Mainstreaming Adaptation into Development Learning from Success and Failure

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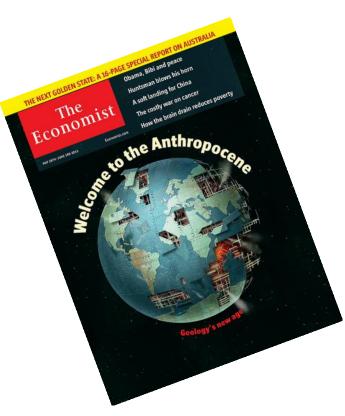
Time to be realists!

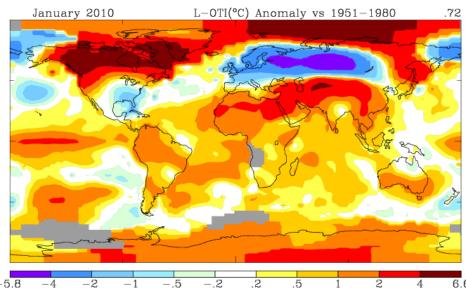
The pessimist complains about the wind; The optimist expects it to change; And the realist adjusts the sails.

William Arthur Ward



Humans in the driving seat....





"The past 20 years ...substantial progress....

Most people...healthier, live longer, are more educated... raising income,....expanding people's power to select leaders, influence public decisions and share knowledge."

UNDP 2010. Human Development Report 2010. Summary. 20th Anniversary Edition. The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development. (UNDP)

Five bottle necks in adaptation research

- Adaptation research ignores stakeholder's other priorities
- Decision realities of stakeholders
- Uncertainty wait to act
- Mismatch: Scale of climate info and users
- Mismatch: Manage current variability vs. mid-to-long term changes

Adapted from R. Klein, SEI



Three challenges: science-to-policy

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The Anthropocene: Are Humans Now Overwhelming the Great Forces of Nature?

