

# Impact Chain Analysis and Climate Rationale

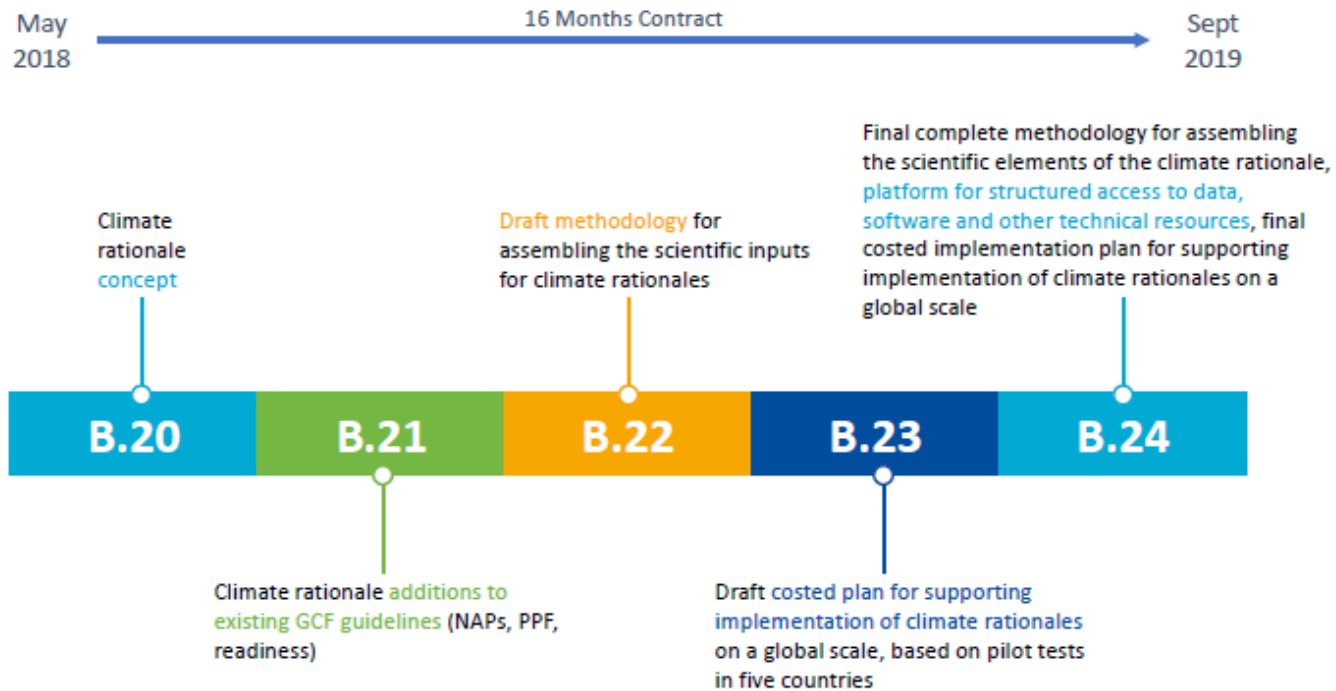
# Objectives for this Section

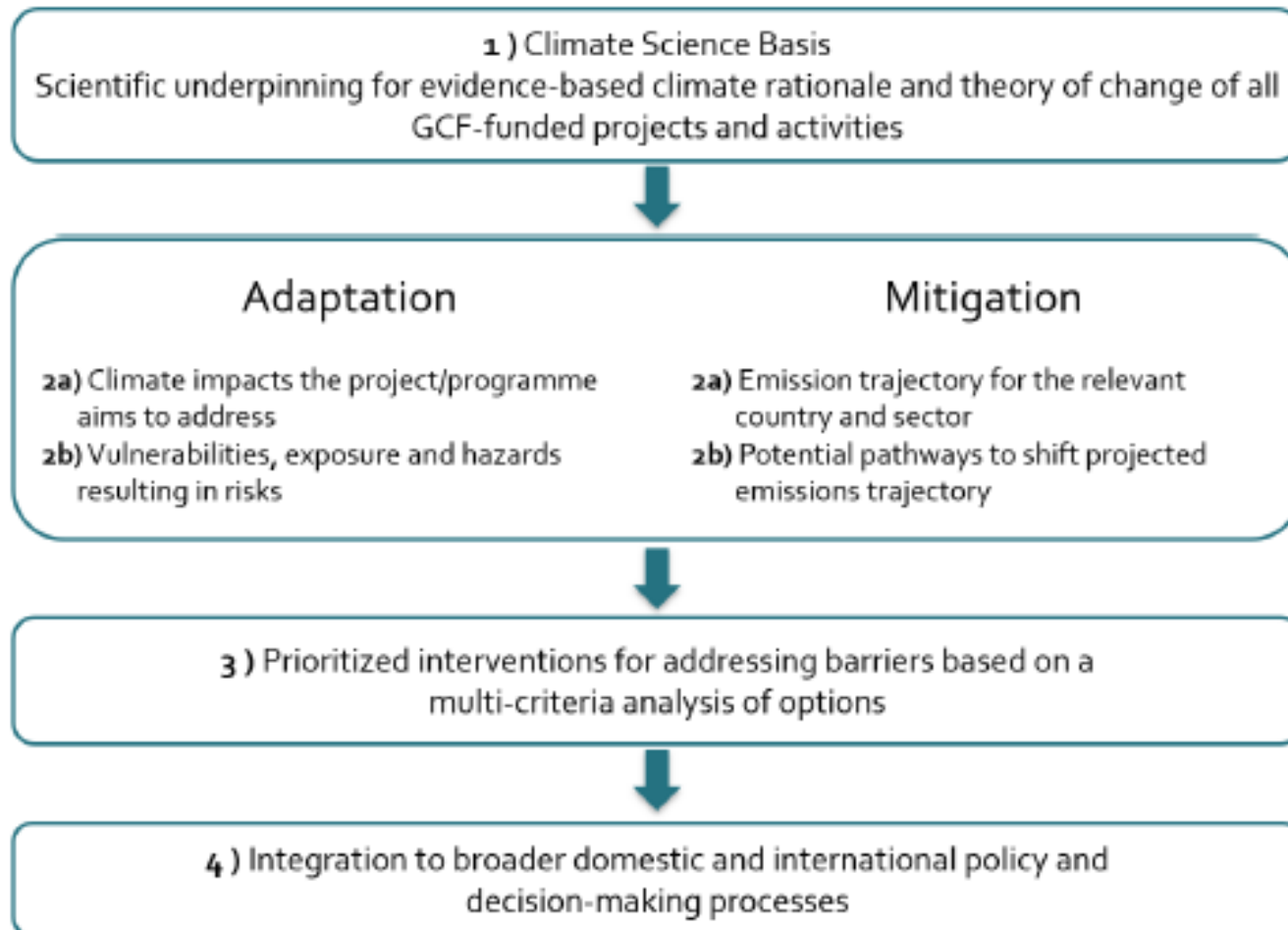
1. Understanding GCF's current work on climate rationale
2. Demonstrating **climate change impact analysis** as a tool for developing the climate rationale
3. Developing an **evidence based climate rationale** for climate change policies and projects

# What is “Climate Rationale”?

- “The climate rationale provides the **scientific** underpinning for **evidence-based** climate action decision making and the **theory of change** of all kinds of activities funded by the GCF. It ensures that the set of **causal linkages between climate and climate impacts and between action and societal benefits** is fully grounded in the **best available climate data and science** concerning the most relevant climatic factors” (from GCF draft guidance on climate rationale)

# Outputs / Deliverables





# Elements of the climate rationale (draft)

- **“Headline climate indicators”** ...physical, chemical, biological variables that characterize the Earth’s climate
  - E.g. average surface temperatures, ocean heat content, atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>, global ocean indicators (SST, SLR), cryosphere, global precipitation
  - Sector-specific climate indices (to be developed consistent with key sectors)
  - High impact events...the change in frequency and or the intensity of climate events associated with climate variability
- **National meteorological and hydrological services** are primary sources for data and information...

