

# **Climate Change Impact and Adaptation in Water Sector: Cases from Asian Countries**

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# Outlines

- Facing the facts
- Climate change projections
- Case studies
- Key challenges

# Facing the facts

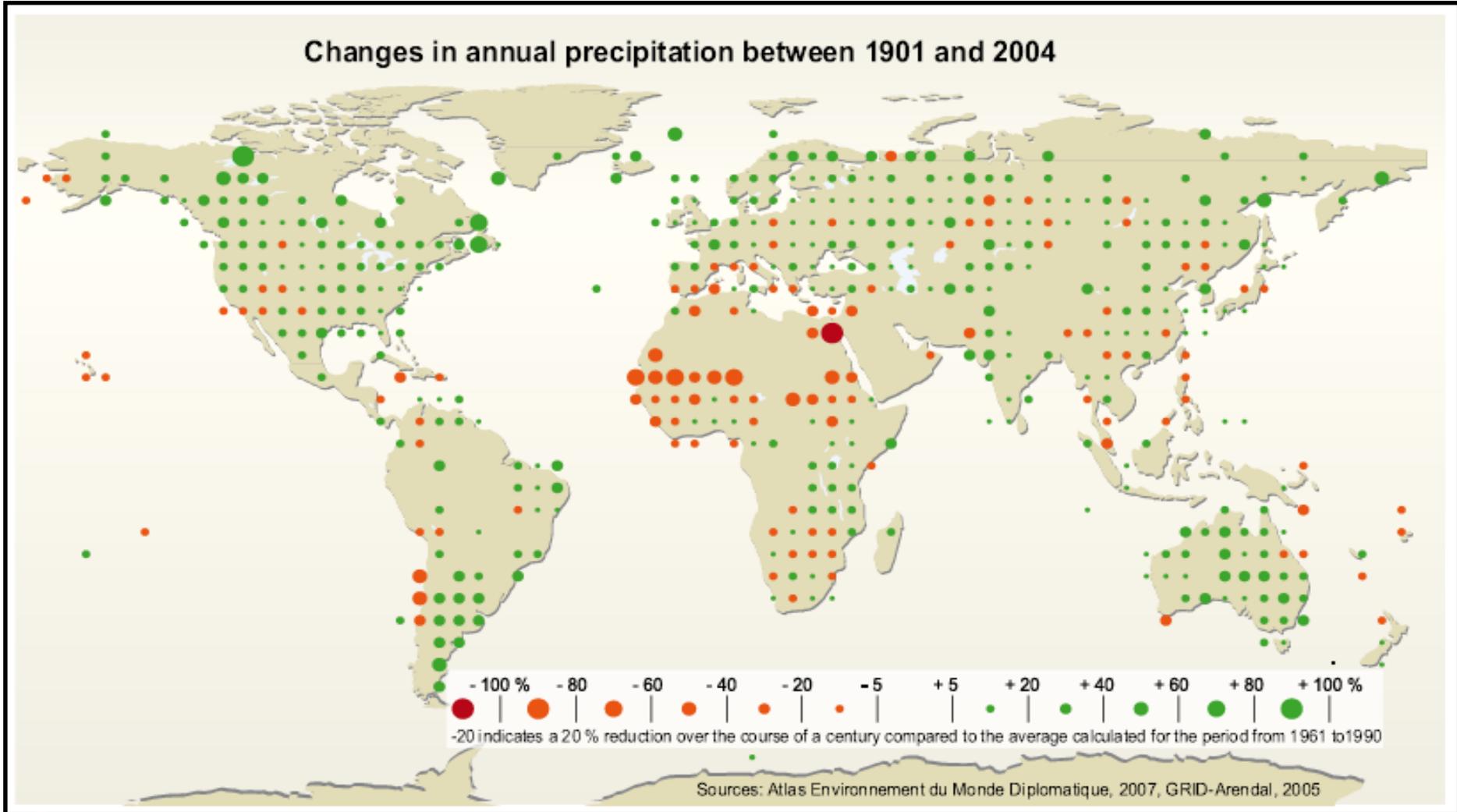
# Facing the facts: Climate change



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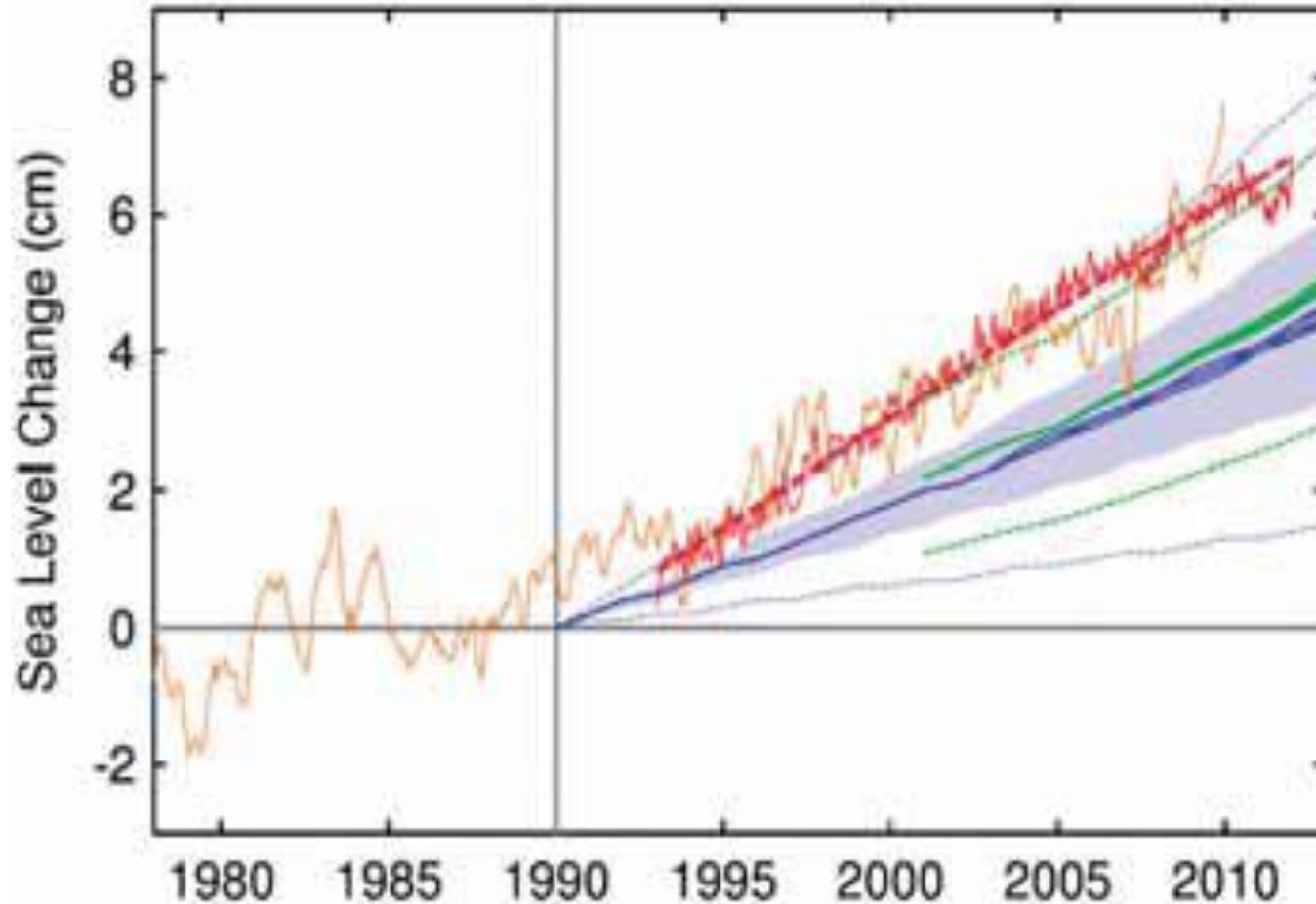
# Facing the facts

## Precipitation



# Facing the facts

## Mean Sea Level



Sea levels across the globe have risen in a way consistent with the warming – since 1961 at an average of 1.8 mm per year, and since 1993 at 3.1 mm per year.

Merrifield et al., 2009:

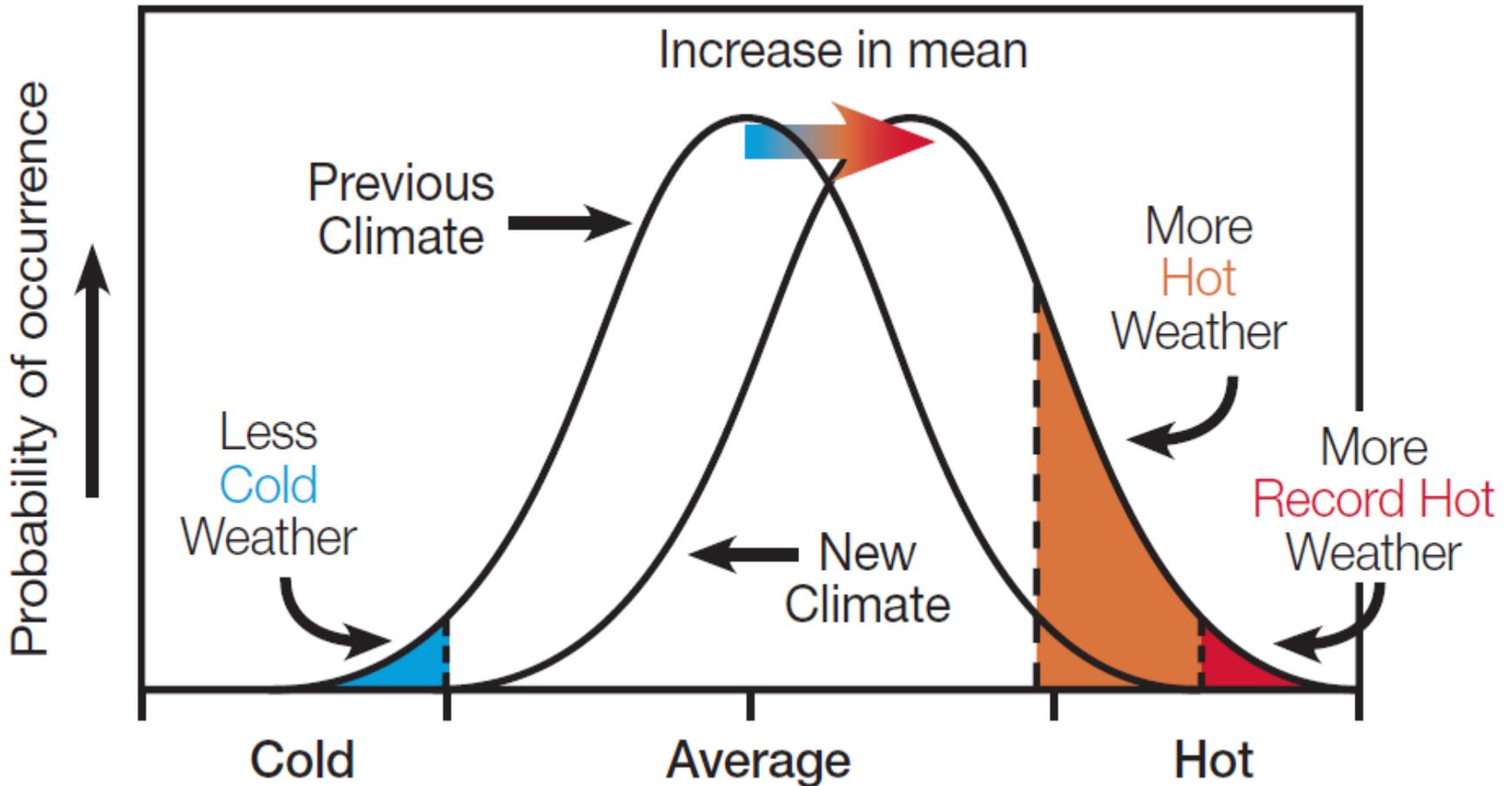
[1993–2008]  $(3.5 \pm 0.4)$  mm/yr

IPCC 2007:

[1993–2003]  $(3.1 \pm 0.7)$  mm/yr

# Facing the facts

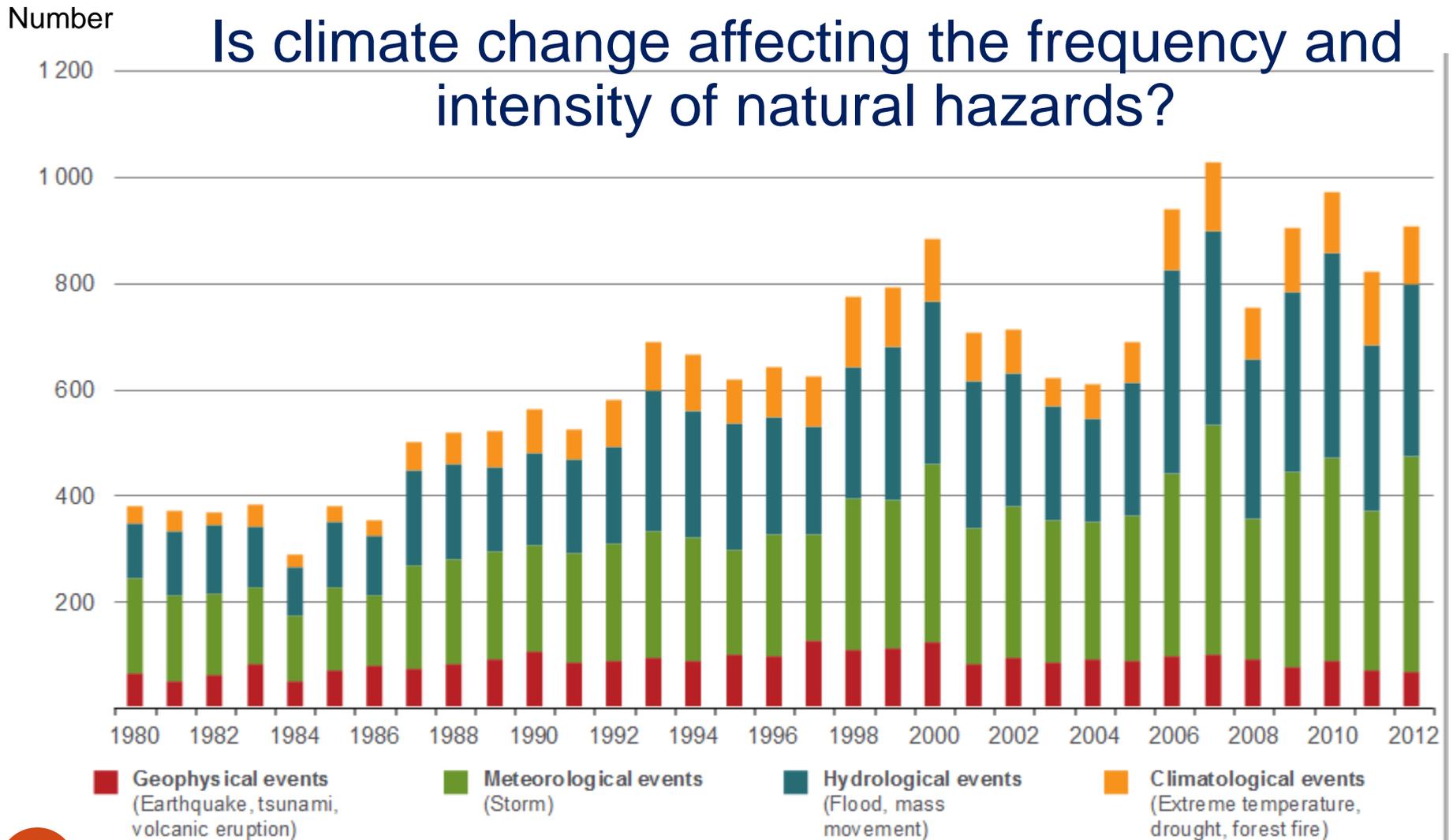
Effect of increase in average temperature on extreme temperature



# Facing the facts

## Catastrophes and extreme events

Is climate change affecting the frequency and intensity of natural hazards?



