



# Data sources, analytical methods and tools

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### Starting point



Need for robust science answering questions

- What are the system's climate risks and vulnerabilities?
- How effective does the project address these climate risks?
- Is the investment climate risk proofed?

→ Strengthening the articulation of the climate rationale





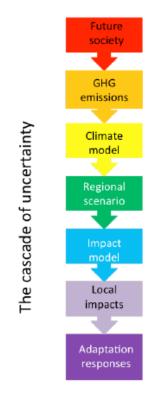
- Need for high-quality data and information
- BUT also consider aleatory and epistemic uncertainty and decision making under deep uncertainty
- Forthcoming: GCF WMO climate rationale work to develop guidance on data sources, methods, tools

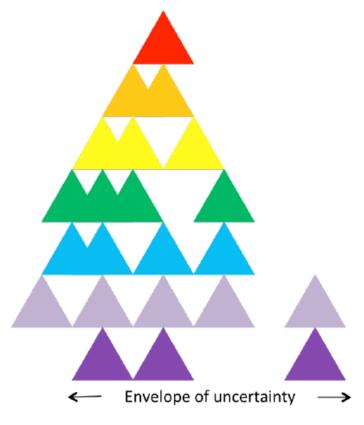
### What about uncertainty?



### **Sources of uncertainty:**

- GHG emission scenarios depend on future human behaviour
- Uncertainties in Global Climate Models' parameters and structures
- Limited understanding of interactions of earth system
- Climate variability
- Coarse spatial and temporal resolution (limited value for water resources planning, particularly for extremes)





The Cascade of uncertainty (Wilby and Dessai 2010 cited in García, L.E. et al. 2014 *Beyond Downscaling: A Bottom-Up Approach to Climate Adaptation for Water Resources Management*)

# Handout listing data sources, analytical methods and tools



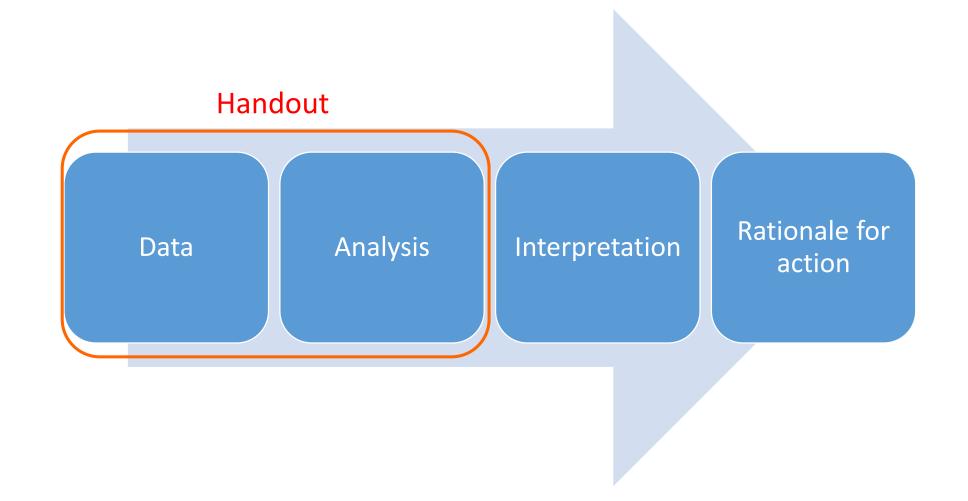
- Overview of data sources, analytical methods and tools for climate change related water challenges
- Does <u>not</u> endorse information provided by sources
- Check appropriateness, quality, uncertainty and prediction capabilities with regard to its intended use!
- Starting point to examine and help design relevant climate resilient water projects
- Is the handout complete? Continuously updated

Further improvements once Climate Rationale guidance and Catalogue of Maturity-Assessed Climate Datasets released



### Climate Rationale Value Chain





### Handout structure



- Climate Data and Tools with relevance to Water Management
- 2. Water Data, Tools and Models
- 3. Regional Institutions and Mechanisms with technical resources
- 4. Conceptual framework of a Climate Services Information System (WMO)



### Document 6: Data, Analytical Methods and Tools on Climate Chang and Water

Technical Workshop on Project Preparation "Transformational Climate Resilience Water Project Concepts in Africa for the Green Climate Fund

### Prepared by Global Water Partnership, September 2011

This handout aims to provide a succinct overview of data sources, analytical methods and tools for climate change related water challenges. A listing of a website is not an endorsement of the information the website provides. The handout is rather a starting point to point to possible data sources, information and tools. The data and information from these sources needs to be vetted in terms of its appropriateness, quality, uncertainty and prediction capabilities regarding its intended use.