# Climate Indices

Health Sector	
Some Key Variables: Temperature, humidity	
Indicator	Description
<b>Frost Days (0)</b>	Annual count when $T_{MIN} < 0^{\circ}C$
<b>Very Hard Freeze</b>	Annual count when $T_{MIN} < -20^{\circ}C$
<b>Ice Days</b>	Annual count when $T_{MAX} < 0^{\circ}C$
<b>Summer Days</b>	Annual count when $T_{MAX} > 25^{\circ}C$
<b>Tropical Nights</b>	Annual count when $T_{MIN} > 20^{\circ}C$
<b>Warm Spell Duration Indicator</b>	Annual count of at least 6 consecutive days when $T_{MAX} > 90^{th}$ percentile
<b>User-Defined Warm Spell Duration Index</b>	Annual count of at least n consecutive days when $T_{MAX} > 90^{th}$ percentile, where $2 \leq n \leq 10$
<b>Cold Spell Duration Indicator</b>	Annual count of at least 6 consecutive days when $T_{MIN} < 10^{th}$ percentile
<b>User-Defined Cold Spell Duration Index</b>	Annual count of at least n consecutive days when $T_{MIN} < 10^{th}$ percentile, where $2 \leq n \leq 10$
<b>Above Average Days</b>	Percentage of days annual where $T_{MAX} > 50^{th}$ percentile
<b>Very Warm Day Threshold</b>	Value of $95^{th}$ percentile of $T_{MAX}$
<b>Hot Days</b>	Annual count when $T_{MAX} \geq 30^{\circ}C$
<b>Very Hot Days</b>	Annual count when $T_{MAX} \geq 35^{\circ}C$
<b>User-Defined Consecutive Number of Hot Days and Nights</b>	Annual count of n consecutive days where both $T_{MAX} > 95^{th}$ percentile and $T_{MIN} > 95^{th}$ percentile, where $2 \leq n \leq 10$

# Climate Indices

<b>Heating Degree Days</b>	Annual sum of $T_b - TM$ (where $T_b$ is a user-defined location-specific base temperature and $TM < T_b$ )
<b>Cooling Degree Days</b>	Annual sum of $TM - T_b$ (where $T_b$ is a user-defined location-specific base temperature and $TM > T_b$ )
<b>Growing Degree Days</b>	Annual sum of $TM - T_b$ (where $T_b$ is a user-defined location-specific base temperature and $TM > T_b$ )
<b>Consecutive Dry Days</b>	Maximum number of consecutive days with $P_{DAILY} < 1\text{mm}$
<b>User-Defined Consecutive Days Precipitation Amount</b>	Monthly maximum consecutive n-day precipitation (up to a maximum of 10)
<b>Standardized Precipitation Index</b>	Measure of “drought” using the Standardized Precipitation Index on time scales of 3, 6 and 12 months. No missing data are allowed to calculate the Standardized Precipitation Index.
<b>Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index</b>	Measure of “drought” using the Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index on time scales of 3, 6 and 12 months. No missing data are allowed to calculate Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index.

