOs	project, programme	multi- scale	none	NA	NA	No
1.g). CIEAR (SEI)	all	various	multi- scale	varying	varying	quant	Yes in future

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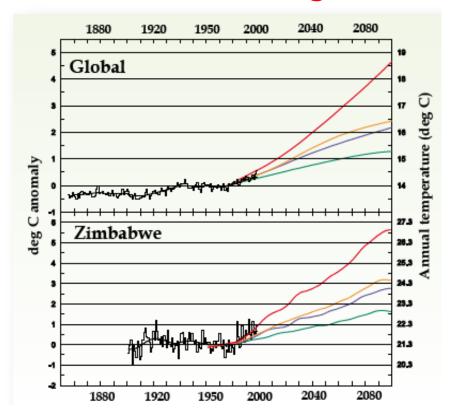
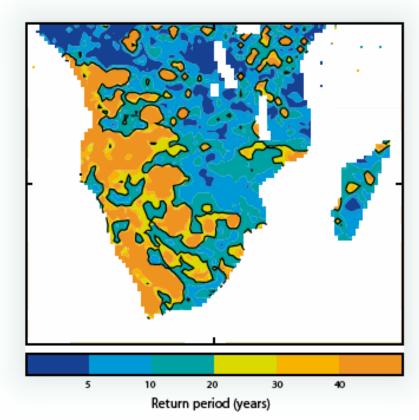


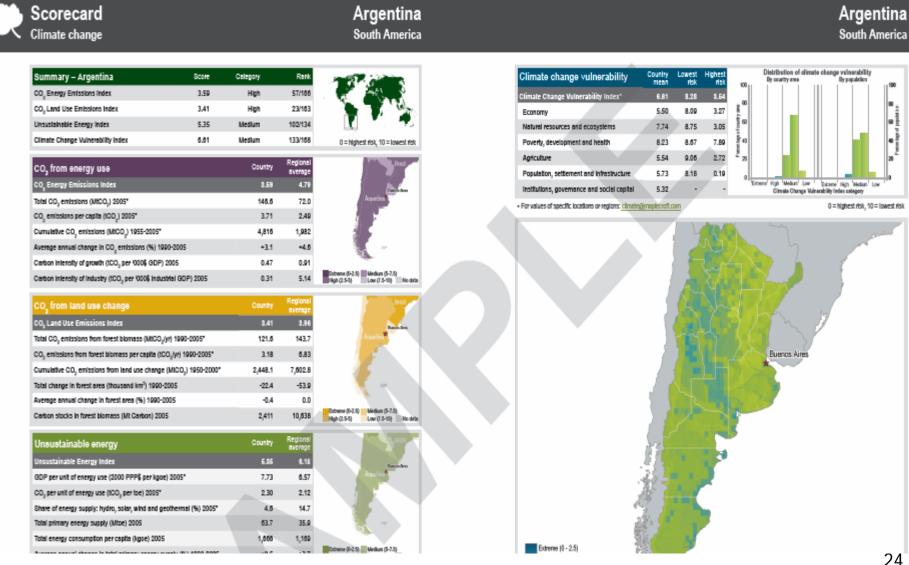
Figure 2: An example of a "simple" climate scenario for communicating to a general audience with limited knowledge of climate change. Shown in this diagram are the observed and model-simulated annual temperature changes to 2100 under four emissions scenarios (represented by the coloured solid lines) globally and for Zimbabwe. The change was simulated by a simple climate model with a medium climate sensitivity (2.5° C) and calculated in relation to the 1961-1990 average. Such scenario information is of particular interest to farmers and nature conservation practitioners alike (adapted from Hulme and Sheard, 1999).



**Source: (USAID, 2007)** 

Figure 3: An example of "sophisticated" climate scenarios. Shown here are the summer rainfall return periods for the 2080s with relation to present-day, one-in-20-year events over Southern Africa, under the IPCC SRES A2 emissions scenario, as simulated by the UK Hadley Centre regional climate model, PRECIS. Values under 20 imply the present-day extreme precipitation event will be more frequent in the future, and vice versa (adapted from Jones et al., 2004).