# Facing the facts

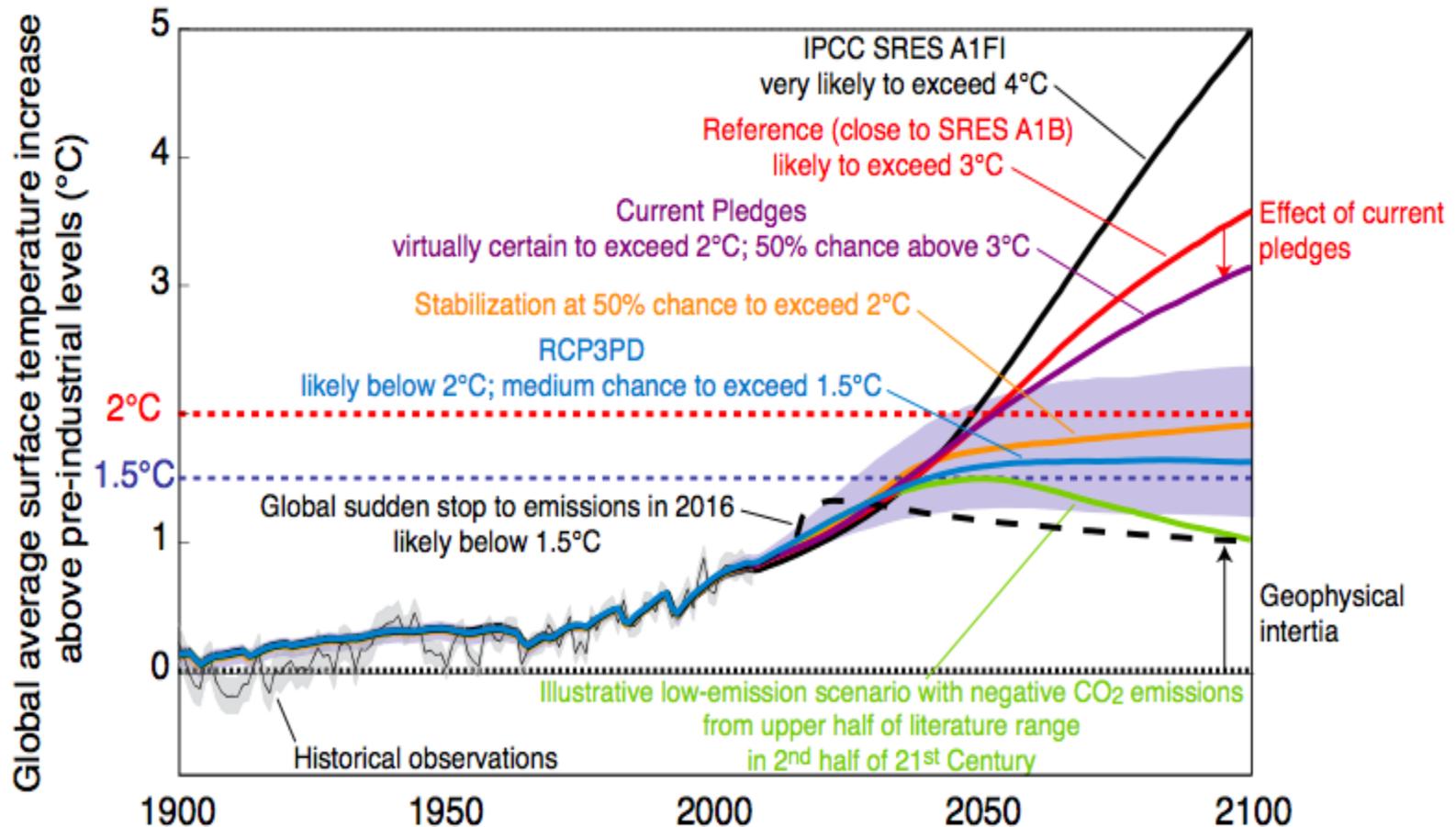
## Record breaking meteorological events in the last decade

Region	Meteorological record breaking event	Confidence in attribution to climate change	Impact costs
England and Wales (2000)	Wettest autumn since 1766 <sup>1</sup>	Medium <sup>2,3</sup>	£ 1.3 Billion <sup>2</sup>
Europe (2003)	Hottest summer in 500 years <sup>4</sup>	High <sup>5,6</sup>	Death toll >70,000 <sup>7</sup>
Pakistan (2010)	Rainfall records <sup>8</sup>	Low to medium <sup>9,10</sup>	Worst flooding in its history; 3000 deaths; 20M people affected <sup>11</sup>
Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East (2008)	Driest winter since 1902	High <sup>12</sup>	Substantial damage to cereal production <sup>13</sup>
4 US states (TX, OK, NM, LA) (2011)	Summer heat and drought since 1880 <sup>14</sup>	High <sup>14</sup>	Wildfires burning 3 M acres (preliminary impact of \$6 to \$8 B) <sup>15</sup>

Source: World Bank (2012)

# Climate change projections

# Global projections: Temperature



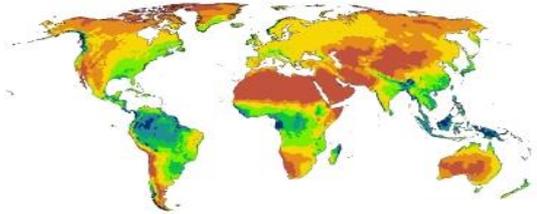
Even with the current mitigation commitments and pledges fully implemented, there is a 20% likelihood of exceeding 4°C by 2100. 50% chance of temperature rise above 3°C by 2100.

# Global projections: Precipitation

For RCP8.5, global precipitation over land increase in most of the regions during 2070-2099 from period 1971-2000. The relative increase of 99–111%, is also projected in some regions of Africa.

Differences exist in GCM projections in direction as well as magnitude of change.

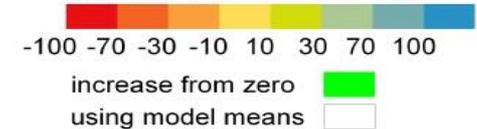
(a) GCM mean 1971-2000



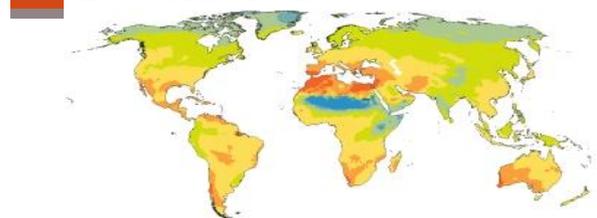
(a) Precipitation in mm/yr



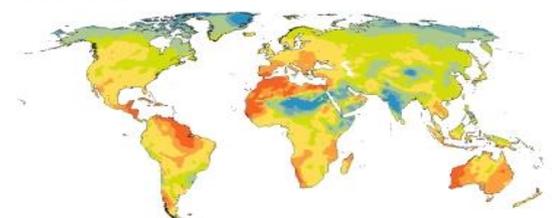
(b) Precipitation change in %



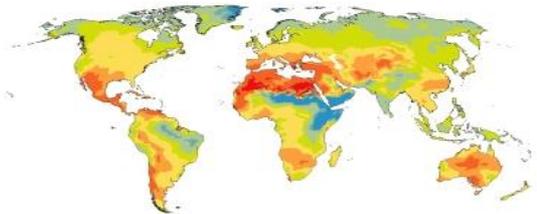
(b) GCM mean 2070-2099



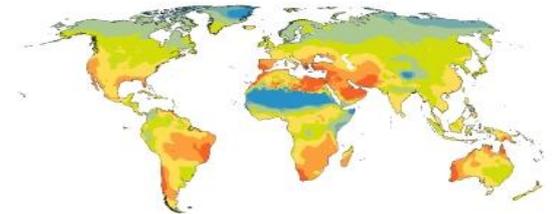
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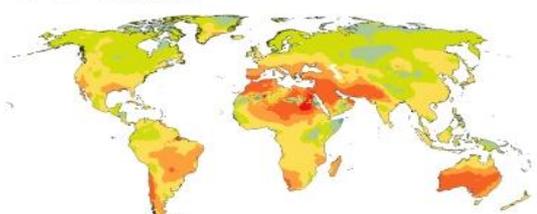
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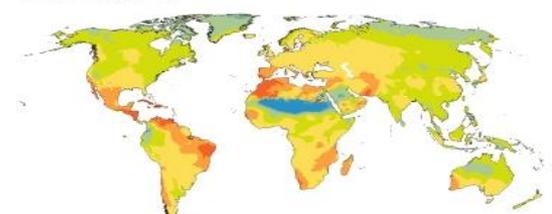
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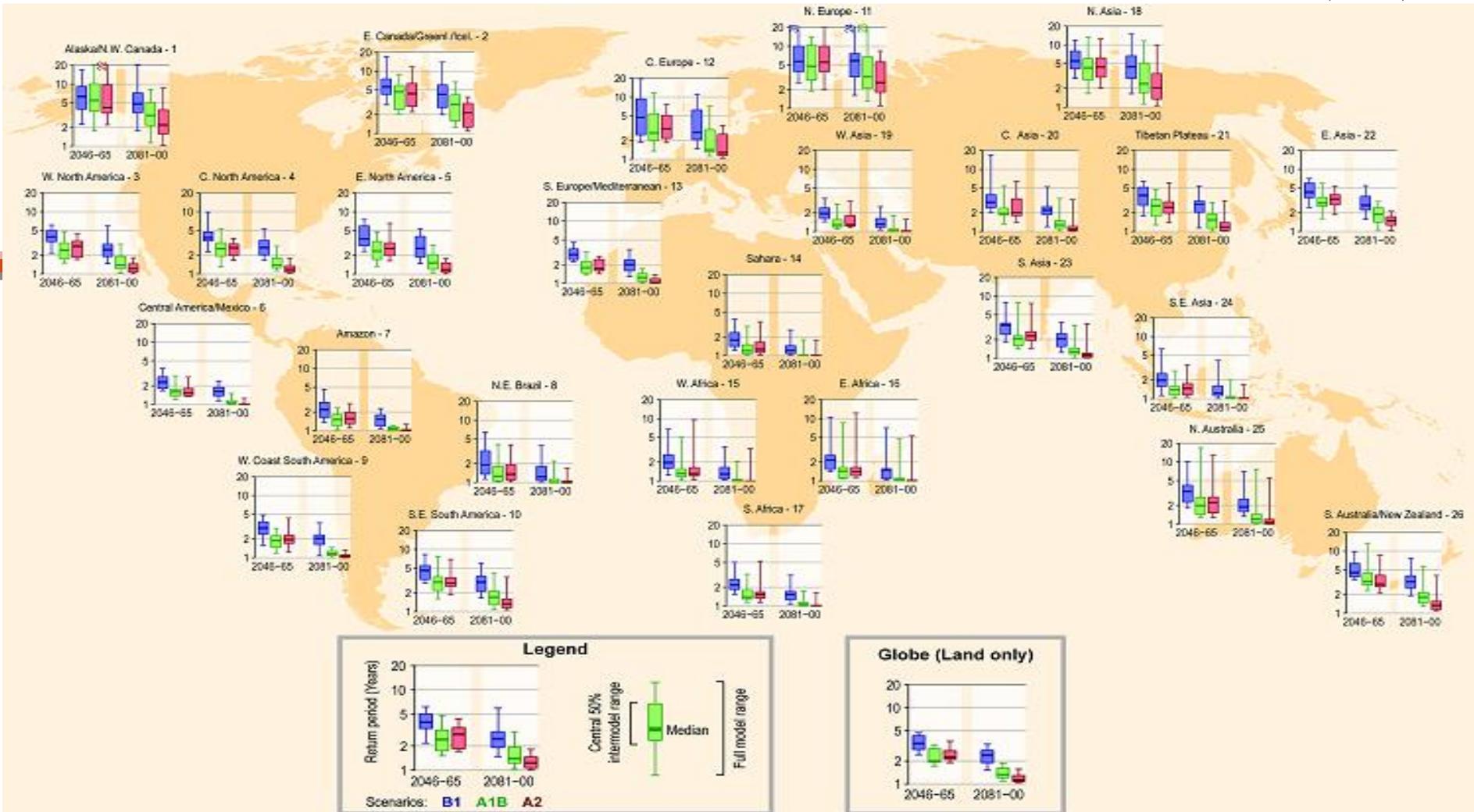


NorESM1-M



# Global projections: Daily maximum temperature

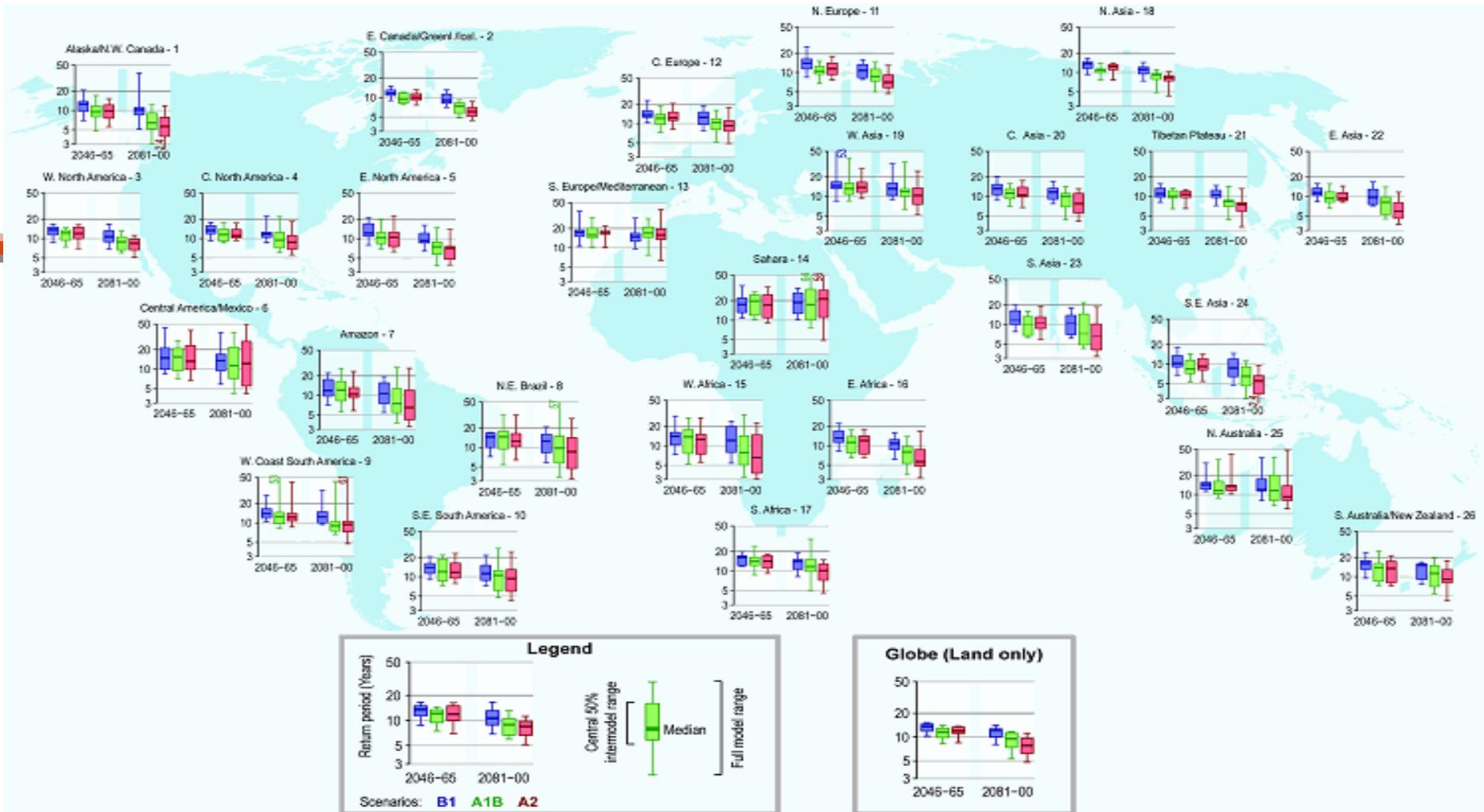
Source: IPCC (2012)



The frequency of 20-year return period temperature is expected to increase to once in every 2 to 8 years for SA, 1 to 6 years for SEA and 2 to 5 years at Global level during 2046-65.