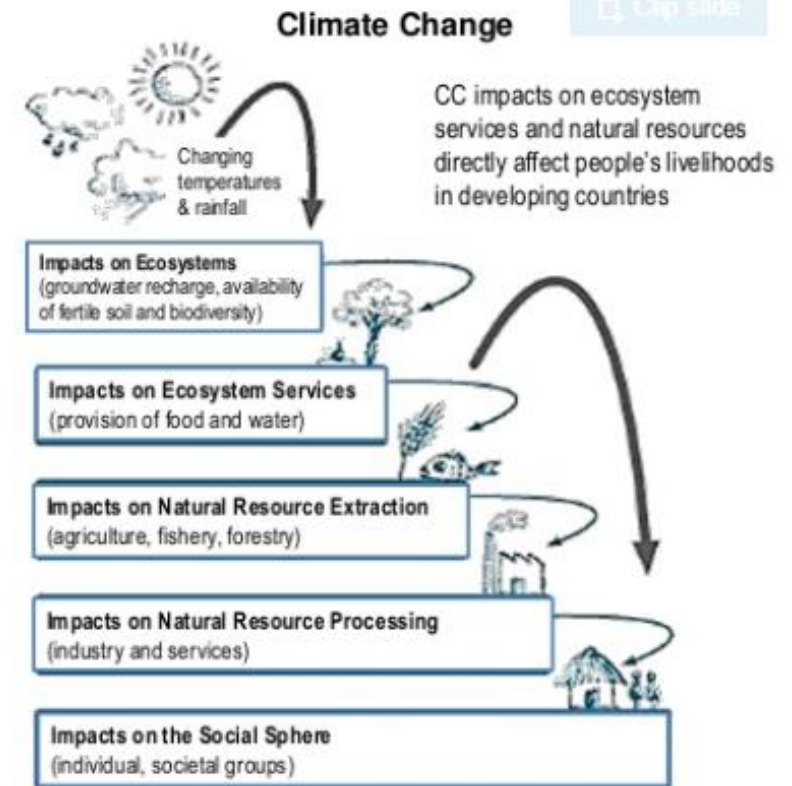


# Climate Indices

Heat Wave Number	Annual number of summer (November-March in the Southern Hemisphere and May-September in the Northern Hemisphere) heat waves where conditions persist for at least 3 consecutive days per the definition of Excess Heat Factor/Consecutive days where $T_{MIN} > 90^{th}$ percentile/Consecutive days where $T_{MAX} > 90^{th}$ percentile
Heat Wave Duration	The length of the longest summer (November-March in the Southern Hemisphere and May-September in the Northern Hemisphere) heat wave where conditions persist for at least 3 consecutive days per the definition of Excess Heat Factor/Consecutive days where $T_{MIN} > 90^{th}$ percentile/Consecutive days where $T_{MAX} > 90^{th}$ percentile
Heat Wave Frequency	The total number of days each summer (November-March in the Southern Hemisphere and May-September in the Northern Hemisphere) that contribute to all heat waves where conditions persist for at least 3 consecutive days per the definition of Excess Heat Factor/Consecutive days where $T_{MIN} > 90^{th}$ percentile/Consecutive days where $T_{MAX} > 90^{th}$ percentile
Heat Wave Amplitude	The hottest day of the hottest summer (November-March in the Southern Hemisphere and May-September in the Northern Hemisphere) heat wave where conditions persist for at least 3 consecutive days per definitions of Excess Heat Factor/Consecutive days where $T_{MIN} > 90^{th}$ percentile/Consecutive days where $T_{MAX} > 90^{th}$ percentile
Heat Wave Mean	Average magnitude of all heat wave days (November-March in the Southern Hemisphere and May-September in the Northern Hemisphere) where conditions persist for at least 3 consecutive days per definitions of Excess Heat Factor/Consecutive days where $T_{MIN} > 90^{th}$ percentile/Consecutive days where $T_{MAX} > 90^{th}$ percentile
User-Defined Consecutive Number of Cold Days and Nights	Annual count of $n$ consecutive days where both $T_{MAX} < 5^{th}$ percentile and $T_{MIN} < 5^{th}$ percentile, where $2 \leq n \leq 10$

# Impact Chain Analysis: A tool to inform climate rationale

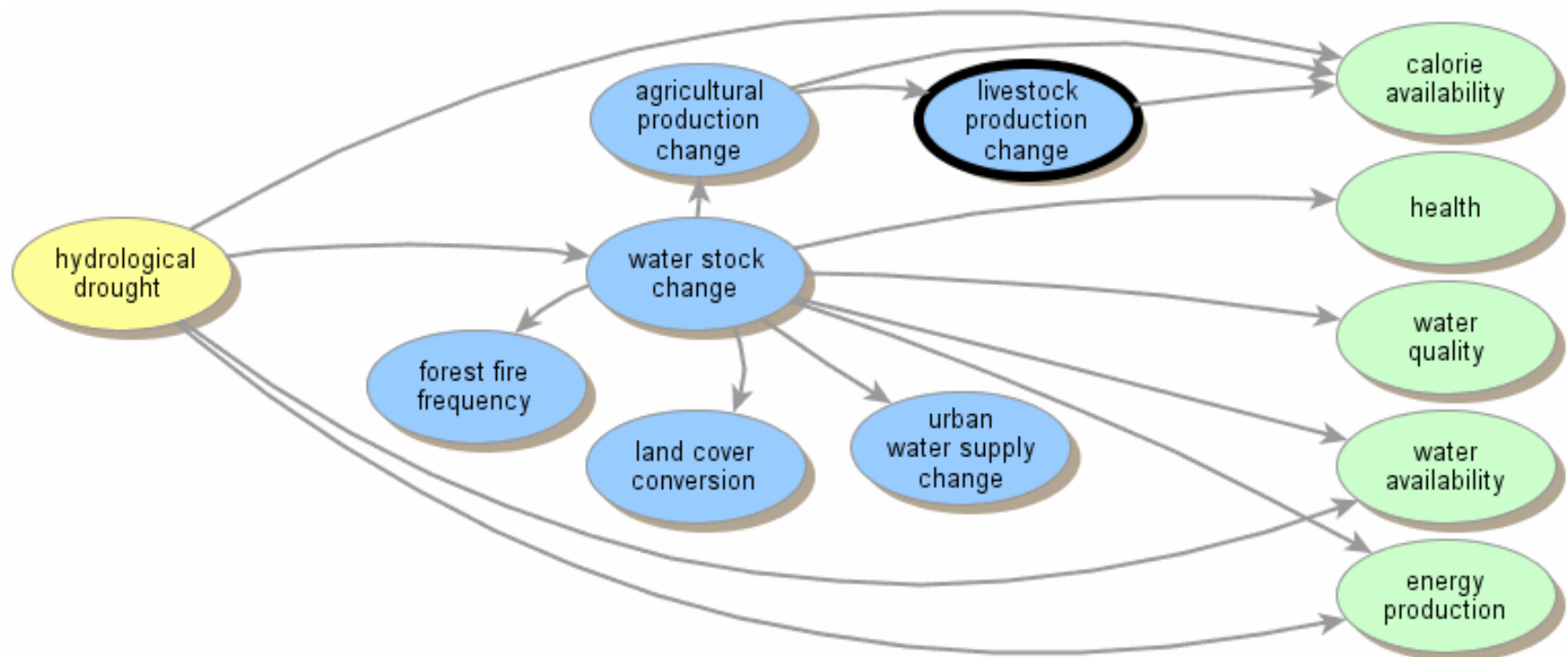
- Begin with physical processes: expected and observed
- Consider the hazards and gradual changes caused, directly and indirectly by these processes
- Determine the direct impacts on ecosystems, human systems, assets, etc.
- Consider indirect impacts on the same systems