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http://www.maplecroft.com/CC\_Scorecard\_Argentina\_sample.pdf

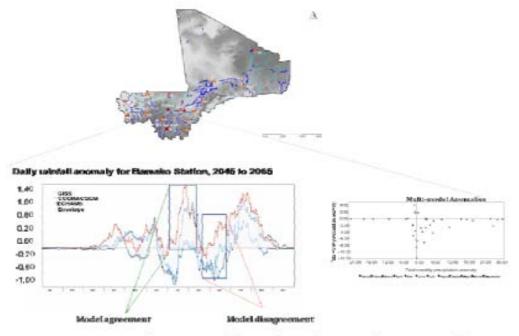
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#### The Climate Change Explorer Tool (CCE)

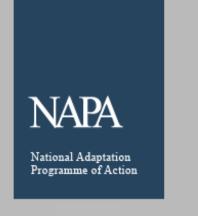
Facilitating an advanced understanding of long-term climate forecasts for screening adaptation strategies and actions.

The Climate Change Explorer (CCE) is a tool that aims to facilitate the gathering of information climatological and its application to adaptation strategies and actions. The CCE packages data access routines with guidance and customized analytical and visualization procedures. It is designed to simplify the tasks associated with the extraction, query and analysis of climate information, thereby enabling users to address issues of uncertainty when devising policies and strategies, and also when implementing actions.



Source: www.weADAPT.org. Figure 1: Example Output from the Climate Change Explorer in Mali.

-- 1. Information generation, databases and platforms





NAPA Preliminary Work, Draft & Final

NAPA Guidance & GEF Information

Risk Assessment & Adaptation Resources

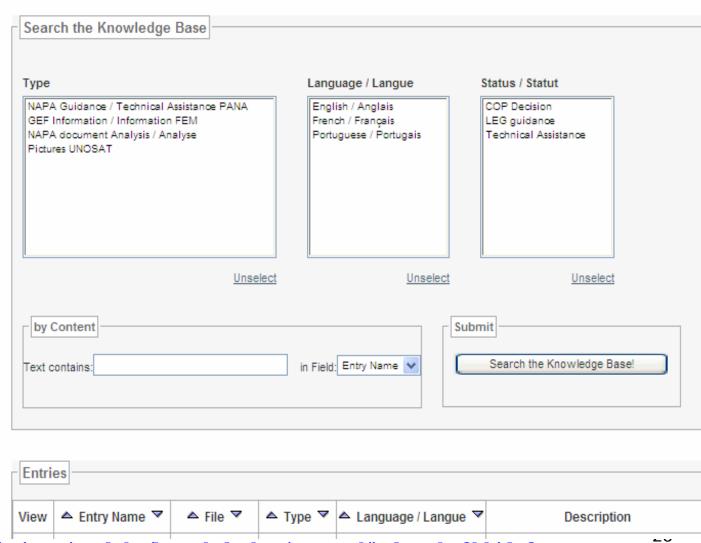
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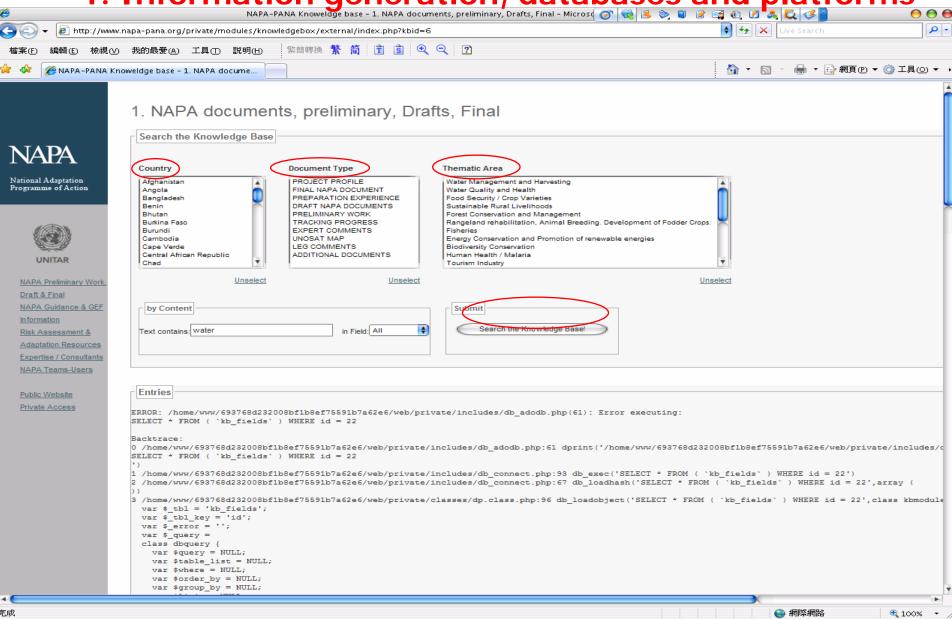
Public Website

