JustMIP: Advancing Justice Considerations in IAM Scenarios



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JustMIP brings together research teams from Annex-I and Non-Annex-I countries and builds upon extensive stakeholder interactions. The initiative is coordinated by IIASA together with partners from the ELEVATE project. For more information please contact: justmip@iiasa.ac.at

About JustMIP

- > a model intercomparison effort systematically incorporating a set of underrepresented justice considerations into global integrated assessment modelling (IAM) frameworks
- > initiated under the ELEVATE project and open to any interested external partners with global and national models
- > model protocol is available for public review and feedback

Information and feedback

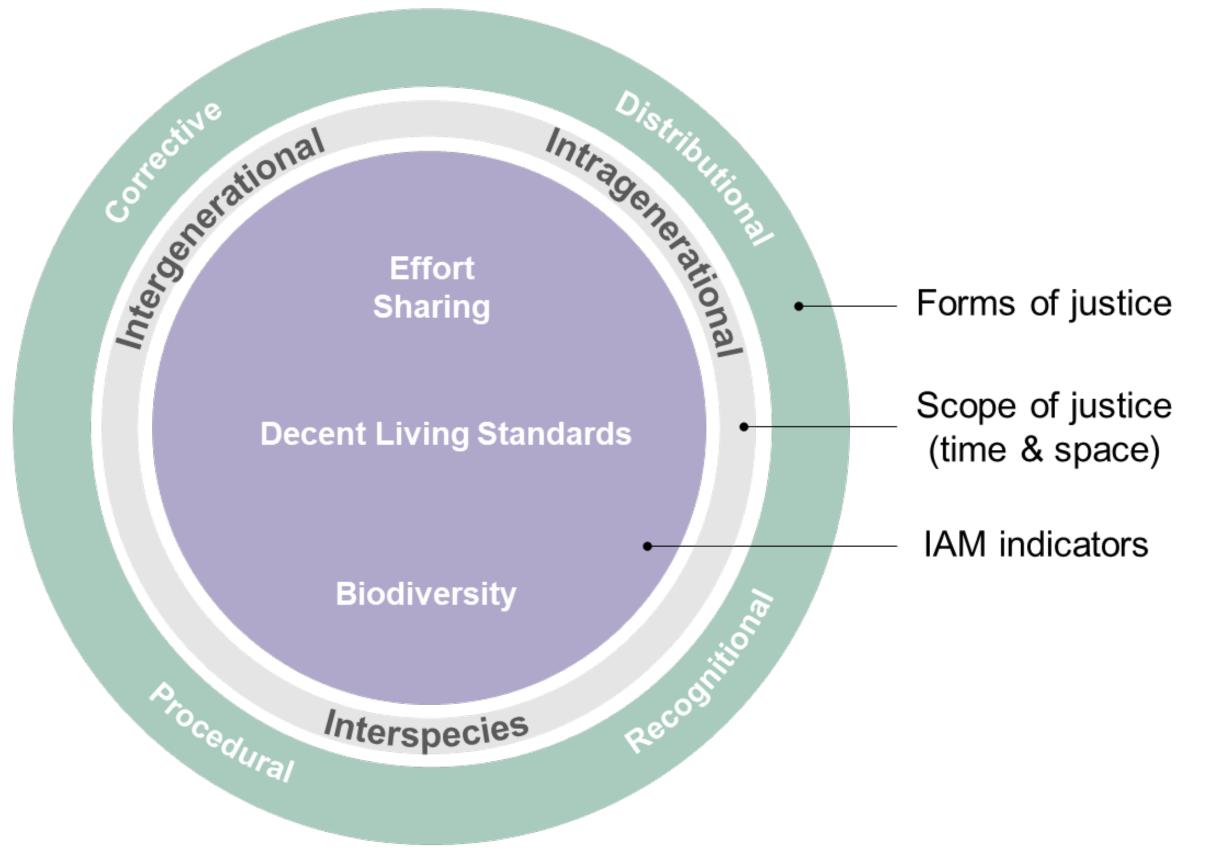


Why JustMIP?

- > IAMs inform global climate policy by outlining mitigation pathways, but often assess equity and justice only after scenarios are developed, for example, through ex-post assessments of financial transfers
- > Emerging needs call for a greater range of scenarios integrating justice considerations including those exploring wellbeing convergence, fair effort sharing and strengthening natural ecosystems
- > Expanding IAMs to include more justice considerations can better inform climate and sustainable development policies and context-sensitive pathways

What are justice considerations?

- > Framing within Earth System Justice: Draws on conceptual advances^{1,2} that identify 'three Is' of justice that should be embedded in IAM frameworks
 - > Interregional Justice: calling for fairer distribution of mitigation efforts and development outcomes recognising differences in responsibilities, capabilities, and vulnerabilities across regions
 - > Intergenerational Justice: emphasizing responsibility to future generations, particularly regarding resource depletion and managing climate overshoot impacts across and within regions
 - > Interspecies Justice: advocating for the protection of nonhuman species and ecosystems in climate mitigation strategies



Overarching Goals

- > explore trade-offs and co-benefits across a set of underrepresented justice considerations in the IAM literature, contributing to ongoing community efforts to expand the solution space informing climate and sustainable development policy deliberations
- > create more transparency and entry points for scenario co-design

Research Questions

- What are the implications of meeting minimum energy needs, defined as achieving decent living energy for all?
- What are the implications of introducing effort-sharing and considerations of historical responsibility?
- What are the implications of the interacting these two considerations?

Implementation in IAMs

- > Stricter limits on biomass use and carbon storage
- > Universal access to decent living energy
- > Significant inequality reduction
- > An effort-sharing framework that includes considerations of historical responsibility

¹ Gupta, Joyeeta, Diana Liverman, Klaudia Prodani, Paulina Aldunce, Xuemei Bai, Wendy Broadgate, Daniel Ciobanu, et al. "Earth System Justice Needed to Identify and Live within Earth System Boundaries." Nature Sustainability 6, no. 6 (March 2, 2023): 630-38. ² Zimm, Caroline, Kian Mintz-Woo, Elina Brutschin, Susanne Hanger-Kopp, Roman Hoffmann, Jarmo S. Kikstra, Michael Kuhn, et al. "Justice Considerations in Climate Research." Nature Climate Change 14, no. 1 (January 2024): 22-30.

Related Initiatives

We encourage all to consider a new call under the NEWPATHWAYS project to generate development oriented socio-economic projections by an interested scientific institution, preferably located in a country in the Non-Annex-I region. In case of interest please contact NEWPATHWAYS (newpathways_dsp_contact@listserv.dfn.de).



