



IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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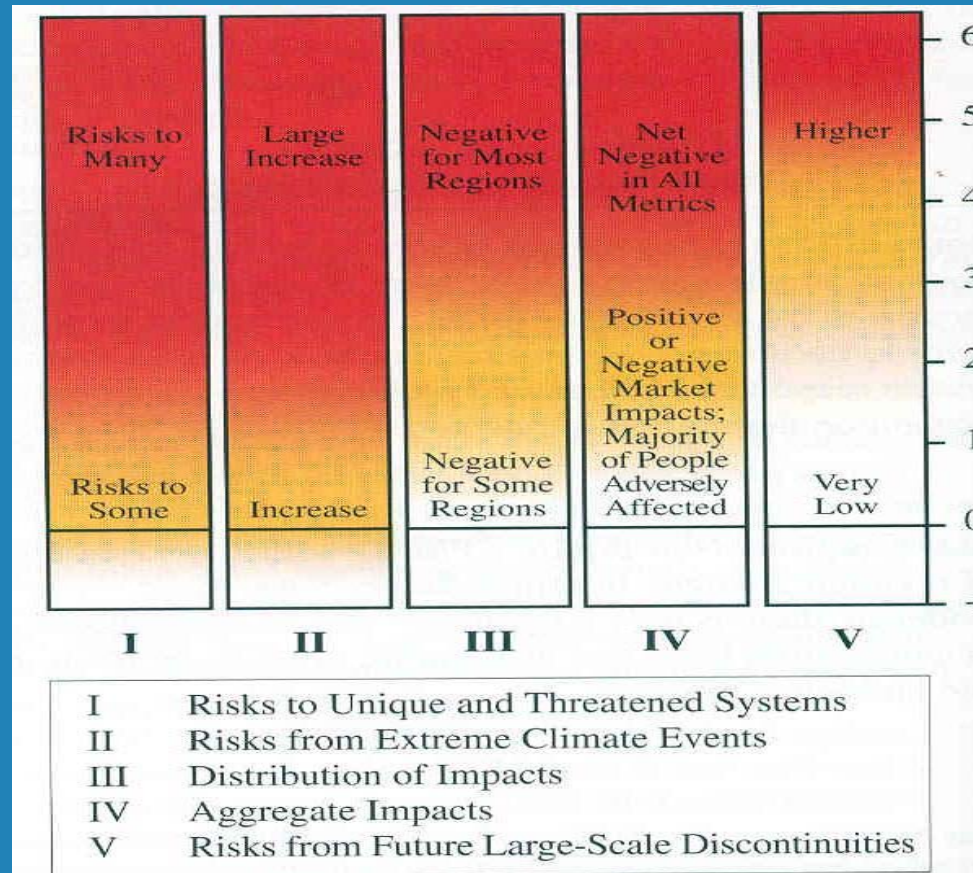
Outline of Presentation

- Ω **Impact of CC differs across Regions & Sectors**
- Ω **Predicted Impacts of CC in the LDCs**
- Ω **Differential Vulnerabilities among Social Groups in the LDCs**
- Ω **Adaptation - A New Variable in LDC Dev**
- Ω **What Kind of Adaptation in the LDC Context?**

Predicted Impacts of CC

- ∞ **I/Y = Magnitude & rate of global & regional changes in mean climate, climate variability & extreme events, socio-economic conditions & adaptation**
- ∞ **Impact Assessment still imperfect**
- ∞ **Impacts on Human Systems - Our Prime Concern**

CC: Reasons for Concern (WGII, TAR-IPCC)



Why are the LDCs most vulnerable?

- Ω **Geographical location - low latitude Cs**
- Ω **Economy depends on climate sensitive activities**
- Ω **`Double exposure' to CC & Globalization make the LDCs `double loser' who face `structural omissions' in the existing order**
- Ω **Non-climatic factors - reinforce I & Vs**

What are the Impacts in the LDCs?

- ∩ **Diminished access to water resources as precipitation decreases**
- ∩ **Greater food insecurity**
- ∩ **Irreversible loss of biodiversity**
- ∩ **Increased incidence of vector- & water-borne diseases**
- ∩ **Sea level rise & greater incidence of flooding**
- ∩ **Exacerbated desertification**