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#### NAPA workshops technical assistance



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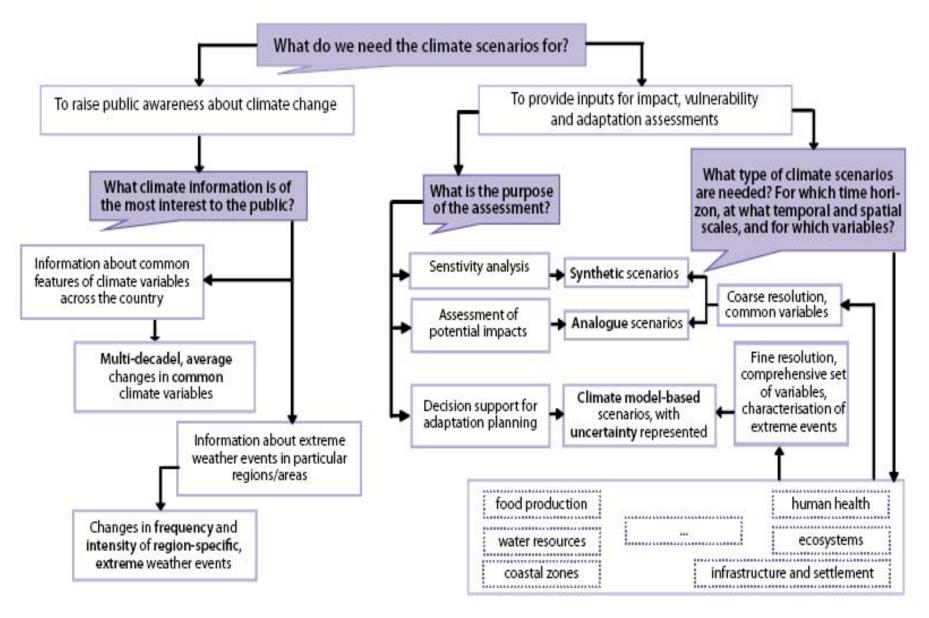


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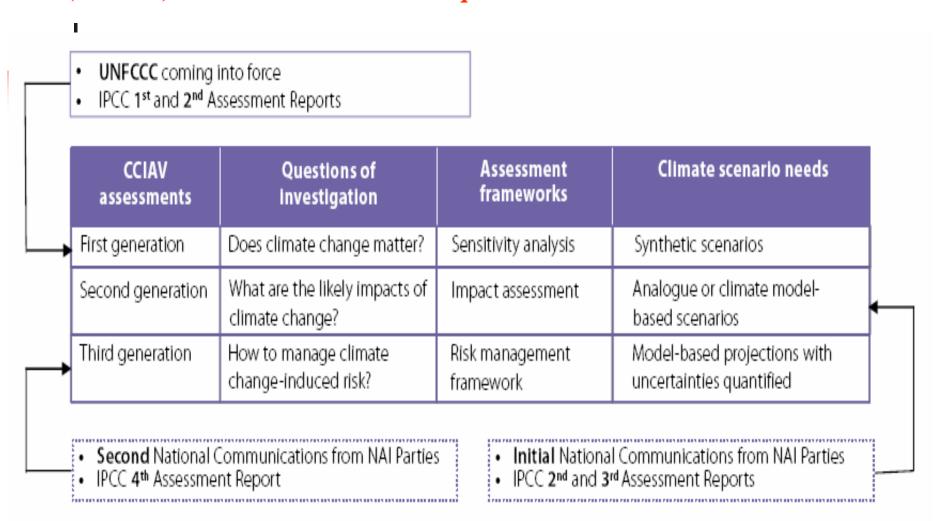
## REGIONAL CLIMATE SCENARIOS

for Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessments

## Questions to consider for identifying the needs for climate scenario information within the framework of national communications