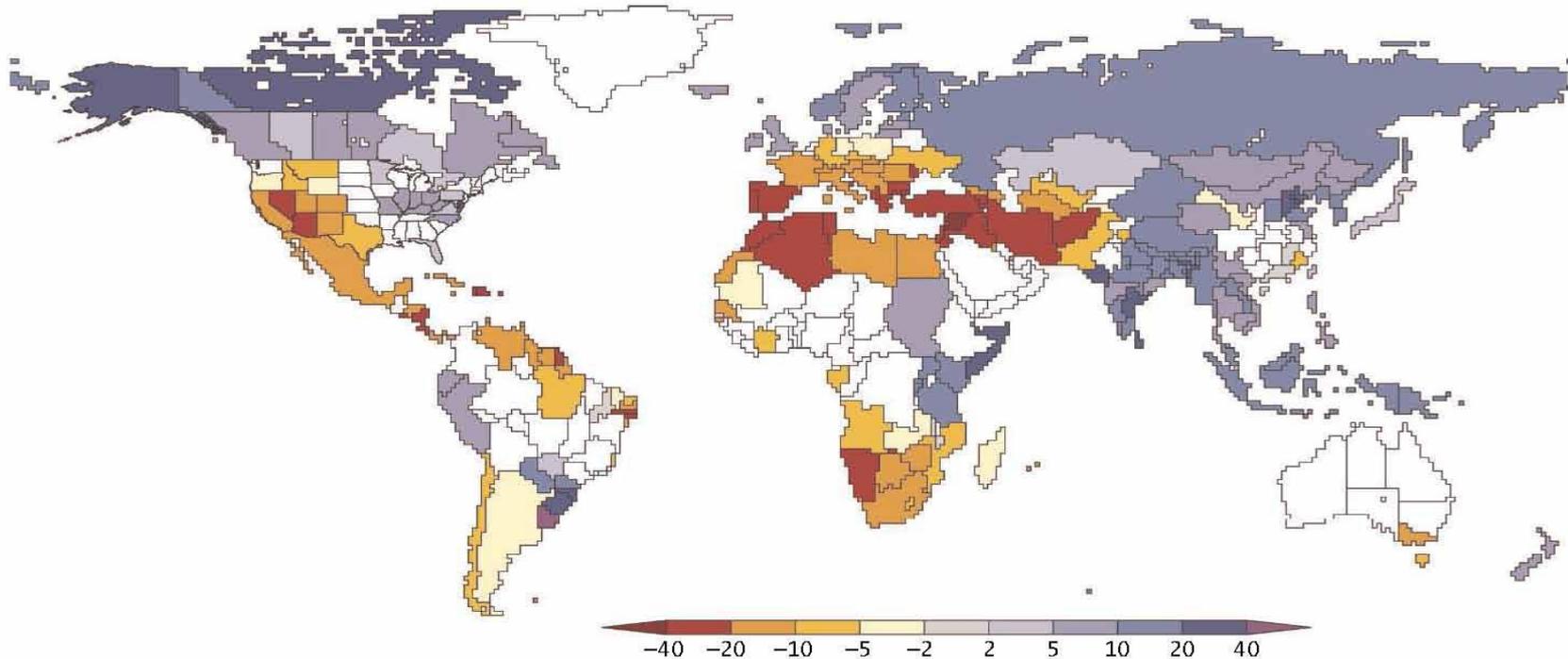
# Global projections: Extreme precipitation event

Source: IPCC (2012)



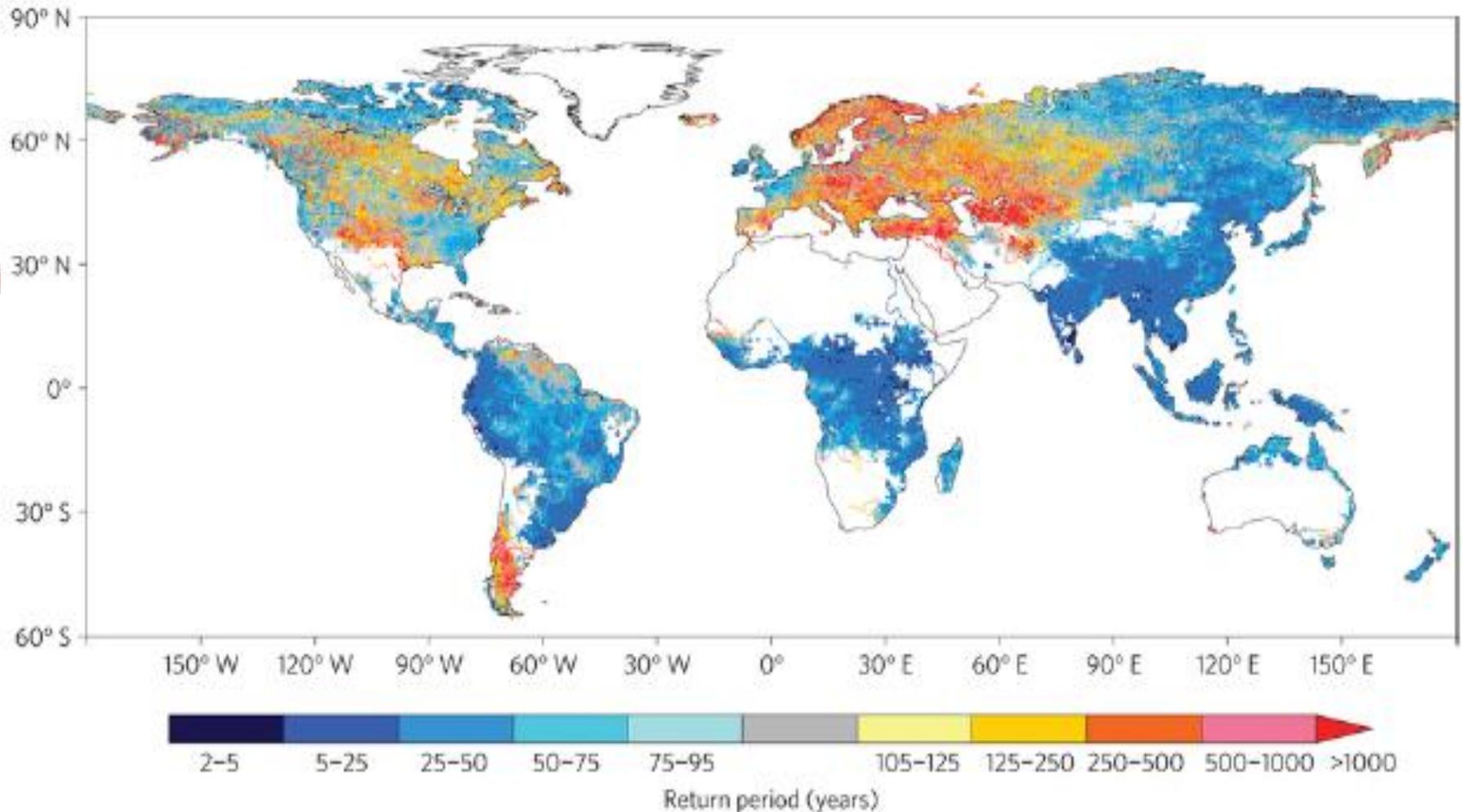
The frequency of 20-year return period precipitation event is expected to increase to once in every 8 to 20 years for SA, 5 to 20 years for SE and 9 to 15 years at Global level during 2046-65.

# Global projections: Change in runoff



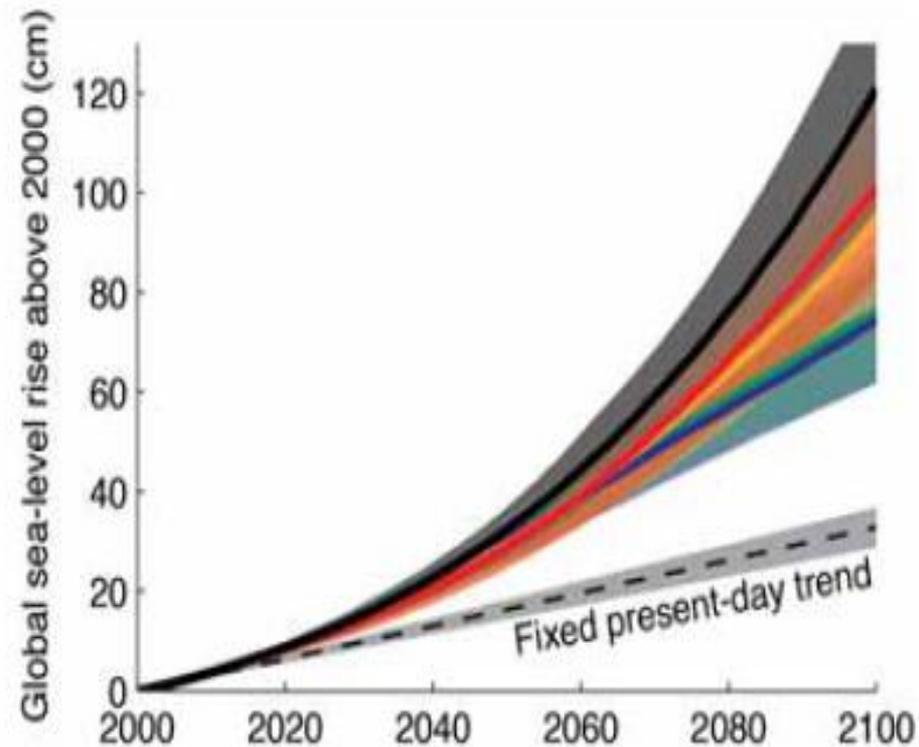
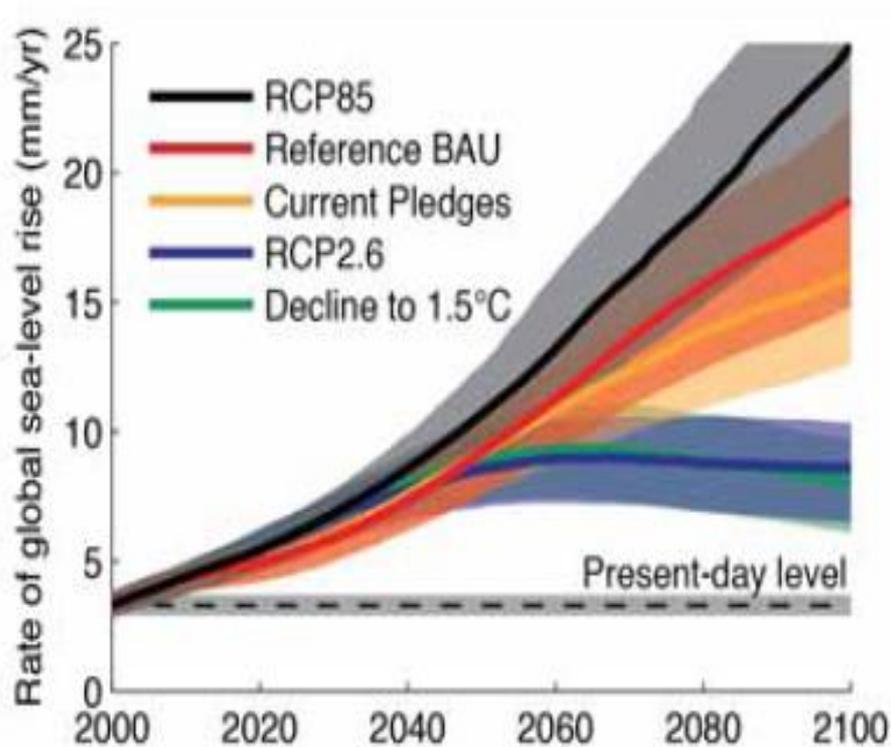
Projected change in annual runoff volume by the middle of the 21st century, relative to the historical period 1900-1970. Colour denotes percentage change (median value from 12 models). Presence of colour indicates that at least 8 of 12 models agreed on the direction (increase or decrease) of runoff change under the IPCC "SRES A1B" emissions scenario.

# Global projections: Flood frequency



The 100-year return period flood is expected to occur with 5- to 25-year return period in 21<sup>st</sup> Century in South and SE Asia for RCP8.5

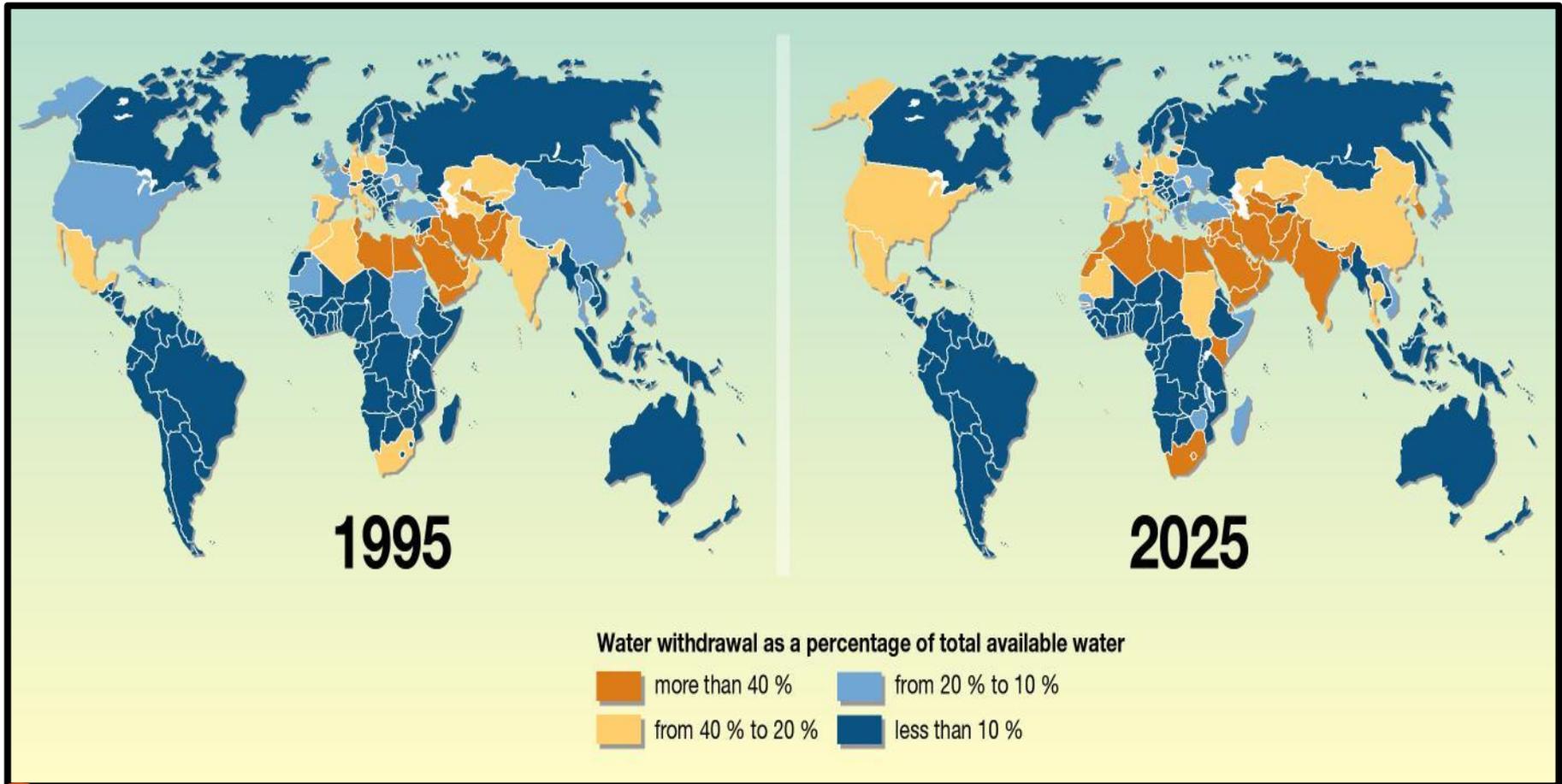
# Global projections: Sea level



The rate of sea-level rise which is projected **to increase in all scenarios** indicates high risk from climate change, for the long-term resilience of ecosystems and small-island developing states.

