



Existing practices in dissemination of methods and tools and sharing experiences

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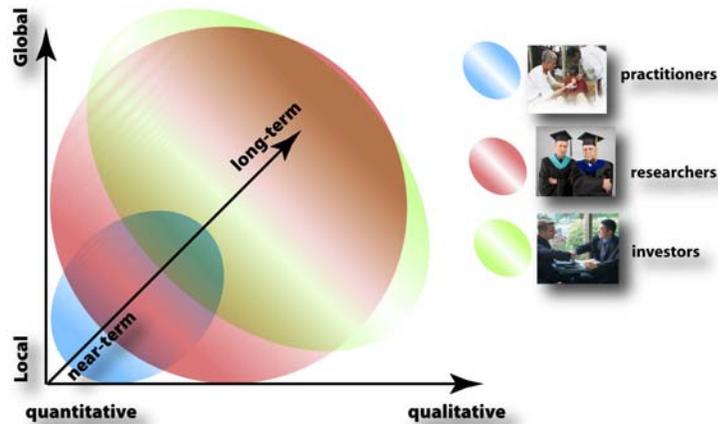
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In the next 15 minutes or so...

1. Diverse needs for methods and tools;
2. Current practices and services;
3. Gaps and priorities

1. Diverse needs for methods and tools



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1. Diverse needs for methods and tools (cont.)

Growing sense of urgency for adaptation has created increasing demand for **policy relevant** information from climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation assessments.

This has led to the expansive application of methods and tools developed in other related fields, e.g., **risk management**, in climate assessments.

[Carter et al., 2007]

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2. Current practices and services

A large number of organisations and initiatives have been disseminating assessment methods and tools...

UN agencies	Multilateral and bilateral programmes	National initiatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNFCCC UNDP; WB IPCC; WHO; UNEP; FAO; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALM; NCSP; AIACC; ACCCA; LCA; ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKCIP (UK); Greenhouse Office (Australia); Climate Change Science Programme (US); ...

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2. Current practices and services (cont.)

Method and tools are disseminated in a variety of **forms**.

- Compendium and guide books

<p>Compendium on methods and tools to evaluate impacts of, and vulnerability and adaptation to, climate change</p> <p>Final draft report</p> <p>UNFCCC Secretariat</p>	<p>Handbook on Methods for Climate Change Impact Assessment and Adaptation Strategies</p> <p>Editors: Jan F. Feenstra Ian Burton Joel B. Smith Richard S.J. Tol</p> <p>Version 2.0 October, 1998</p> <p>UNEP United Nations Environment Programme</p> <p>rijksuniversiteit amsterdam Institute for Environmental Studies</p>	<p>Health and Global Environmental Change HSRCS No. 1</p> <p>Methods of assessing human health vulnerability and public health adaptation to climate change</p> <p>WHO Health Canada UNEP</p>
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An analogy

Developing and **disseminating** methods and tools for a wide range of **users**



Cooking and **servicing** food and drinks for diverse (and often demanding!) **diners**



An analogy



3. Gaps and priorities

- More explicit about the **purposes, strengths and limits** of available methods and tools;
- Promoting the use of **common methods and tools**, with a view to "standardize" the assessments

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3. Gaps and priorities *(cont.)*

- Strengthening the documentation and dissemination of **good practices and lessons learned** on the **application** of method and tools, particularly within the context of supporting adaptation planning;
- Enhancing **coordination**, particularly among bi-lateral and multi-lateral programmes/projects;

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