## Summary of Climate Change Impact, Adaptation and Vulnerability (CCIAV) assessments and their requirements for climate scenario data



CCIAV: climate change impact, adaptation and vulnerability

## Summary of Climate Adaptation Tools -- 2. Computer-based decision tools

- Computer-based decision tools are primarily intended to assist donors to identify climate related risks and adaptation options based on project/programme inputs.
- > These tools typically include social vulnerability information and assist donors in establishing priorities as well as include economic analysis as part of the decision-making process.
- > These tools are designed to incorporate various forms of data as well as inputs from various stakeholders.
- Whereas CRiSTAL is aimed at project-level decision-making, the SEI platform will be applicable across scales.
- > The advantage of these models is that they allow programme staff to easily navigate the platform and are thus more hands on, relying less on "expert advice".

## Summary of Climate Adaptation Tools -- 2. Computer-based decision tools

Tools	More information
CRISTAL - IISD, IUCN, SEI, Intercooperation	www.iisd.org/security/es/resili ence/climate_phase2.asp
ADAPT - World Bank	www.worldbank.org/climatech ange
Adaptation Wizard – UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP)	http://www.ukcip.org.uk/resources/tools/adapt.asp
Country Database – UNDP-GEF	Database restricted to users of UNDP intranet.



Tool	Audience	Screening level	Spatial scale	Training time	Application time	Main data type	Economic analysis
2.a).CRiSTAL (IISD/ IUCN/SEI/Intercooperation)	all	project	local, regional	1 hour	<1 month	Qualitative	not at present
2.b). ADAPT (World Bank)	all	project	local, regional	none	<1 month	Qual	No
2.c). Adaptation Wizard (UKCIP)	all	various	multi- scale	none	<1 month	Quant and qual	Yes
2.d). UNDP Country database	Country offices	Project	National	20 minutes	<1 month	Quant and qual	No

## **Summary of Climate Adaptation Tools** -- 2. Computer-based decision tools

## CRISTAL 3.1

<u>C</u>ommunity-based <u>Ri</u>sk <u>S</u>creening <u>T</u>ool: <u>A</u>daptation and <u>L</u>ivelihoods

#### **Livelihoods and Climate Change**

In its Fourth Assessment Report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that the globally averaged surface temperatures increased 0.74  $\pm$  0.2°C between 1906 and 2005. This trend is expected to persist, with a 1.8 to 4°C warming predicted for the current century. (1) Warming will vary by region and be accompanied by significant changes in local precipitation, sea level rise and changes in the frequency and intensity of some extreme events. Yet these impacts will not be distributed or felt uniformly, as those "with the least resources have the least capacity to adapt and are the most vulnerable." (2)