# Global projections: water stress

Between 1900 and 2000, the **population grew by a factor of four**, but **freshwater withdrawal grew by a factor of nine**. If current trends continue, by 2030 two-thirds of the world's population will live in areas of high water stress



# Case studies

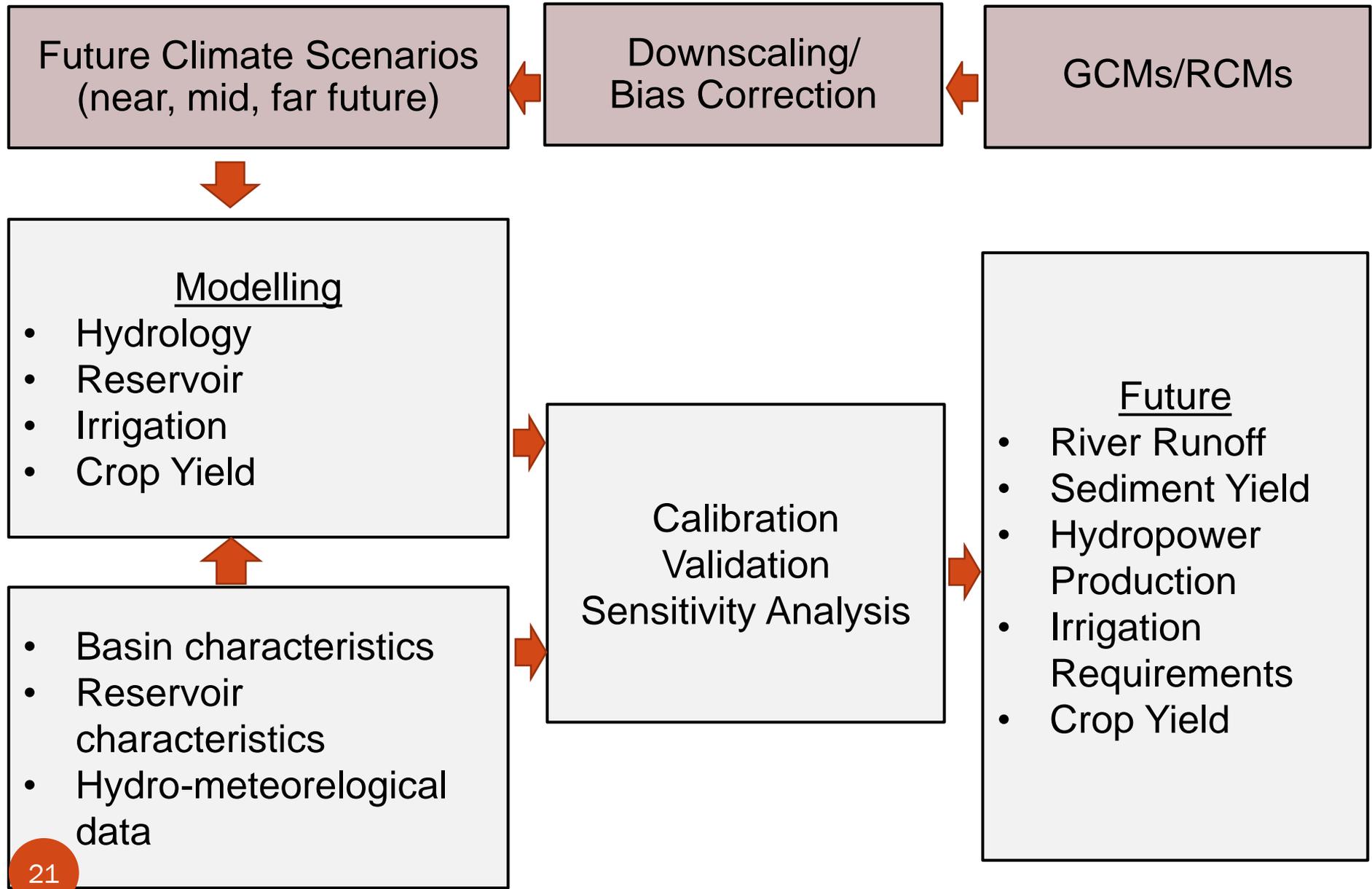
Translating global changes to local information

# Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptation Studies

Assessment of climate change and its impact and adaptation measures on

- Hydrology and water resources
- Extreme events (floods and droughts) and risk management
- Snow cover in Himalaya
- Urban flooding
- Water quality
- Soil erosion and sediment
- Municipal water demand
- Irrigation water demand
- Crop rice yields
- Hydropower

# Climate change impact assessment framework



# Assessment of future climate at basin level



# Assessment of future climate at basin/local level

- Afghanistan
  - Kabul basin
- Bhutan
  - Wangchu basin
- India
  - Sikkim
- Indonesia
  - Citarum basin
- Lao PDR
  - Nam Ou basin
- Myanmar
  - Ngamoeyeik Irrigation Project
  - Myitnge River Basin
- Nepal
  - Bagmati basin
  - Indrawati
  - Tamakoshi basin
  - Dudhkoshi basin
  - Koshi basin
- Pakistan
  - Upper Indus basin
  - Jhelum basin
- Thailand
  - Ping basin
  - Mae Klong basin
  - Pak Phanang basin
  - Mun basin
  - Bangkok
  - Upper Nan basin
  - Yang basin
- Vietnam
  - Ba basin
  - South Central Coast
  - Quang Nam Province
- Uganda
  - Wet agro-ecological zones
  - Dry agro-ecological zones

# Climate Change: Local Insights

Impact on Maximum Temperature (Change in °C)

Basin/Area, Country	A2			B2		
	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
Wangchu, Bhutan	0.5	1.0	1.9	0.6	0.9	1.4
Sikkim, India	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.7	1.0
Citarum, Indonesia	0.1	0.7	1.5	0.2	0.5	1.0
Nam Ou, Laos	0.5	1.6	3.5	0.5	1.4	1.9
Koshi, Nepal	0.8	2.2	<b>4.2</b>	0.9	1.8	<b>2.6</b>
Jhelum, Pakistan	0.2	0.6	<b>1.0</b>	0.3	0.5	<b>0.8</b>
Mun, Thailand	1.5	1.7	3.5	-	-	-
Bangkok, Thailand	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.9
Pak Phanang, Thailand	0.7	1.7	3.0	0.8	1.6	2.2

Maximum temperature is projected to increase in all the basins during three future periods. The range of increase varies from **1.0 to 4.2°C** under A2 scenario and from **0.8 to 2.6°C** under B2 scenario in late century period.

# Climate Change: Local Insights

Impact on Minimum Temperature (Change in °C)

Basin/Area, Country	A2			B2		
	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
Wangchu, Bhutan	0.4	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.4
Sikkim, India	0.4	0.9	1.6	0.4	0.7	1.1
Nam Ou, Laos	0.5	1.6	3.5	0.5	1.3	1.9
Bagmati, Nepal	0.6	2.1	3.0	0.6	2.0	2.3
Koshi, Nepal	0.8	2.2	<b>4.2</b>	0.9	1.9	<b>2.6</b>
Jhelum, Pakistan	0.1	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	0.3	<b>0.4</b>
Mun, Thailand	0.9	2.1	3.1	-	-	-
Bangkok, Thailand	0.3	0.8	1.6	0.4	0.6	1.1
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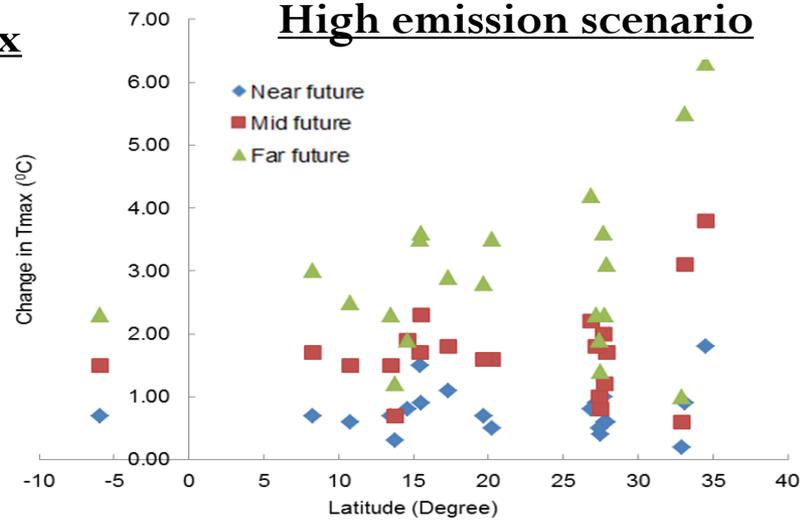
The range of increase in T<sub>min</sub> varies from 0.7 to 4.2°C under A2 scenario and from 0.4 to 2.6 °C under B2 scenario in late century period.

# Climate Change: Local Insights

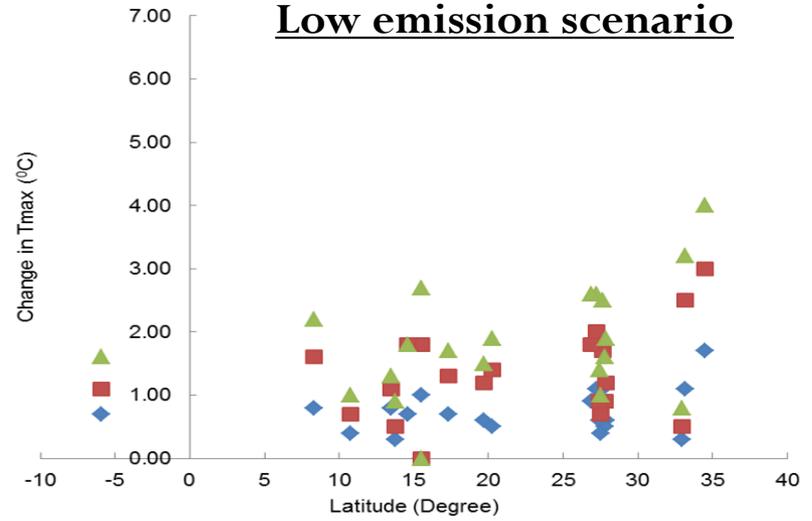
Change in average annual maximum and minimum temperature (Change in °C)

**Tmax**

**High emission scenario**

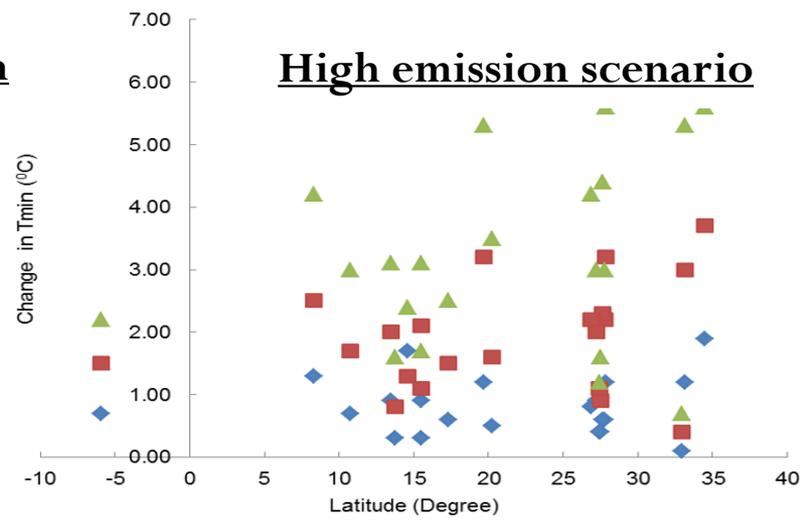


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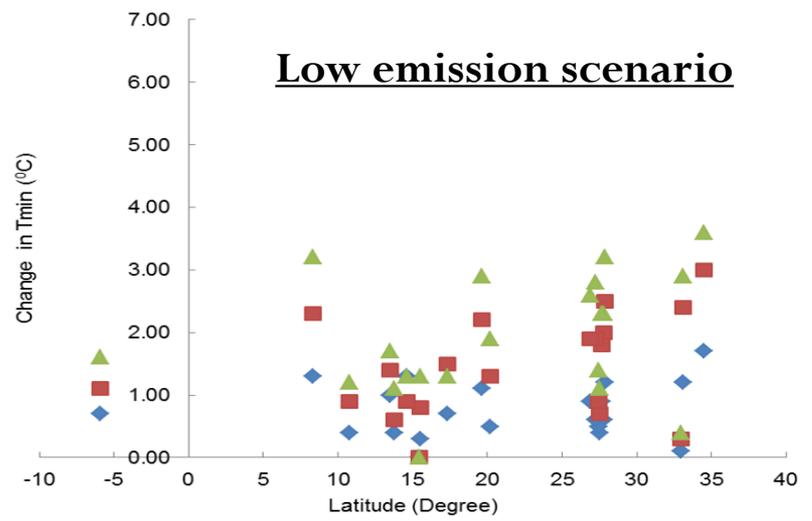


**Tmin**

**High emission scenario**



**Low emission scenario**



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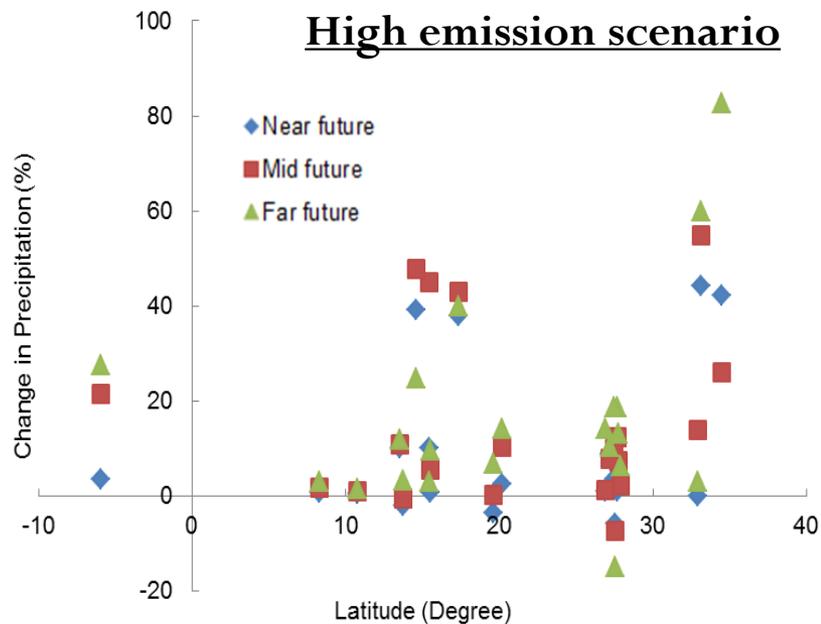
## Impact on Precipitation (% change)

Basin/Area, Country	A2			B2		
	Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
Wangchu, Bhutan	3.5	9.8	18.7	1.0	1.0	6.0
Sikkim, India	-5.9	-7.4	-14.6	-9.2	-9.1	-11.4
Citarum, Indonesia	23.0	55.0	<b>88.0</b>	27.0	36.0	<b>46.0</b>
Tamakoshi, Nepal	6.0	15.0	25.0	6.0	13.0	19.0
Koshi, Nepal	0.9	1.3	14.2	-0.1	3.3	4.0
Indus, Pakistan	-	14.0	3.0	-	37.0	8.0
Mun, Thailand	10.0	45.0	3.0	-	-	-
Bangkok, Thailand	-2.0	-0.4	3.4	-0.3	-1.1	-1.8
Southern Vietnam	0.4	1.0	1.6	0.4	1.0	1.4

Precipitation shows different directions of change in various basins. The range varies from -14.6 to 88% change under A2 scenario and from -11.4 to 46% change under B2 scenario for late 21C.

# Climate Change: Local Insights

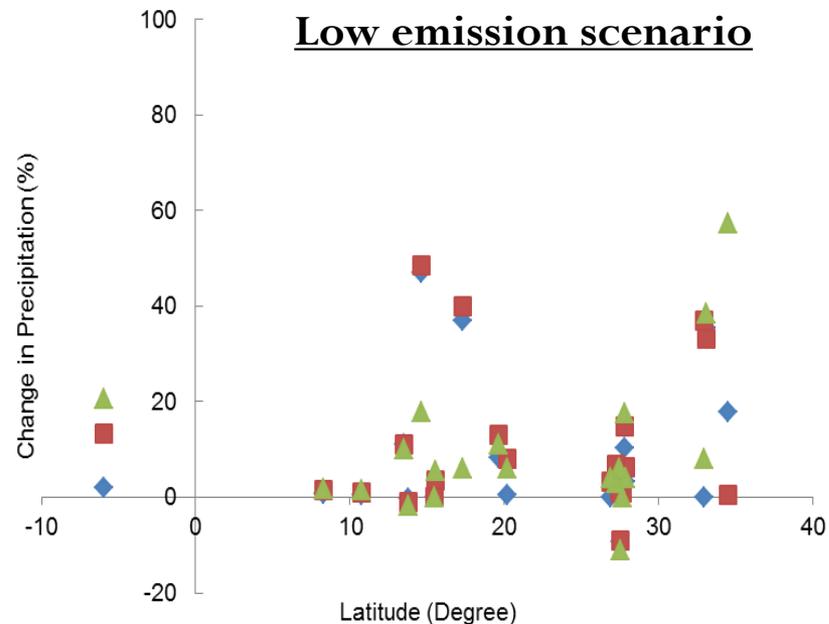
## Change in precipitation (% Change)