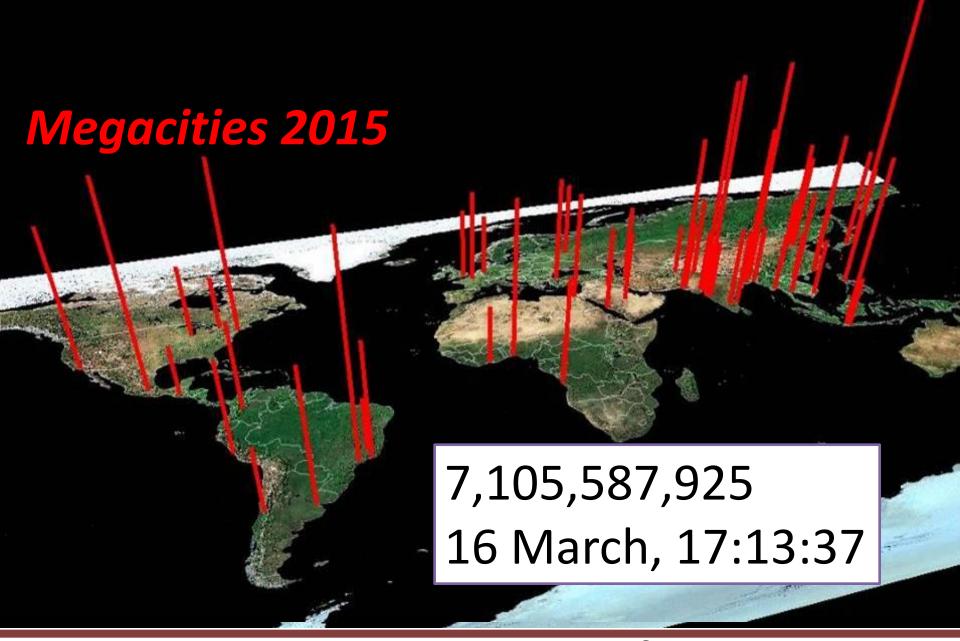


Transforming landscapes



Large scale resources development





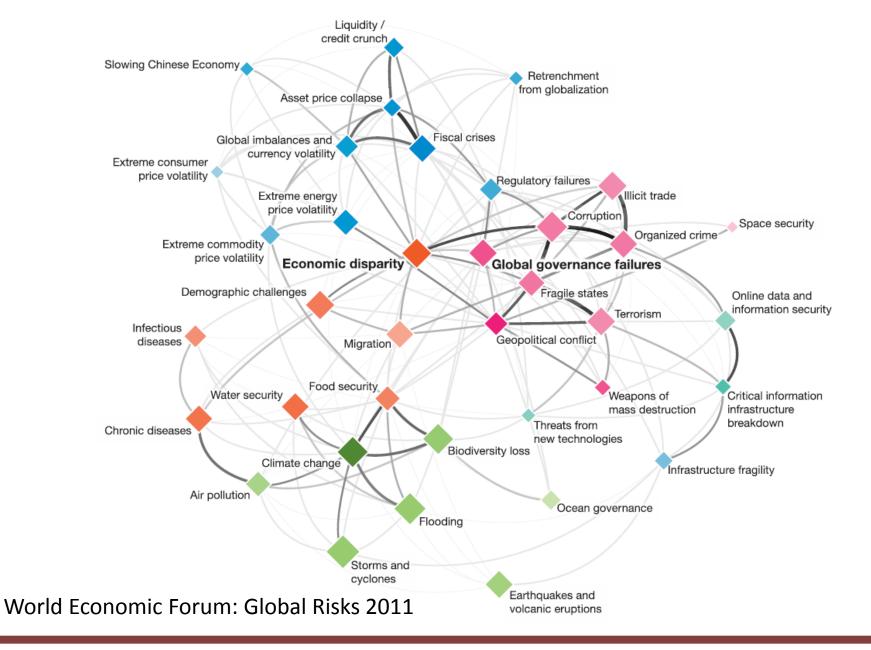


Source:

U.N. Population Division

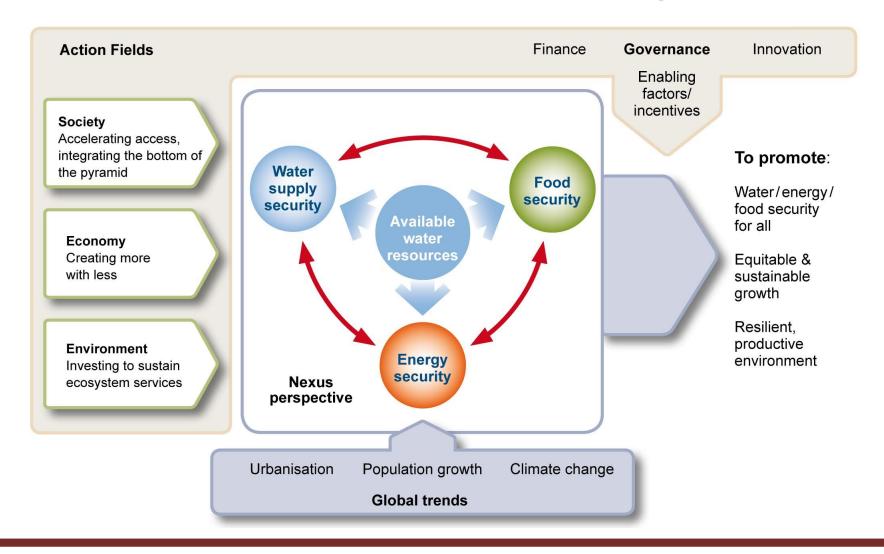
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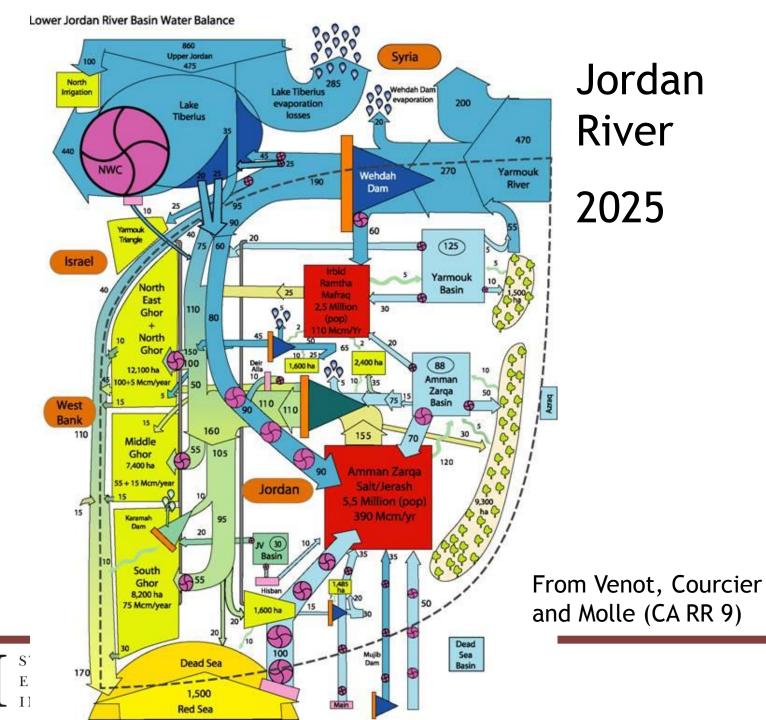