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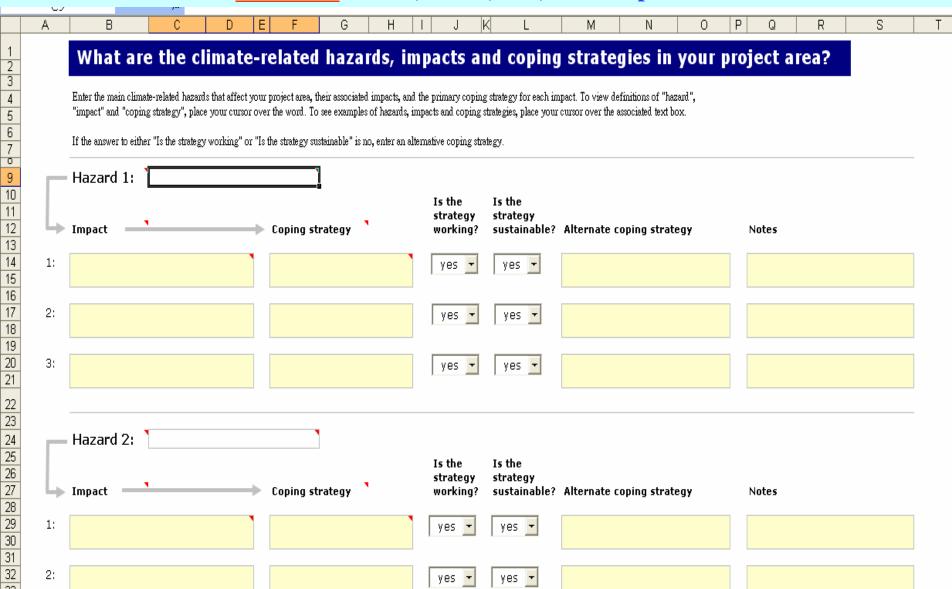
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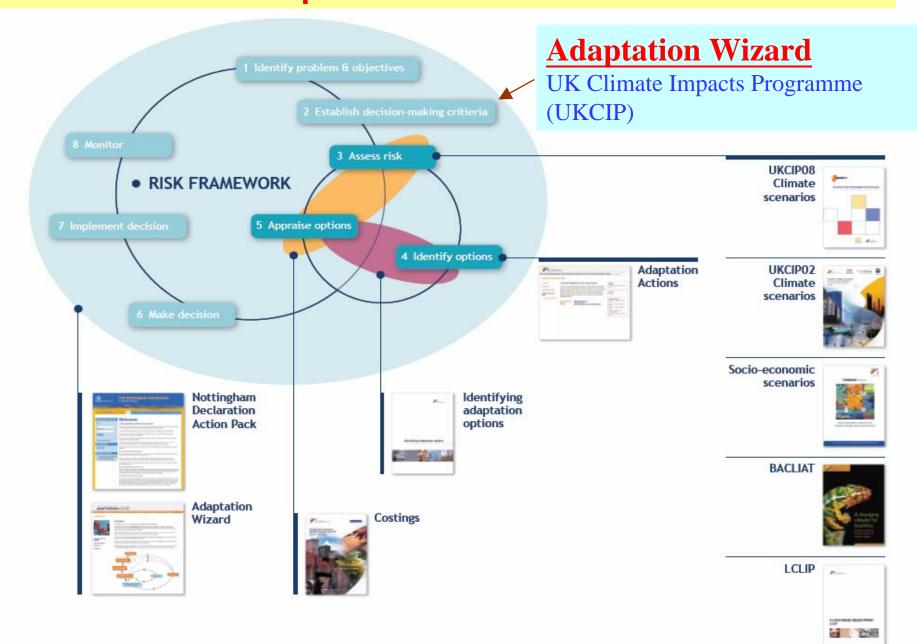


## Summary of Climate Adaptation Tools -- 2. Computer-based decision tools

**CRISTAL** • IISD, IUCN, SEI, Intercooperation



## Summary of Climate Adaptation Tools -- 2. Computer-based decision tools



#### -- 3. Adaptation/risk management processes

- Adaptation/risk management processes include those tools which have been developed by specific international aid agencies intended to screen projects/programmes and/or develop policy priorities.
- ➤ As a result, they are tailored toward the specific decisionmaking processes of the donor organisation.
- ➤ Typically these processes rely on expert advice from their respective climate change departments or outside consultants. They tend to rely more heavily on qualitative inputs while also incorporating climate science information.
- ➤ Some tools incorporate economic analyses where the information is available or where applicable.
- ➤On the whole, these processes take longer than computerbased decision tools but are more thorough in their analysis, providing tailored recommendations for disaster risk reduction and adaptation.