Indonesia

Thailand

Afghanistan



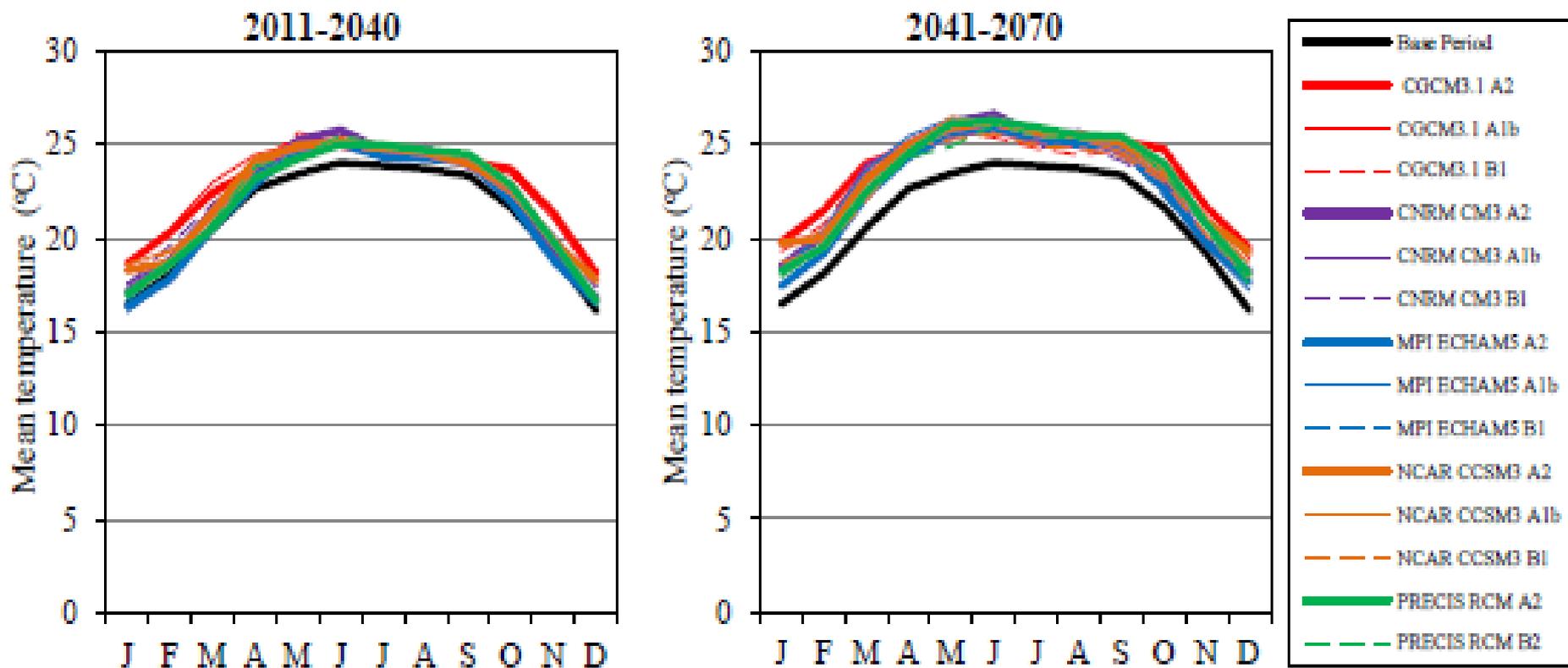
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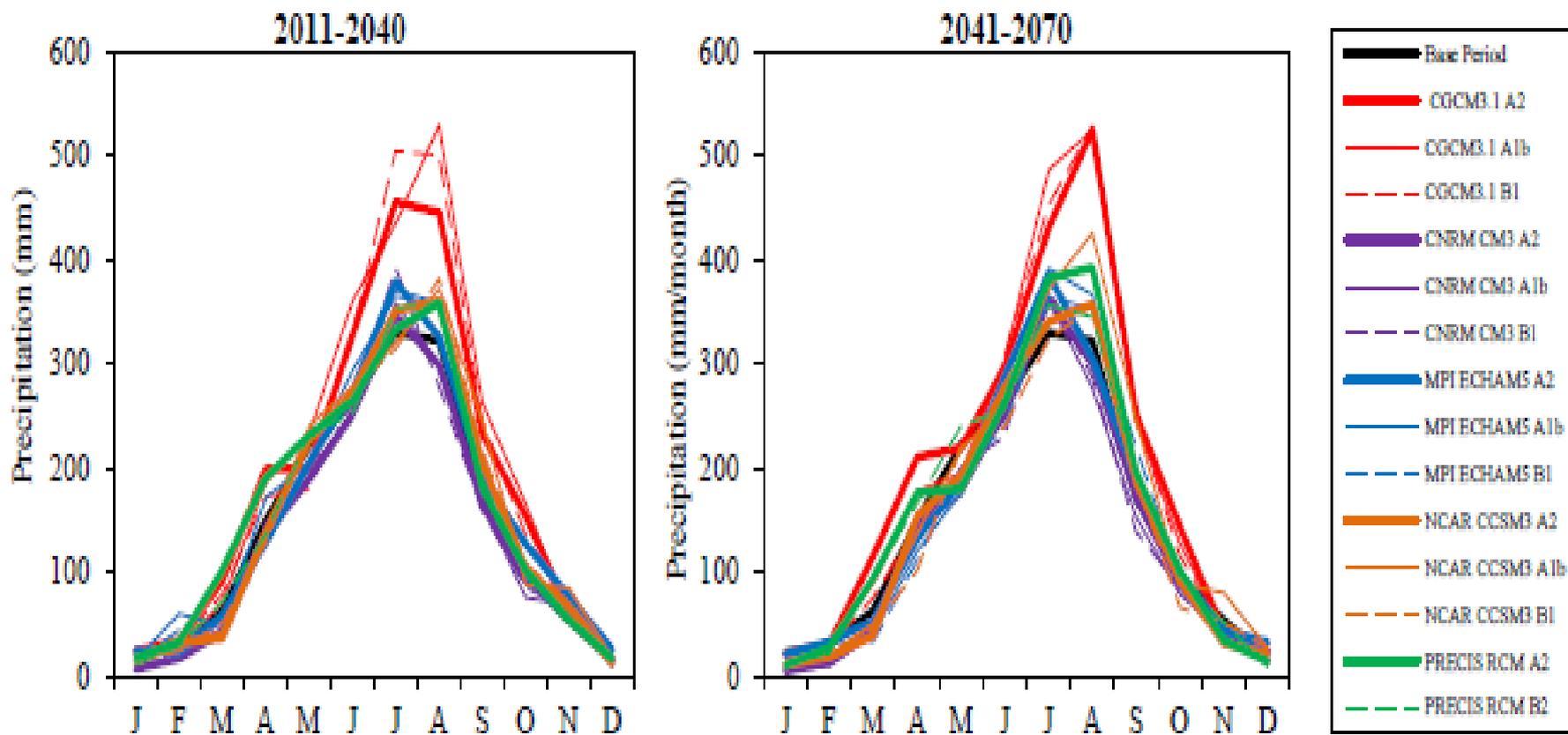
Change in temperature in the Nam Ou basin, Lao PDR based on multiple GCMs and scenarios



All GCMs for different scenarios indicate an increase in future periods, although difference exists in magnitude of change

# Climate Change: Local Insights

Change in precipitation in the Nam Ou basin, Lao PDR based on multiple GCMs and scenarios



GCMs do not agree for direction as well as magnitude of change in precipitation

# Hydrology and Water Resources

- Afghanistan
  - Kabul basin
- Nepal
  - Bagmati basin
  - Indrawati
  - Koshi basin
  - Tamakoshi basin
- Thailand
  - Chi basin
  - Ping basin
  - Mae Klong basin
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  - Yang basin
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  - Ba River basin
  - South Central Coast



# Climate Change: Local Insights

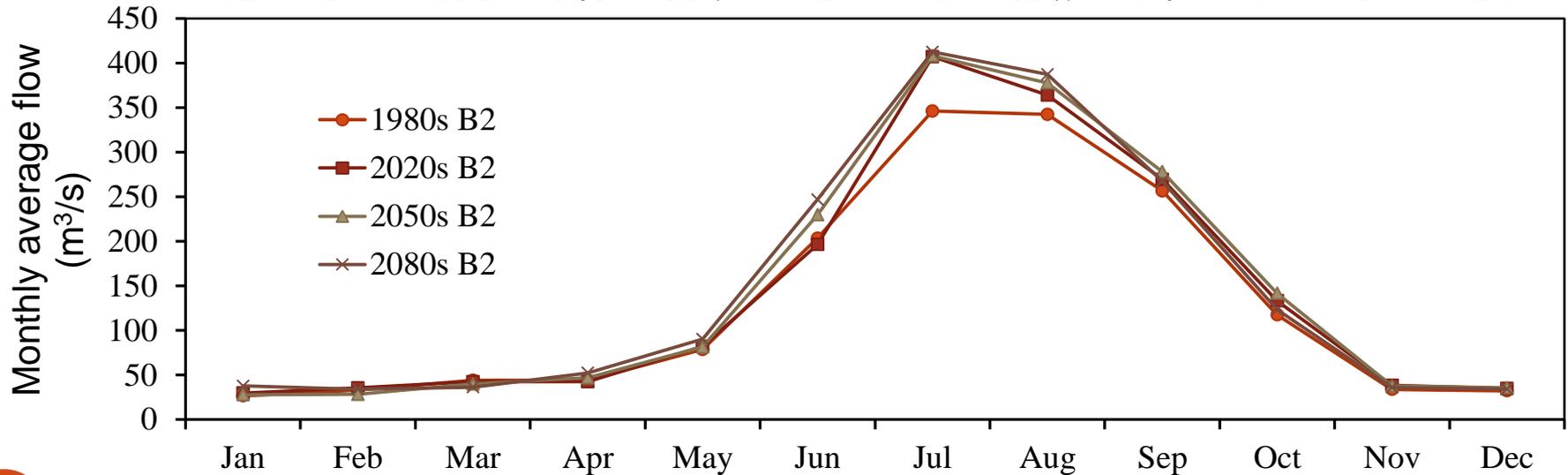
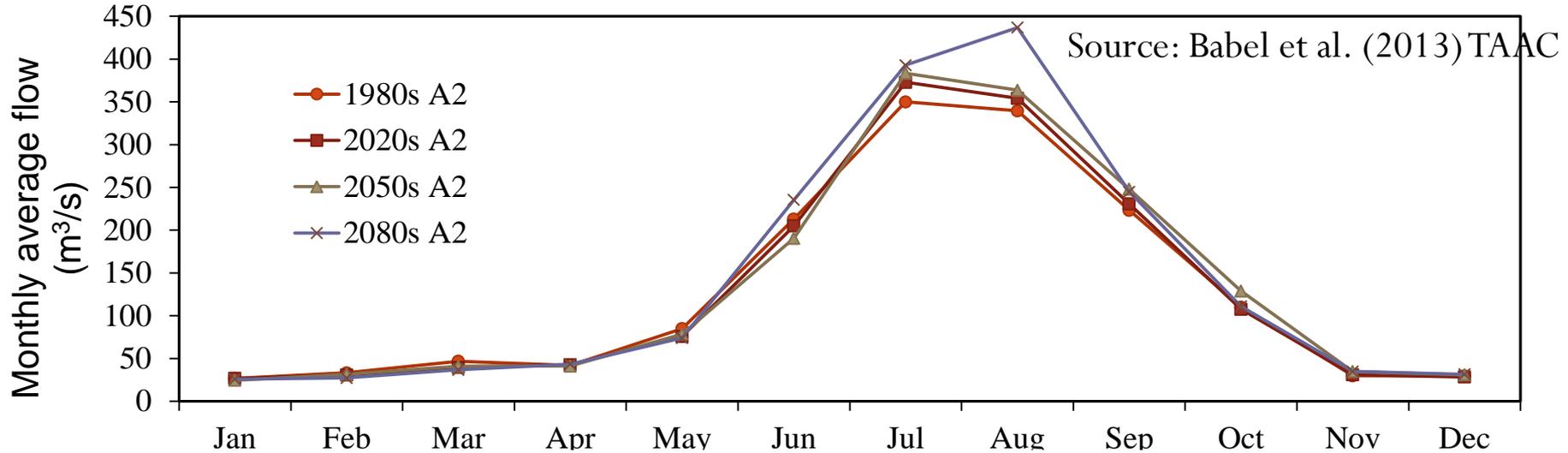
Impact on runoff (% change)

Basin, Country	Baseline	A2			B2		
		Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
	(m <sup>3</sup> /s)						
Nam Ou, Laos	543.2	0.04	0.21	9.23	4.26	0.55	5.95
Bagmati, Nepal	127.4	-2.1	1.7	9.3	6.4	6.9	11.4
Koshi, Nepal	1281.1	4.3	6.4	19.8	3.8	9.2	9.9
Jhelum, Pakistan	846.6	30.9	26.5	34.3	30.5	25.6	36.5

\*For Koshi results are presented for B1 scenario instead of B2

# Climate Change: Local Insights

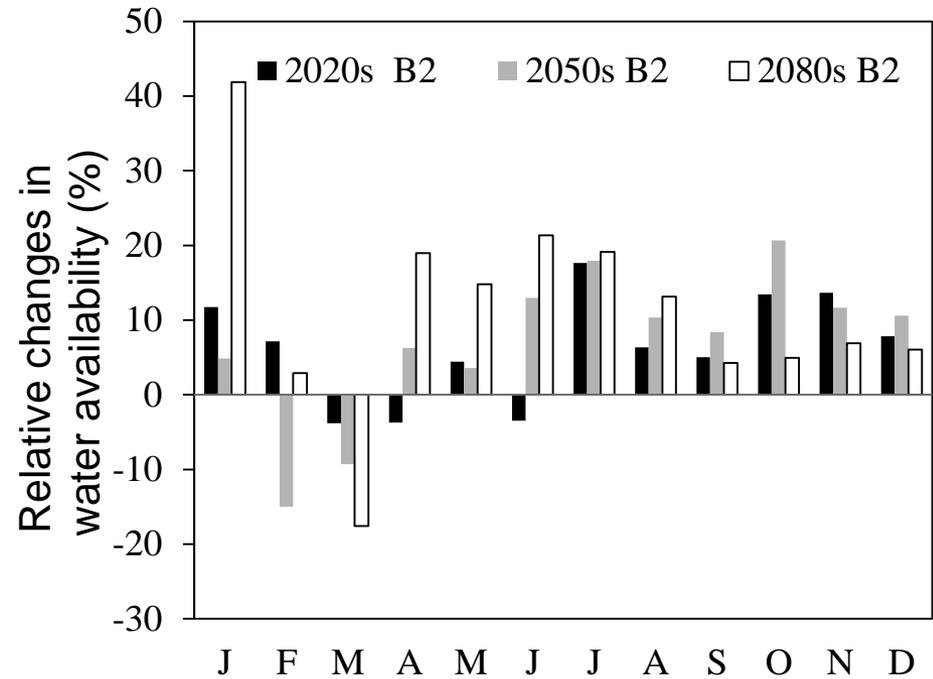
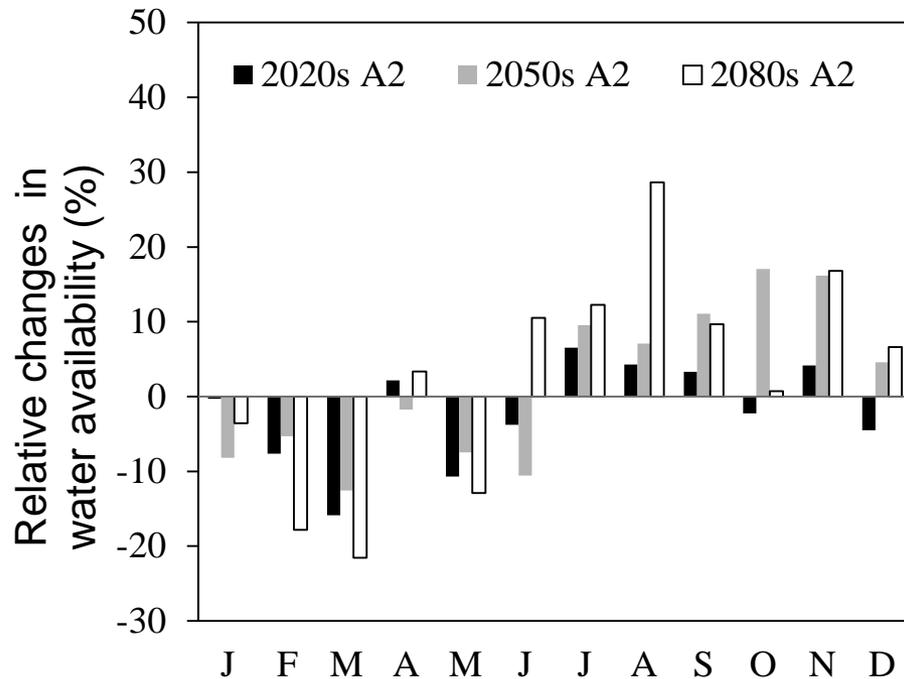
## Impact on river flow in the Bagmati River Basin, Nepal



Increase in flow is expected to be higher during May-Sept.

# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Impact on water availability in the Bagmati River Basin, Nepal



Under A2 scenario, the pre-monsoon water availability may decrease, however, an increase in the post-monsoon water availability is projected. In contrast, under B2 scenario, water availability is expected to increase during both wet and dry seasons.

# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Impact on streamflow in Jhelum basin, Pakistan

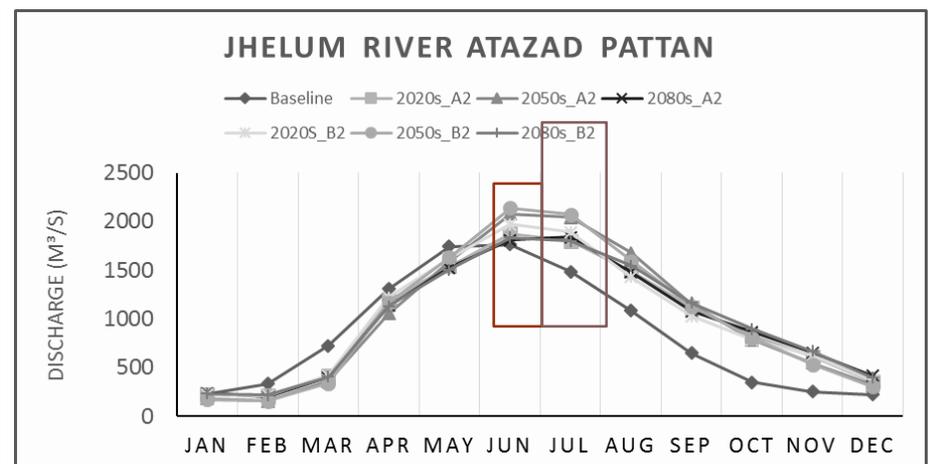
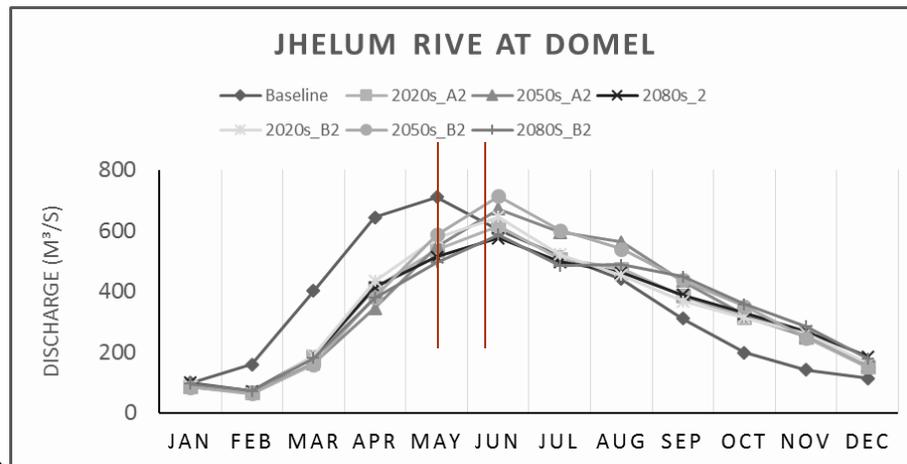
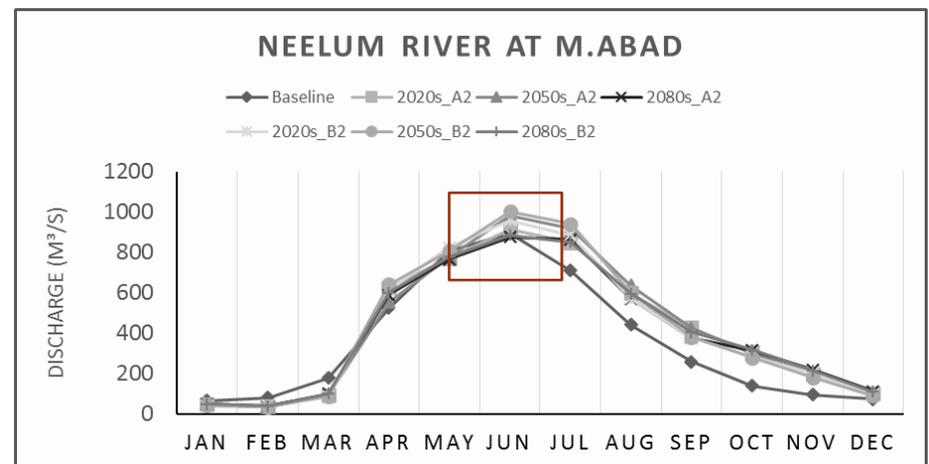
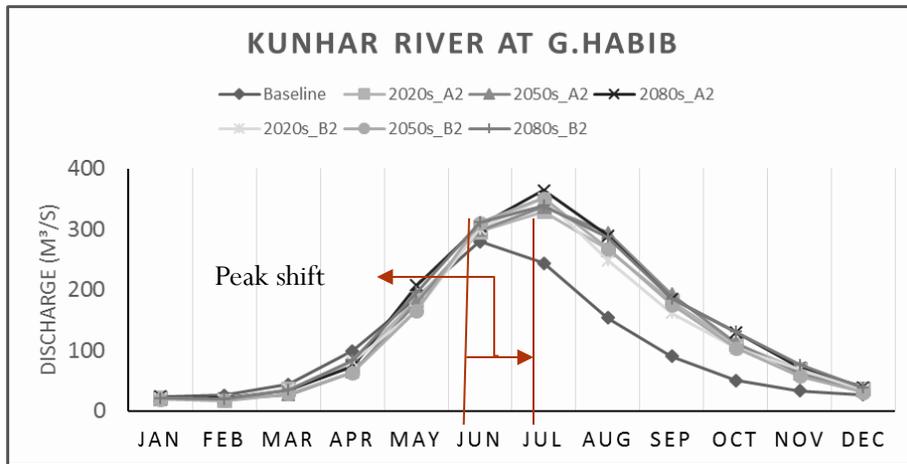
Projected changes (%) in high, low, and median flows relative to 1961-90

A2	Naran	G.Habibulla	M.abad	Domel	kohala	Azad Pattan	kotli
<b>Baseline (1961-1990)</b>							
Q5 (high flow)	170	316	1078	848	2142	<b>2205</b>	359
Q50 (median flow)	19	54	194	306	606	<b>687</b>	81
Q95 (Low flow)	8	21	53	64	151	<b>166</b>	19
Changes in <b>2020s</b> w. r. to Baseline							
Q5	40.7	16.6	-4.5	-16.5	-5.1	<b>-5.5</b>	8.5
Q50	42.9	67.1	72.1	1.2	40.5	<b>30.1</b>	-6.4
Q95	-98.8	-25.0	-34.0	0.1	6.4	<b>6.0</b>	-42.6
Changes in <b>2050s</b> w. r. to Baseline							
Q5	38.7	22.1	1.3	-3.4	4.1	<b>5.0</b>	11.5
Q50	43.5	54.7	65.2	1.8	32.1	<b>20.4</b>	17.1
Q95	-98.8	-22.2	-33.3	1.2	-8.6	<b>-12.5</b>	-27.4
Changes in <b>2080s</b> w. r. to Baseline							
Q5	51.6	27.5	-4.6	-22.9	-5.5	<b>-6.0</b>	18.5
Q50	60.5	75.6	66.0	5.7	39.1	<b>29.6</b>	14.3
Q95	-98.8	-18.3	-32.3	4.0	2.1	<b>1.7</b>	-10.5

# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Impact on timing and magnitude of peak flows, Jhelum basin Pakistan

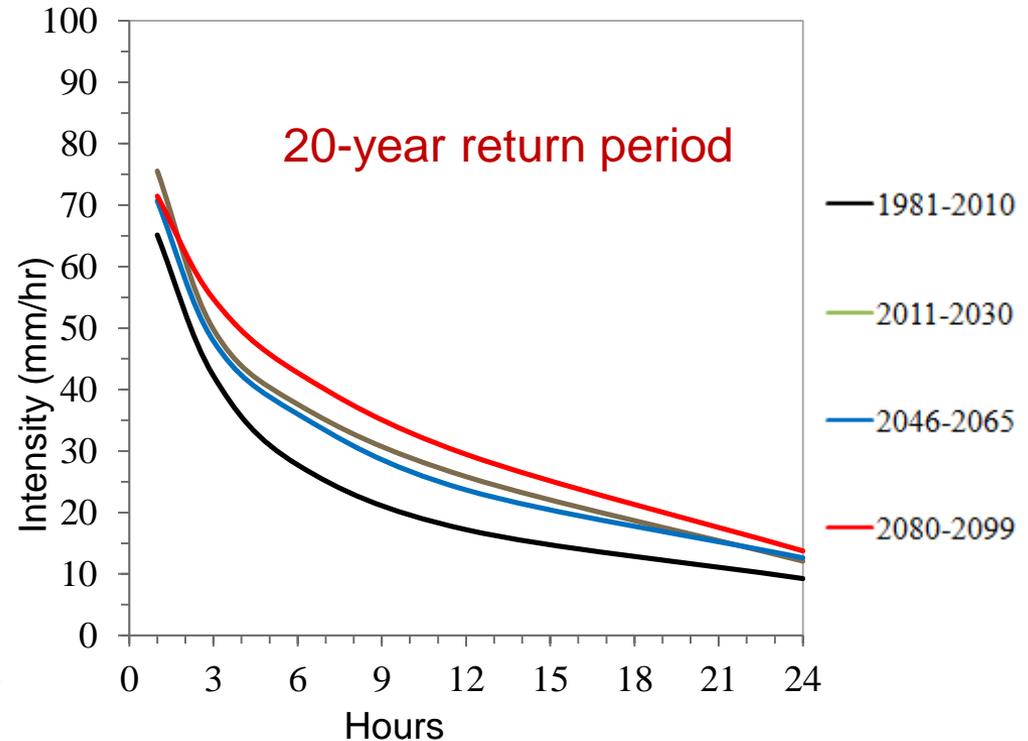
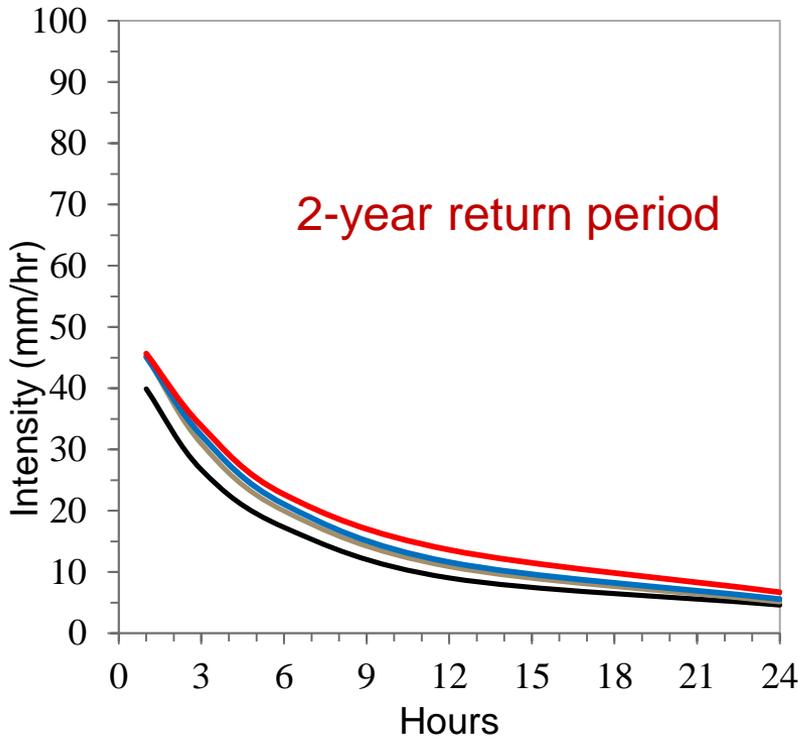
Source: AIT PhD Dissertation (2013)



# Climate Change: Local Insights

Urban drainage

## IDF Curve and Urban Flooding: Sukhumvit (Bangkok)



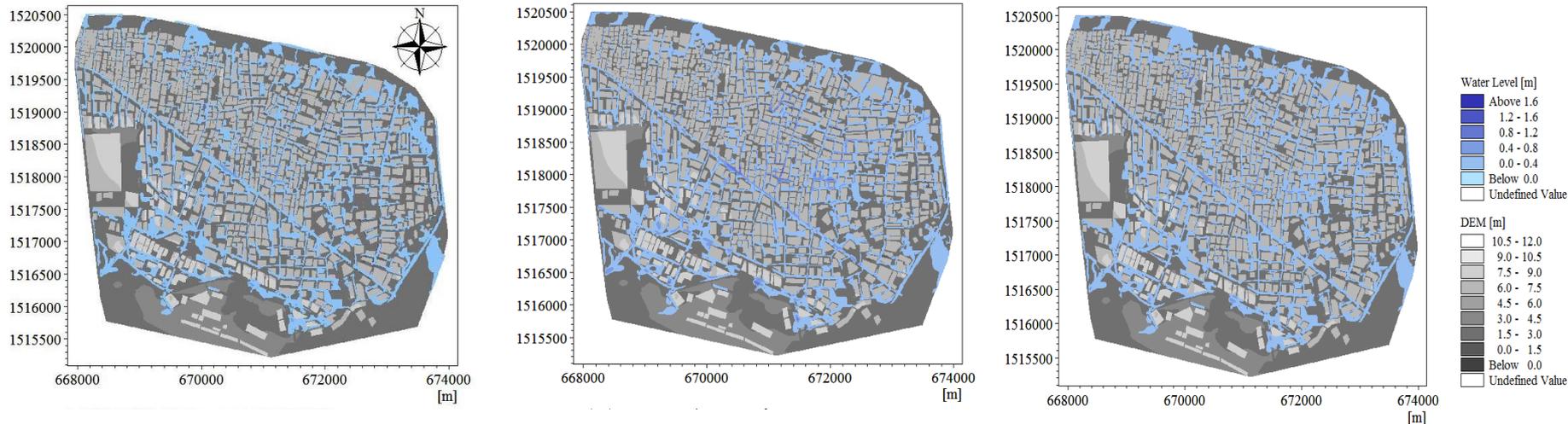
IDF curves for baseline period (1981-2011), and future periods (2011-2030, 2046-2065 and 2080-2099)

# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Urban drainage

### IDF Generation and Urban Flooding: Sukhumvit, Bangkok

Source: AIT Masters Thesis (2013)

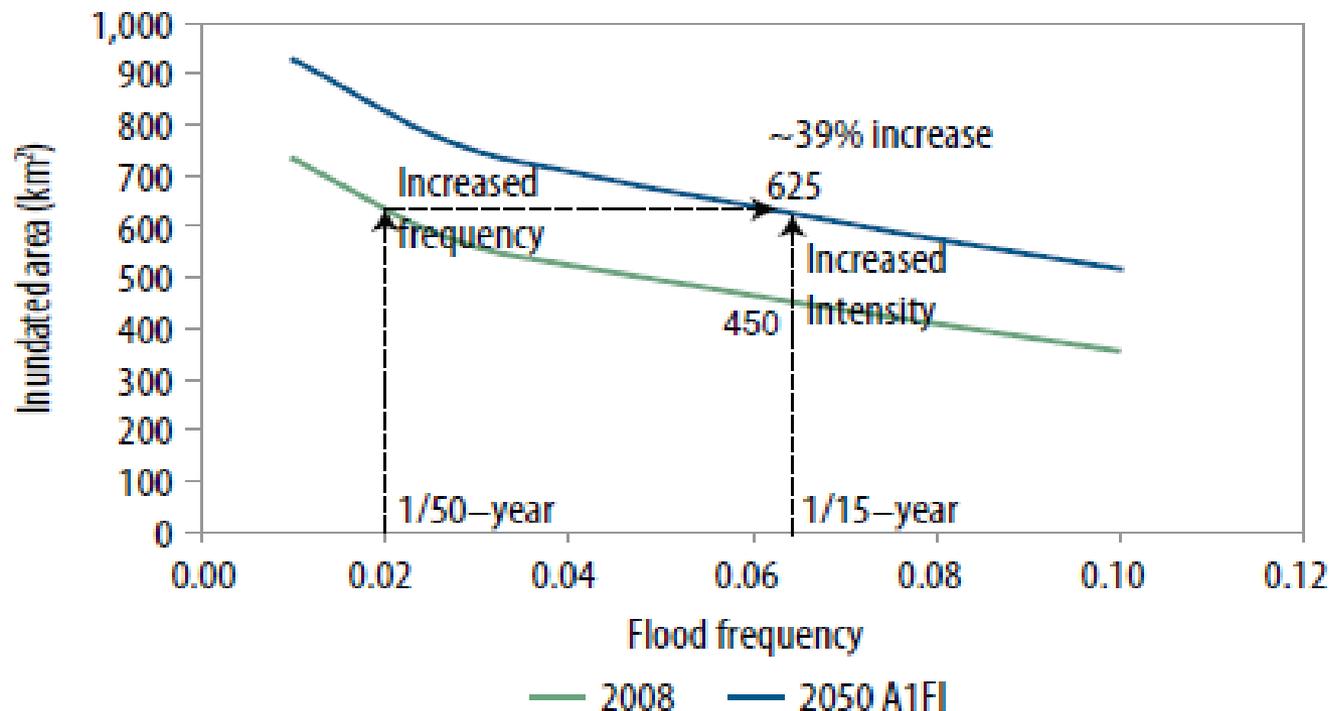


20-year return period, 3 h total rainfall

	Base condition, BC	2011-2030 (Change from BC)	2080-2099 (Change from BC)
Rainfall depth (mm)	127.0	149.0 (+17.3%)	164.0 (+29.1%)
Area flooded (km <sup>2</sup> )	5.28	6.10 (+15.5%)	6.60 (+25.0%)
Duration (h)	5.0	5.0	>5.0
Max depth (m)	0.60	0.66 (+10%)	0.70 (16.7%)

# Bangkok Flood Hazard Relationship

**FIGURE 3.4** ■ Bangkok Flood Hazard Relationship



Source: Panya Consultants (2009).