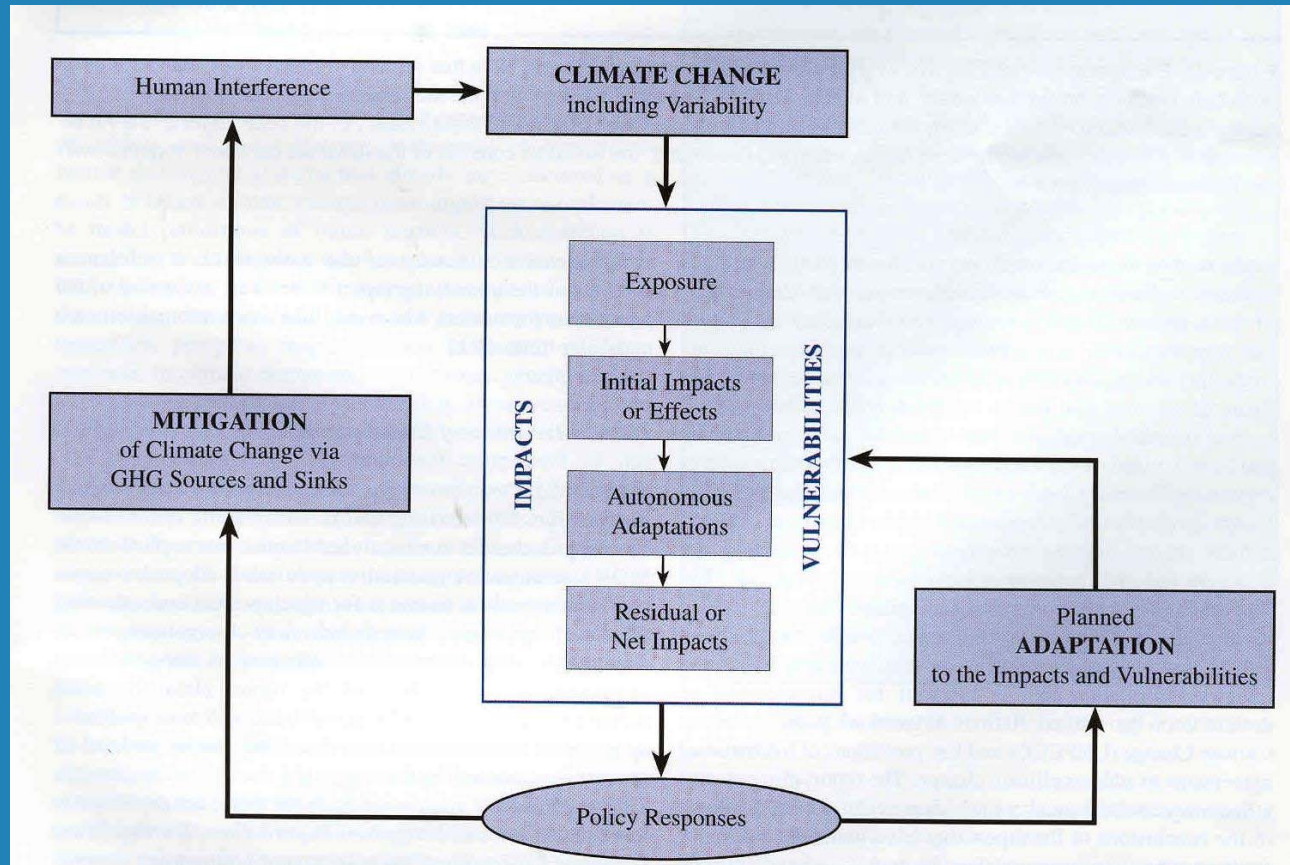
Differential Vulnerabilities among Social Groups in the LDCs

- ∞ **V of Human Systems = Levels of Exposure, Sensitivity & Adaptive Capacity**
- ∞ **Livelihood support systems of the Poor, landless, marginalized & women are more vulnerable to CC because they are more vulnerable to other socio-econ stresses**
- ∞ **Inequity/lack of empowerment is the barrier**

Adaptation to CC - A New Variable in LDC Development

- ∞ Adaptation (A) complements mitigation (M)**
- ∞ CC Impacts add new level of complexity in planning for SD**
- ∞ Non-M in the A1Cs & A there enhances adaptation needs in the LDCs**
- ∞ Adaptation to CC - Prime Concern to LDCs**

Climate Change Policy Framework



What Kind of Adaptation in the LDC Context?

∞ Types of Adaptation (WGII, TAR-IPCC):

		Anticipatory	Reactive
Human Systems	Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of insurance • Construction of houses on stilts • Redesign of oil rigs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in farm practices • Changes in insurance premiums • Purchase of air-conditioning
	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early-warning systems • New building codes, design standards • Incentives for relocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensatory payments, subsidies • Enforcement of building codes • Beach nourishment
Natural Systems			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in length of growing season • Changes in ecosystem composition • Wetland migration



Approaches to Adaptation

- Technical adaptation - preferred by technocrats**
- Societal adaptation – more challenging, but needed most in the LDCs**



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