This handout will be continuously updated. It has been developed by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) with inputs from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for the Technical Workshop on Project Preparation Transformational Climate Resilience Water Project Concepts in Africa for the Green Climate Fund organized by GWP in collaboration with Africa Water Facility, African Development Bank, Africa Climate Change Fund, CRIDF, DBSA and with technical input of the Green Climate Fund

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### 1. Climate Data and Tools with Relevance to Water Management

1.1 Essential Climate Variables (ECVs) of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) are the physical, chemical or biological variables critical to characterize the earth's climate https://public.web.ork/arcorassmens/public/biolacticimate-observing-overant-assential-climate-obse

1.2 IPCC 3<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report Working Group I on the Physical Science Basis Includes observation and projections of water cycle sharps and changes in externes and detection and estitution of climate change (including the water cycle and estremes) on global and regional level; Working Group II on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability Includes observed Impacts, vulnerability and adaptation with freshwates-related risks of climate change with continental overviews.

1.3 Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX) was initiated in 2009 to respond to the need for a coordinated framework for evaluating and improving regional climate

## Selected examples from Handout - Section 1. Climate Data and Tools with Relevance to Water

- GCOS Essential Climate Variables (ECVs)
- Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX)
- EU Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S)
- CCAFS-Climate data portal

[12 resources listed in Handout]



### Under development:



### Catalogue of Maturity-Assessed Climate Datasets, WMO

Maturity of datasets to be assessed on (1) Accessibility, (2) Usability, (3) Quality Management, (4) Data Management

- Enhancing discoverability, access and use of high quality climate data
- Provide transparent information on source of data and metadata
- One-stop platform for assessing maturity and quality of climate datasets
- Increasing visibility of the best data

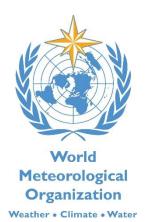
Source: WMO Draft Manual on High Quality Global Data Management Framework for Climate (under development)

# Selected examples from Handout - Section 2. Water Data, Tools and Models

- WMO Hydrological Observing System (WHOS)
- Global Runoff Data Centre (GRDC)
- International Data Centre on Hydrology of Lakes and Reservoirs (HYDROLARE)
- IGRAC Global Groundwater Information System (GGIS)
- Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science (CUHASI)
- Group on Earth Observations System of Systems (GEO SS) Portal
- Integrated Drought Management Help Desk
- Integrated Flood Management Help Desk

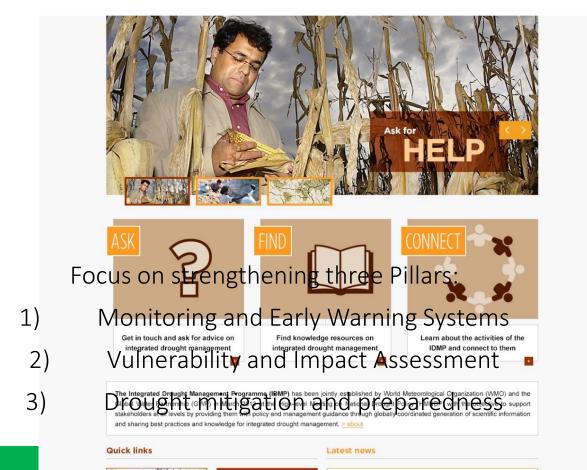
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### Managing Water Extremes Drought and Flood Management HelpDesks