# Water Quality and Sediment

- Lao PDR
  - Nam Ou basin
- Thailand
  - Upper Nan watershed
- Vietnam
  - Saigon River system



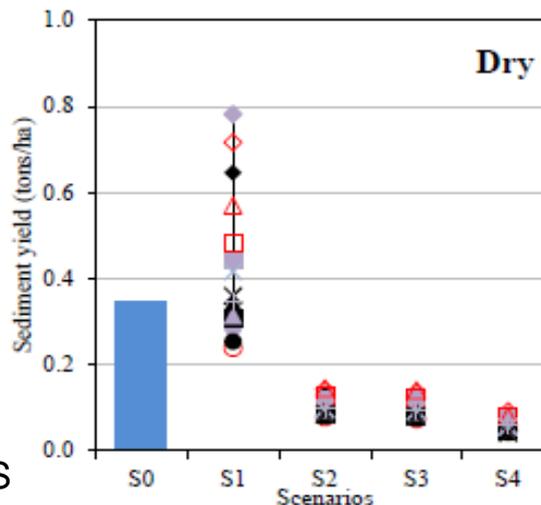
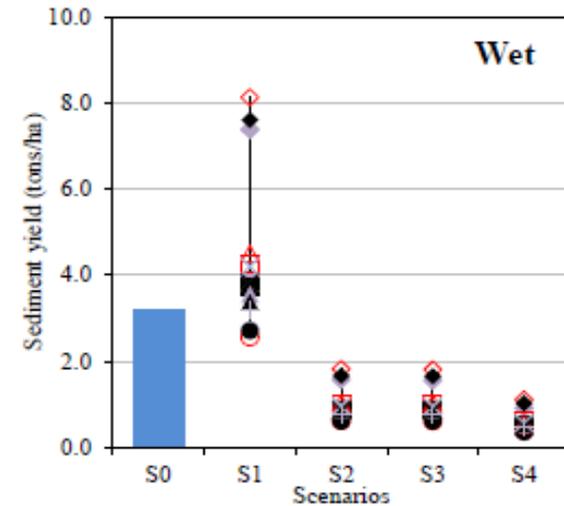
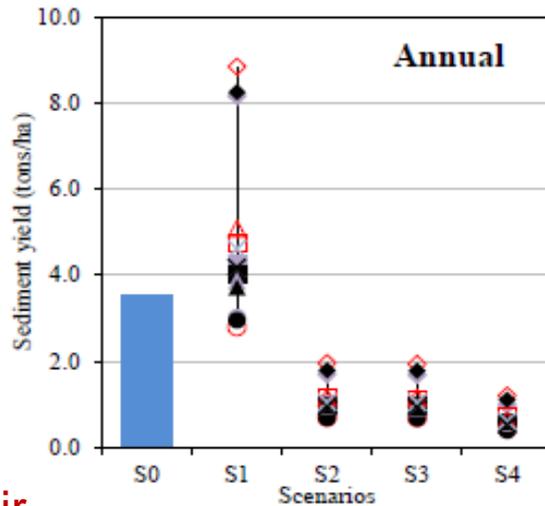
# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Sediment Yield

Impact on sediment yield in the Nam Ou basin, Lao PDR

Reservoir impact is much larger than the Impact of climate change

S0: No CC, no reservoir  
S1: CC but no reservoir  
S2: 1 reservoir  
S3: 3 reservoirs  
S4: 5 reservoirs



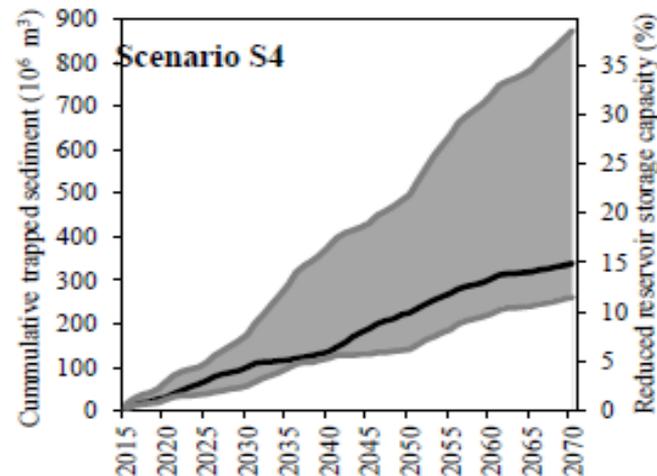
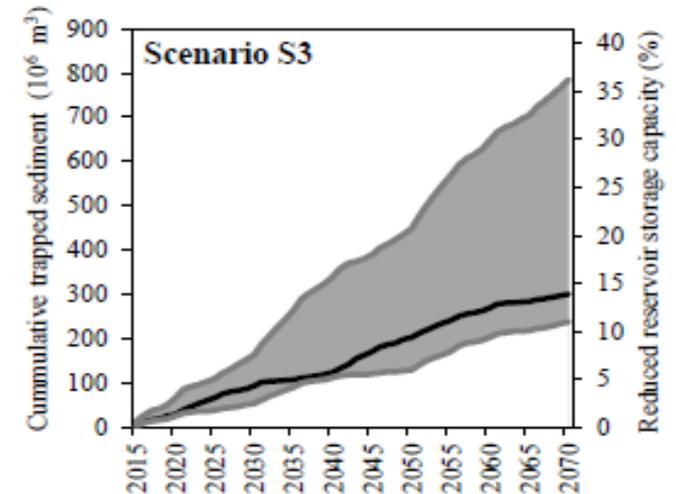
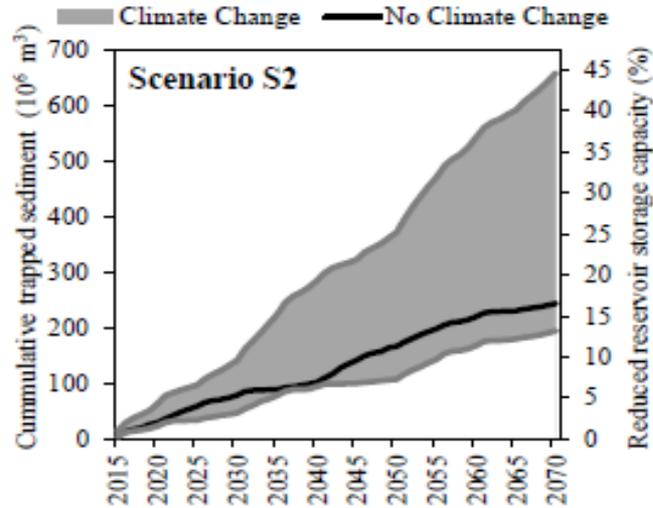
- Base Period
- ◆ CGCM3.1 A2
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- CNRM CM3 B1
- MPI ECHAM5 A2
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- MPI ECHAM5 B1
- ▲ NCAR CCSM3 A2
- △ NCAR CCSM3 A1b
- ▲ NCAR CCSM3 B1
- × PRECIS RCM A2
- × PRECIS RCM B2
- + No climate change

# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Sediment Yield

Impact on sediment trapping and reservoir capacity in the Nam Ou basin, Lao PDR

Trapping reduces reservoir holding capacity



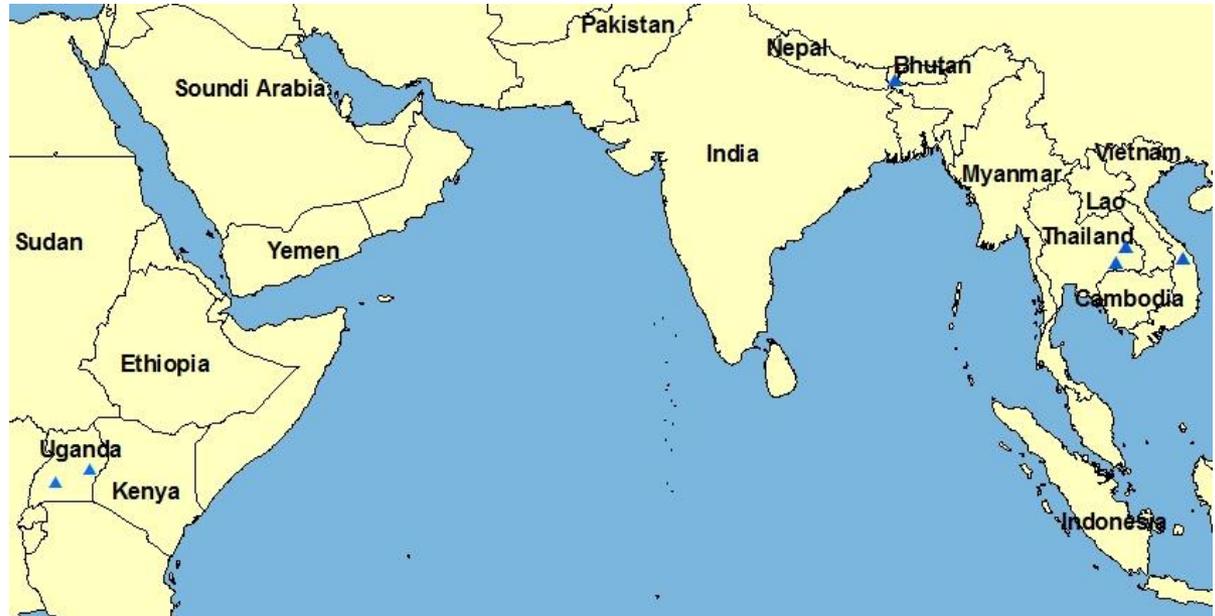
# Climate Change: Local Insights

Reservoir reduces sediment due to trapping and alters deposition

Scenario		Erosion (Er) (10 <sup>6</sup> tons/yr)	Sediment deposition (Sd) (10 <sup>6</sup> tons/yr)		Sediment outflux from Nam Ou river (So) (10 <sup>6</sup> tons/yr)
			Tributary and watershed (Sdt)	Reservoir (Sdr)	
S0		18.1	11.0	-	7.0
S1	A2	25.2	16.1	-	9.2
	B2	22.2	13.9	-	8.3
S2	No climate change	18.1	10.0	6.4	1.7
	A2	25.2	14.3	8.9	2.1
	B2	22.2	12.2	8.1	1.9
S3	No climate change	18.1	8.4	8.0	1.7
	A2	25.2	12.2	11.0	2.1
	B2	22.2	10.3	10.0	1.8
S4	No climate change	18.1	7.8	9.2	1.1
	A2	25.2	11.4	12.6	1.2
	B2	22.2	9.6	11.5	1.0

# Crop Yield

- India
  - Sikkim
- Thailand
  - Chi basin
  - Mun basin
- Uganda
  - Wet agro-ecological zones
  - Dry agro-ecological zones
- Vietnam
  - Quang Nam Province



# Climate Change: Local Insights

Impact on crop production (Change in %)

	Basin, Country	Baseline	A2			B2		
			Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
		kg/ha						
Rice	Mun, Thailand	2,732	-11.2	-19.5	-32.1	-	-	-
	Chi, Thailand	2,807	-25.2	-32.9	-32.3	-	-	-
Maize	Sikkim, India	3,290	-21.1	-32.2	-44.2	-15.9	-26.8	-37.1
	Uganda (March-May)	3,010	-9.6	-16.4	-43.3	-10.5	-14.5	-28.4
	Uganda (Sept-Nov)	3,010	8.1	10.2	9.6	8.6	12.1	10.2

Yield is expected to decrease in future periods; In Uganda during Sept-Nov season Maize yield is projected to increase.

# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Agriculture

### Impact on Rice Production in Northeast Thailand (KDML 105 @ Ubon Ratchathani)

Period	Yield (kg/ha)	Panicle no. / m <sup>2</sup>	No. of grains/m <sup>2</sup>	Total Biomass (kg/ha)	Anthesis duration (days)	Maturity duration (days)	Harvest Index
1997-06	2,732	33.4	10,613	6,353	81	110	0.43
2020-29	2,427	31.7	8,990	6,742	87	113	0.36
2050-59	2,200	27.3	8,149	6,463	96	120	0.30
2080-89	1,855	36.2	6,869	6,625	85	107	0.28

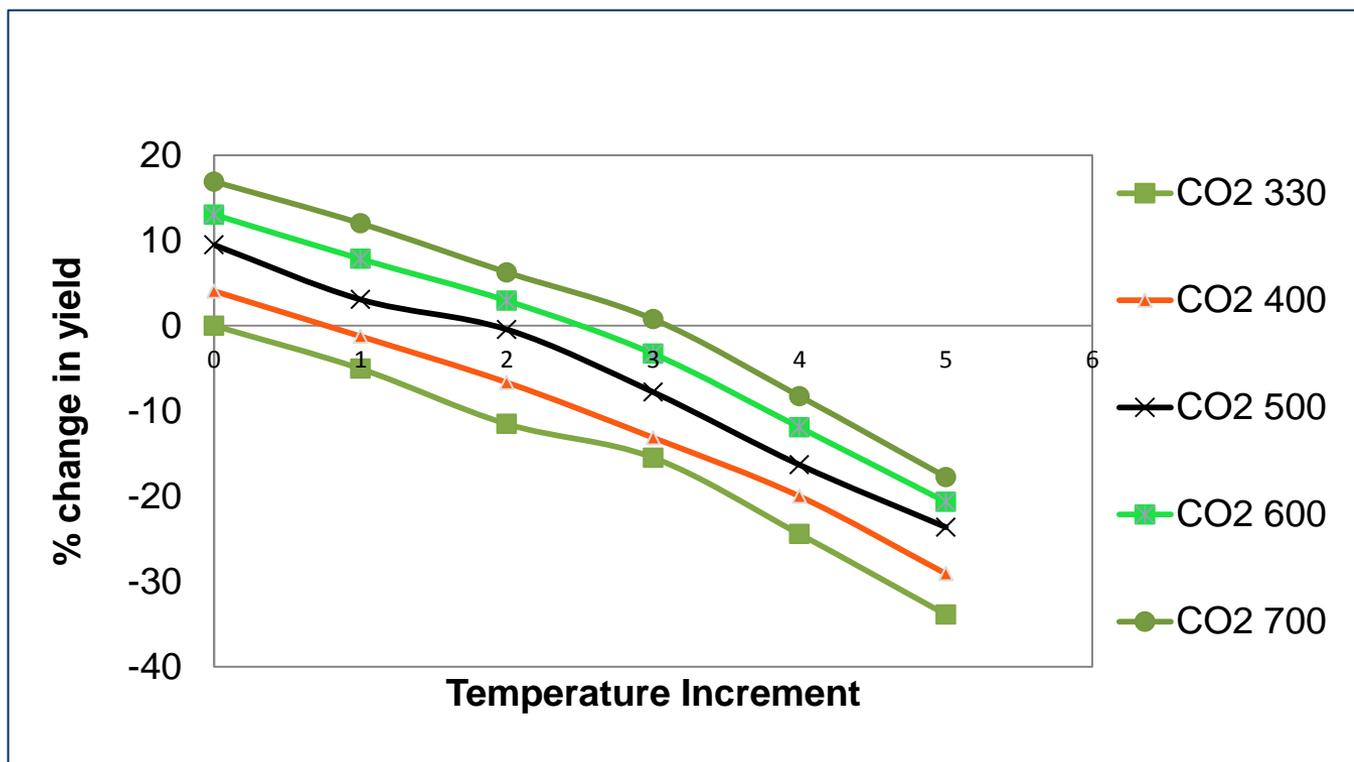
Yield is expected to decrease in future periods; No. of panicles and total biomass may decrease/increase in future periods

# Climate Change: Local Insights

Agriculture

Impact on Rice Production in Northeast Thailand  
(KDML 105 @ Ubon Ratchathani)