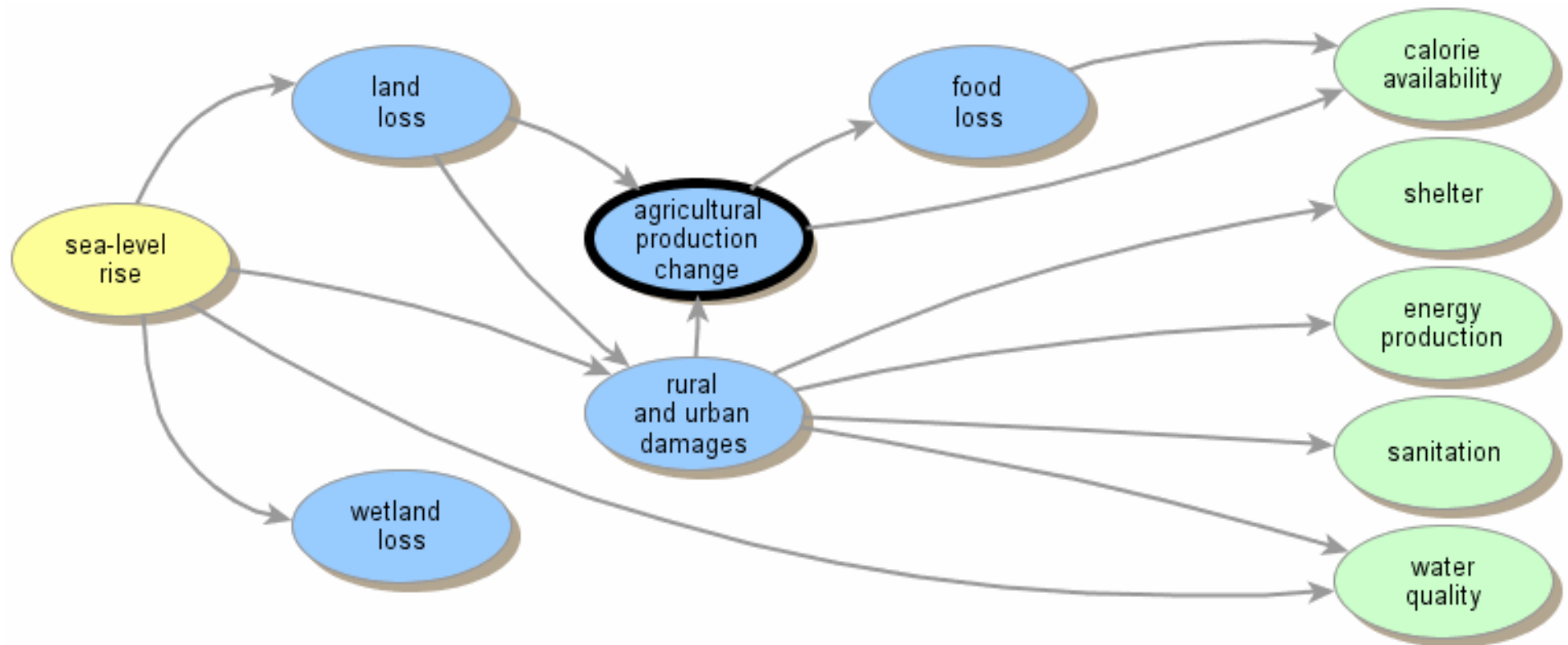
Source: Ade/phi/EURAC 2014.