NEXUS and Sector Integration





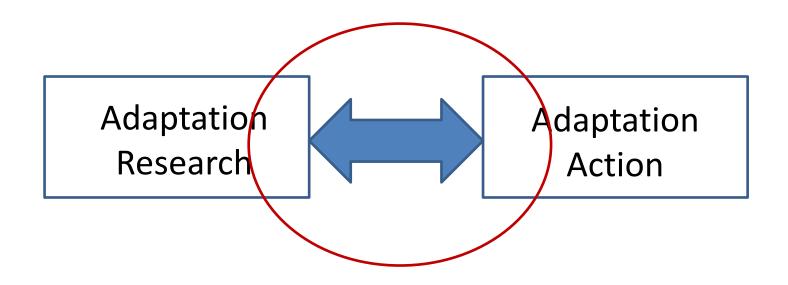


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From Research to Policy





Supply/demand chain data, information, knowledge

- Science: Monitoring, data, analysis, information relevant "Service" to users
- Capacity and skills, provide information dissemination
- 3. Capacity to <u>understand/identify</u> the problem what information/service is needed
- 4. Capacity/skill <u>acquire</u> info/service
- 5. Capacity to translate into action
- 6. Capacity/resources to implement, learn, adapt



Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future. Niels Bohr (1885 - 1962)







Social Media Explosion – for all?



Where are we heading...





WeADAPT Collaborating on Climate Adaptation



nee (rejected)

- Adaptation Fund: Adapting to sea-level rise in Egypt (rejected)
- Adaptation Fund: Coastal Adaptation
- Adaptation Fund: Coastal Zone Management
- Adaptation Fund: Enhancing resilient agriculture
- Adaptation Fund: Improving wat management (rejected)
- Adaptation Fund: reducing floods and
- Adaptation Fund: Reducing GLOF risks

AdaptCost

- Adaptation costs for Africa
- agriculture
- AfDB: Integrating Climate Risk Management
- AIACC: Adaptation costs and benefits
- Africa
- CC costs to Health in southern Africa

Cost of Adaptation in Agriculture

Generate KMZ fi



Sumernet Programme

Building a long-term research network that informs and influences policy development on sustainable development issues in the Mekong region.

weADAPT

weADAPT.org is an online directory of programs focusing on climate adaptation. Through Google Earth, we now know 'who is doing what and where' in climate adaptation.







Courtesy: Andrew Matthews, Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), Wellington, New Zealand

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

Søren Kierkegaard

Thank you!

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