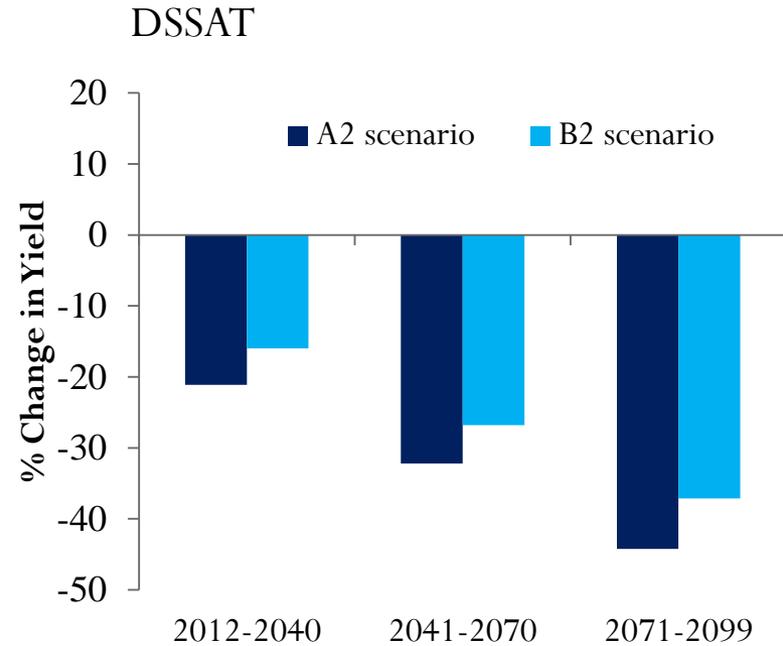
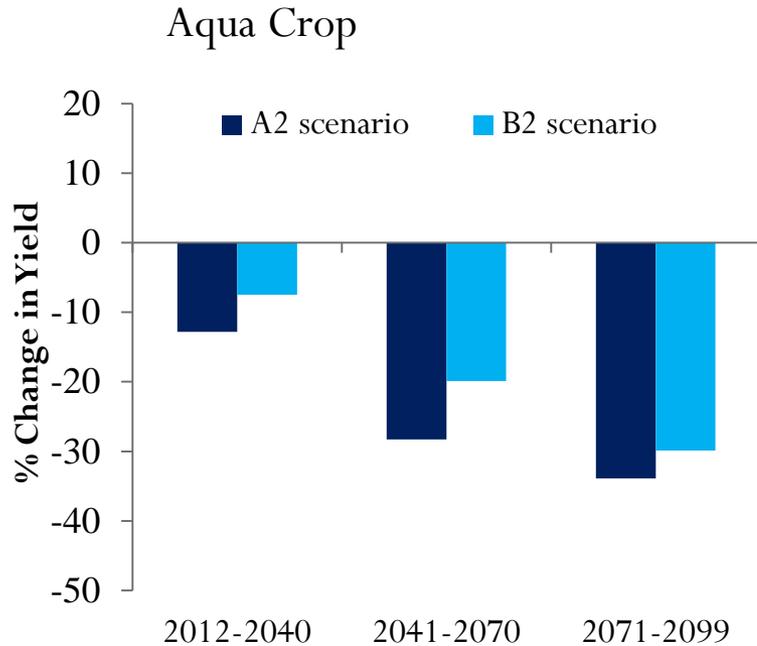
Effect of temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> on yield



# Climate Change: Local Insights

Agriculture

## Impact on Maize Yield in East Sikkim, India



Projected decrease in precipitation and increase in temperature may have negative impact on maize yield

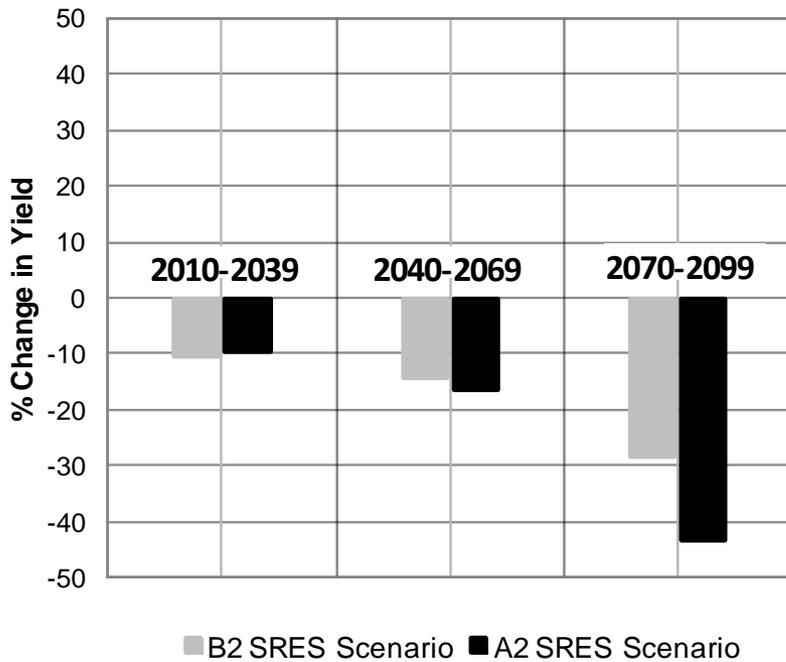
# Climate Change: Local Insights

Agriculture

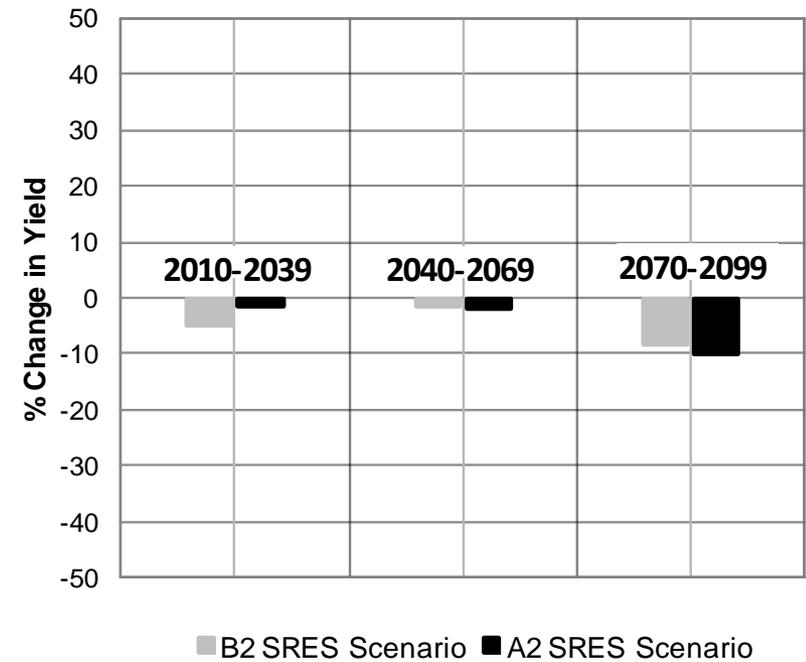
## Impact on Maize Yield in Uganda

### Mar-May Season

At 330ppm CO<sub>2</sub>



At Scenario CO<sub>2</sub>



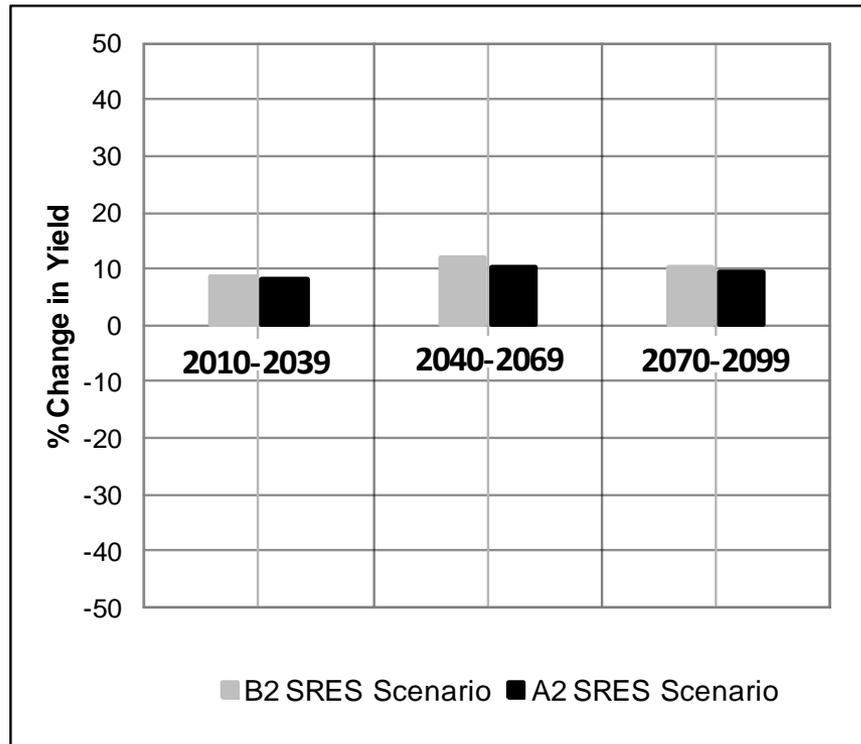
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Agriculture

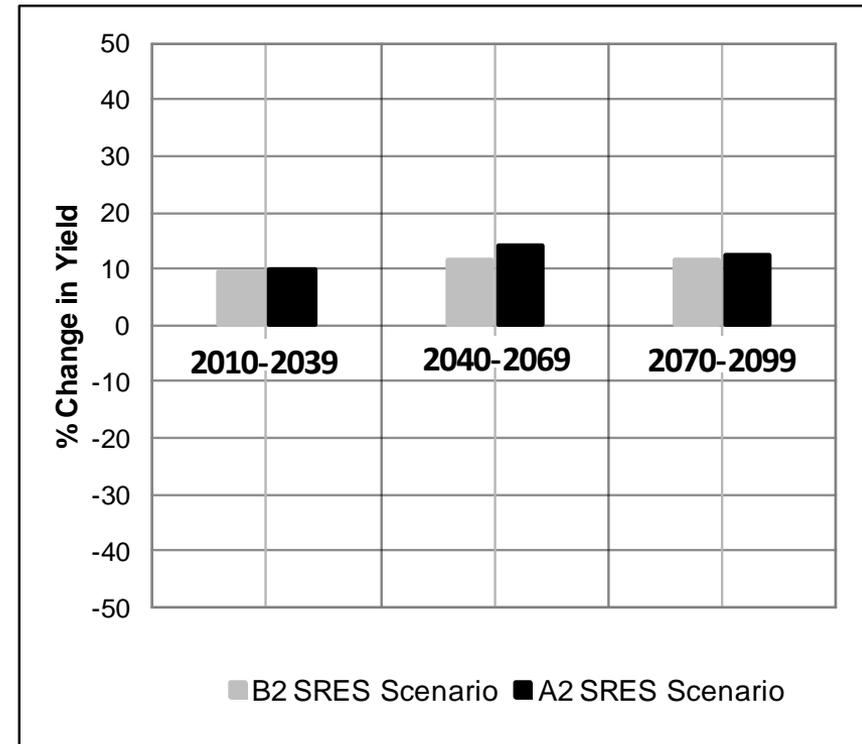
## Impact on Maize Yield in Uganda

### Sept-Nov Season

At 330ppm CO<sub>2</sub>



At Scenario CO<sub>2</sub>



# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Agriculture

### Impact on rainfed Rice Yield in Myanmar

Baseline (1961-1990) yield: 2.965 t/ha

Scenarios	2020s	2050s	2090s
	Increase (%)		
A2_ECHAM5	21.1	32.6	40.3
A2_HadCM3	21.8	34.6	35.9
A1B_ECHAM5	20.5	27.6	26.3
B2_HadCM3	20.4	16.9	16.5

Rainfed rice yield is projected to increase under all scenarios

# Water Demand

- Indonesia
  - Citarum basin
- Nepal
  - Bagmati basin
- Myanmar
  - Ngamoeyeik Irrigation Project
- Pakistan
  - Upper Indus basin
- Thailand
  - Bangkok



# Climate Change: Local Insights

Irrigation water demand in Bagmati basin, Nepal (Change in %)

	Physiographic region	Baseline	A2			B2		
			Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
		MCM						
Rice	High Hills	79.8	0.5	6.3	2.4	-9.0	-4.9	-7.4
	Middle Hills	83.6	-4.1	1.8	-4.0	-8.6	-2.2	-9.0
	Terai	88.2	28.6	23.9	26.9	26.9	23.2	27.4
Wheat	High Hills	11.7	-81.4	-91.3	-90.1	-82	-90.7	-90.7
	Middle Hills	8.0	-28.6	-28.6	-24.2	-29.2	-28.6	-24.2
	Terai	16.1	4.4	38.5	1.3	5.6	37.3	3.1

# Climate change: Local Insights

## Impact on Agricultural Water Requirements in Upper Indus River Basin, Pakistan (Change in %)

Parameter	Baseline	A2			B2		
		Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
	(mm)						
CWR	635.8	-	6.1	13.2	-	4.2	9.7
IWR	441.5		-2.4	10.3	-	-14.0	6.1

## Impact on Domestic water demand in Bangkok, Thailand (Change in %)

Source: Babel et al. (2013) WRM

Parameter	Baseline	A2			B2		
		Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
	(MCM)						
Domestic water demand	1240	39	-	-	39	-	-

# Hydropower

- Bhutan
  - Wangchu Basin
- Myanmar
  - Myitnge river basin
- Nepal
  - Dudhkoshi basin
  - Bagmati basin
- Pakistan
  - Jhelum basin
- Thailand
  - Mae Klong basin



# Climate Change: Local Insights

Hydropower (% change)

Basin, Country	Baseline	A2			B2		
		Early	Mid	Late	Early	Mid	Late
	(MW)						
Wangchu, Bhutan	170	6.7	13.3	15.7	40.9	42.2	44.5
Jhelum, Pakistan	707	19.6	16.7	18.9	20.4	16.7	19.9

Hydropower production is projected to increase in all three future periods under both scenarios.

# Climate Change: Local Insights

## Hydropower

### Impact on streamflow and hydropower generation, Jhelum basin Pakistan

Future changes (%) in hydropower production, under A2 and B2 from the Mangla plant **before raising** conditions, relative to 1961-1990

Source: AIT PhD Dissertation (2013)

Season	1961-90 (MW)	A2			B2		
		2020S %	2050S %	2080S %	2020S %	2050S %	2080S %
Winter	<b>416</b>	39.7	35.7	41.2	39.3	34.8	41.1
Spring	<b>799</b>	18.0	9.6	14.8	20.7	10.2	17.2
Summer	<b>927</b>	6.1	6.8	5.0	7.1	7.1	6.4
Autumn	<b>688</b>	14.6	14.7	14.6	14.3	14.7	14.7
Annual	<b>707</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>19.9</b>

Future changes (%) in hydropower production under A2 and B2 from the Mangla plant **after raising** conditions, relative to 1961-1990

Season	1961-90 MW	A2			B2		
		2020S %	2050S %	2080S %	2020S %	2050S %	2080S %
Winter	<b>494</b>	29.8	26.8	30.7	29.3	26.5	30.6
Spring	<b>916</b>	11.0	7.8	9.5	11.9	8.1	10.4
Summer	<b>989</b>	6.1	6.7	4.8	7.3	7.3	6.0
Autumn	<b>764</b>	13.0	13.2	12.8	12.8	13.4	13.2
Annual	<b>791</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>15.1</b>

# Key challenges

# Key Challenges

- Interpreting and using climate data at different scales in order to plan the development of water resources more effectively
- Uncertainties in future climate projections
- Forecasting extreme events
  - Past is not a good indicator of future
  - Frequency, location, magnitude, duration of extremes may change
  - Chance of extreme event is not the same from one year to next and is strongly related to large-scale climate drivers like ENSO
- Develop more accurate and reliable early warning systems
- Future local climate information (e.g. atlas)
- Translating the impacts to societal implications (vulnerability and risks)
- Impacts are visible, suitable adaptation and mitigation measures are required
- Science-policy dialogue

# Key Challenges

- Preparing and implementing the adaptation strategies for long term and short term regional and local level impacts:
  - more intensive precipitation events
  - increased drought risk
  - reduced access to water and food
  - ecosystems shift in space and in species composition
  - change in growing season for traditional crops
- Shifting balance because of changed water demand while changed water supplies to simultaneously meet the needs of growing communities, sensitive ecosystems, farmers, energy producers, and manufacturers
- Lack of knowledge and capacity at different levels
- Lack of technology and infrastructure in developing countries
  - Technology transfer
- How global and local communities can more meaningfully be brought together?

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