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# Example: Drought (hydrological)



# Example: SLR



**Driver=Physical Process**  
**Hazard=Geographically specific physical “footprint”**  
**Channel=Vector, pathway**

Climate Change Driver	Climate change Hazard	Channel
Increasing temperatures	Surface water - leading to a reduction in water accessed reduced Landslides  Ambient temperatures	Reduction in drinking water
		Poor sanitation
SLR	Frequency in intense floods  Uninhabitable land (prone to emergencies and disasters, undermining livelihoods)  Ecosystem and change of biodiversity (coverage, seasonal timing, dieback, composition)	Contamination of water supply
		Altering predator-prey relationships, thus vector populations can increase
		Reduced yields for food and fodder
Unpredictability of seasonal rains and increased intensity of rainfall events	Coastal erosion and flooding, including flash floods.	Trigger Population displacement and conflict
		Reduction of habitat (such as wetlands) and spawning areas water
Extreme weather events	Cyclones and storm surge	Create new habitats for insects, fish, mammals,
	Drought	Degradation of fresh water
	Change in ocean and coastal ecosystems (i.e. salinity, pH, nutrient changes and contaminant runoff)	Growth and spread of bacteria (SLR)

**Climate rationale**

Development Baseline	Climate Change Driver	Climate change Hazard	Channel	Health Impact
Industry: Mining, Fishing, Deforestation, Agriculture	Increasing temperatures	Surface water - leading to a reduction in water accessed	Reduction in drinking water	Dehydration
		Landslides	Poor sanitation	Diarrhoeal disease
Expansion of farming and pastoralism		Ambient temperatures	Contamination of water supply	
		Frequency in intense floods	Altering predator-prey relationships, thus vector populations can increase	Heat/cold morbidity/mortality
Infrastructure: Damming rivers, Road building	SLR	Uninhabitable land (prone to emergencies and disasters, undermining livelihoods)		Chronic diseases
Weather/Climate			Reduced yields for food and fodder	Injuries
Socio economic context: poverty, urbanisation, conflict, rapid population growth	Unpredictability of seasonal rains and increased intensity of rainfall events	Ecosystem and change of biodiversity (coverage, seasonal timing, dieback, composition)	Trigger Population displacement and conflict	Malnutrition
Displacement and migration		Coastal erosion and flooding, including flash floods.	Reduction of habitat (such as wetlands) and spawning areas water	Mental health
Access to Energy		Cyclones and storm surge	Create new habitats for insects, fish, mammals,	Vector borne diseases
		Drought		
Water & sanitation	Extreme weather events	Change in ocean and coastal ecosystems (i.e. salinity, pH, nutrient changes and contaminant runoff)	Degradation of fresh water	Infectious disease
Health infrastructure			Growth and spread of bacteria (SLR)	Water borne diseases