## Summary of Climate Adaptation Tools -- 3. Adaptation/risk management processes

Tools	More information
Climate quick scans - DGIS, The Netherlands	www.nlcap.net
Preparedness for Climate Change - Red Cross/Red Crescent	www.climatecentre.org
Climate Change Adaptation Guidance Manual - USAID	www.ids.ac.uk/climatechange
Opportunities and Risks of Climate Change and Disasters (ORCHID) - IDS	www.ids.ac.uk/climatechange
Integration of climate risks into country programming - UNDP	UNDP Intranet only
Other paper-based/process tools:	http://www.proventionconsortium .org/?pageid=32&projectid=1

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3.a). Climate quick scans (DGIS)	donors	project, programme	multi- scale	none	<1 month	Qual	No
3.b). Preparedness for Climate Change (Red Cross/Crescent)	NGOs	programme, policy	National	none	> 6 months	Qual	No
3.c). Climate Change Adaptation Guidance Manual (USAID)	donors	policy, project	local, regional	-	2-6 months	Quant and qual	not at present
3.d). ORCHID (IDS/DFID)	donors, NGOs	programme	regional, national	none	2-6 months	Qual	Yes
3.e.) CCA/UNDAF Guidance (UNDP)	Country offices	programme	National	none	>6 months	Qual	No

## Resources of Climate Change Risk Analysis Tools

Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM): one of the most famous website http://www.adaptationlearning.net/resources/tools.php











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#### ADAPTATION RESOURCES

#### Guidance and tools

The ALM shares guidance and tools for developing and implementing adaptation initiatives. Below is a list of materials available for immediate download or online browsing.

User submissions of relevant resources are welcome and encouraged. Please contact us to share guidance and tools, or recommend a resource that you find particularly useful in your work. In addition, national teams and others with completed adaptation planning phases are encouraged to submit case studies to the ALM.

#### SPOTLIGHT

#### Adaptation project profile: Eritrea

Adapting Livestock
Management to Climate
Change in the Northwestern Lowlands of
Eritrea (UNDP-GEF case
study). DOWNLOAD >

#### Tools and resources

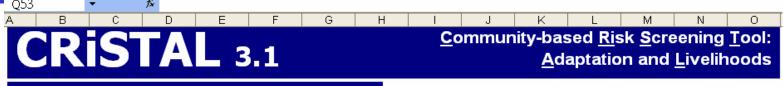
Many summaries from: Sharing Climate Adaptation Tools: Improving decision-making for development workshop report, sponsored by the Institute for Development Studies (IDS), The World Bank, and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

COMPUTER-BASED

#### CRISTAL . IISD, IUCN, SEI, Intercooperation

This project-based tool is aimed at numerous users and is currently being piloted for Nicaragua, Mali, Tanzania and Sri Lanka in sectors such as agriculture, water resource management, infrastructure, and natural resource management. The tool requires detailed project inputs and vulnerability data. The tool delivers vulnerability and livelihood profiles as

## **Tool Demonstration**



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#### How does CRISTAL help you do this?

IISD, IUCN, SEI-US and Intercooperation have developed CRISTAL (Community-based Risk Screening Tool - Adaptation & Livelihoods), a decision-support tool that helps communities, project planners and managers to:

- Systematically understand the links between local livelihoods and climate;
- Assess a project's impact on livelihood resources vulnerable to climate risk and important to coping;
- Devise adjustments that improve a project's impact on livelihood resources central to adaptive capacity

To do this, CRISTAL is divided into two modules:

- 1. Module 1: Synthesizing information on climate and livelihoods
- 2. Module 2: Planning and managing projects for climate adaptation



The first module is designed to help you collect and organize information on the climate and livelihood context of the project area. The second module will then use this information to help you analyze how a project affects local vulnerability and adaptive capacity, providing a basis for devising project adjustments that foster adaptation to climate change. Module 1 must be completed in order to use Module 2.

### **Lessons learnt and Conclusions**

- Specific design rules of infrastructure must change. The concept of a "design-basis-event" based on a "return period" (ten-year rainfall, 100 year-flood, etc.) was very useful but is now dangerous. The hypothesis of a stable climate is now incorrect.
- ➤ Risk-analysis approach is necessary and the knowledge of the cost-sensitivity of a given infrastructure to climatic condition levels (i.e. winds) is necessary to make sound decisions.
- ➤ Appropriate networking and knowledge capitalisation are keys. The emergence of new climatic events with possible large impacts demands a wide and very-well-organised networking is needed to avoid errors occurring twice.
- ➤ Taiwan's government and academic institutions can aggressively develop or adopt useful and well-designed climate adaptation tools for assessing local climate change issues and preparing adapting strategies.

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# Thank you for your attention!