### Synergies of Partners





Over 30 expert partner organizations in each programme



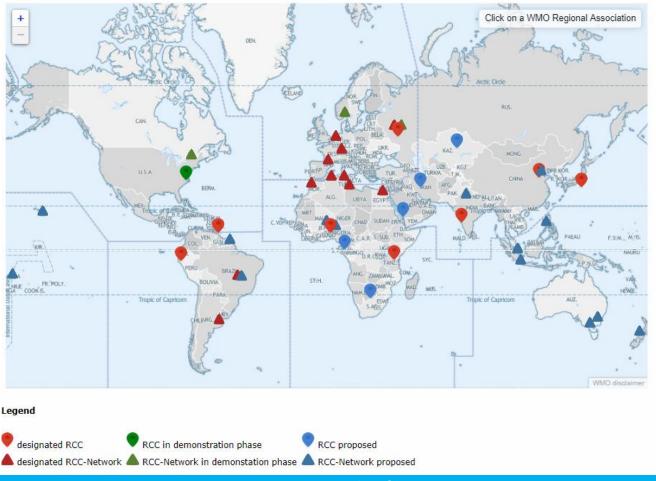






### Section 3. Regional Institutions and Mechanism Global Water Partnership

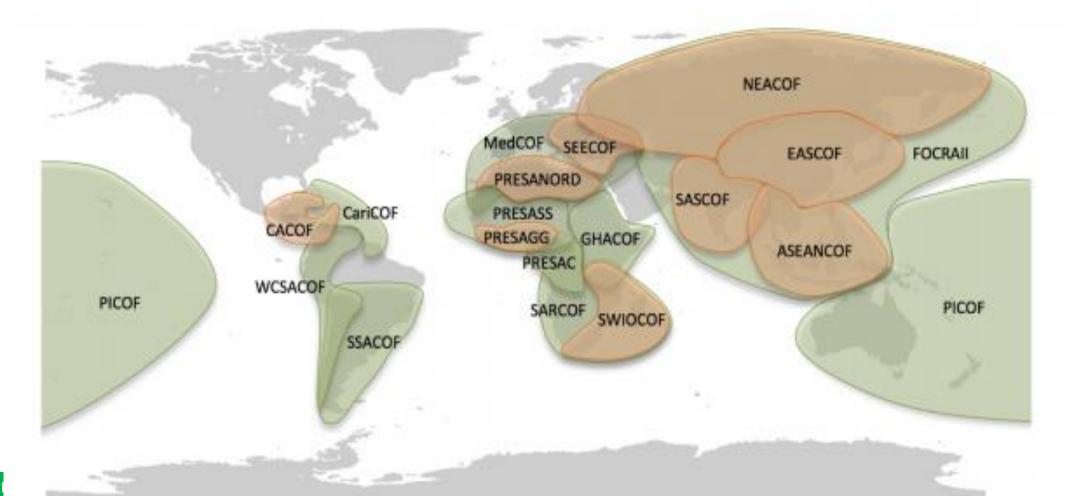
WMO designated <u>Regional Climate Centres (RCCs)</u> to generate and deliver more regionally-focused high-resolution data and products as well as training and capacity building.



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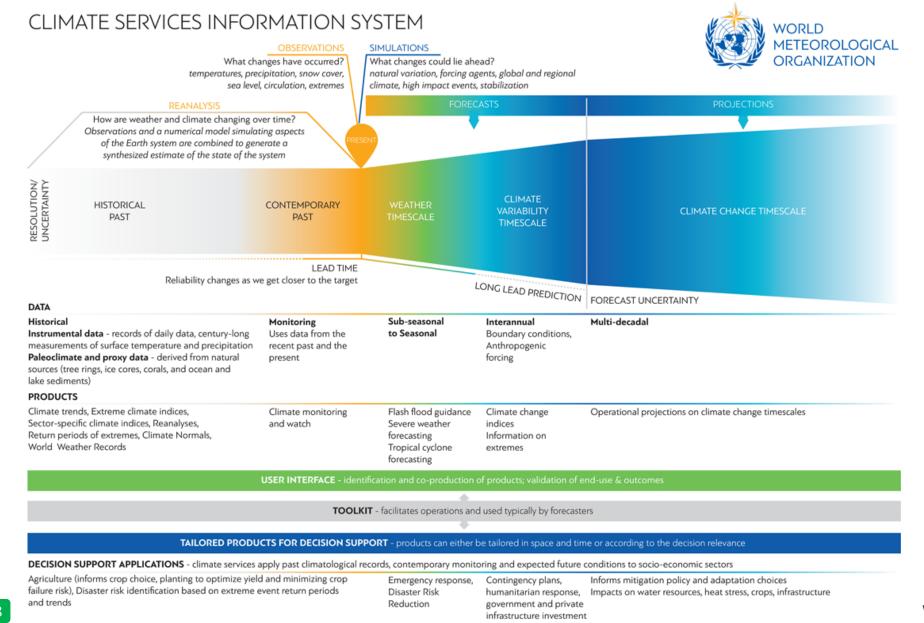
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Regional Climate Outlook Forums produce consensus-based, user relevant climate outlooks for the coming season on a regular basis.



### Section 4. Conceptual framework of a CSIS





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A Regional Approach to Implementing the Climate Services Information System (CSIS-R)