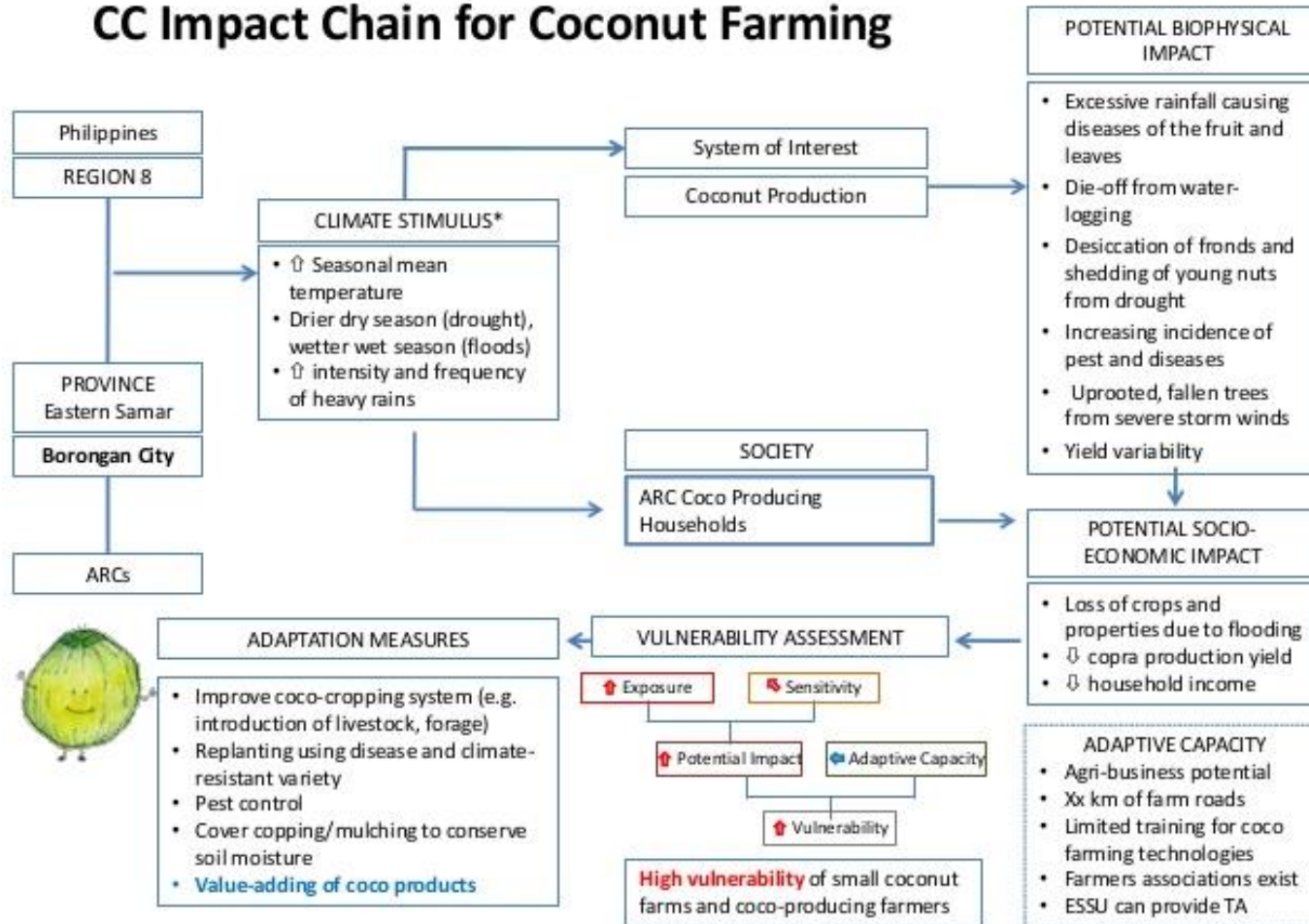
**Indirect pathway (health determining sectors) - Adaptation**



Development Baseline	Climate Change Driver	Climate change Hazard	Channel	Health Impact	Barriers
Industry: Mining, Fishing, Deforestation, Agriculture	Increasing temperatures	Surface water - leading to a reduction in water accessed reduced Landslides	Reduction in drinking water	Dehydration	Insufficient health sector capacity: human and financial
			Poor sanitation	Diarrhoeal disease	
Expansion of farming and pastoralism	SLR	Ambient temperatures	Contamination of water supply	Heat/cold morbidity/ mortality	Limited and fragmented HIS and meteorological data
Infrastructure: Damming rivers, Road building		Frequency in intense floods	Altering predator-prey relationships, thus vector populations can increase	Chronic diseases	
Weather/Climate	Unpredictability of seasonal rains and increased intensity of rainfall events	Uninhabitable land (prone to emergencies and disasters, undermining livelihoods)	Reduced yields for food and fodder	Injuries	Cognitive lack of consideration of CC
Socio economic context: poverty, urbanisation, conflict, rapid population growth			Ecosystem and change of biodiversity (coverage, seasonal timing, dieback, composition)	Trigger Population displacement and conflict	
Displacement and migration	Extreme weather events	Coastal erosion and flooding, including flash floods.	Reduction of habitat (such as wetlands) and spawning areas water	Mental health	Access to energy
Access to Energy			Cyclones and storm surge	Create new habitats for insects, fish, mammals,	Vector borne diseases
Water & sanitation	Extreme weather events	Drought	Degradation of fresh water	Infectious disease	Lack of water
Health infrastructure			Change in ocean and coastal ecosystems (i.e. salinity, pH, nutrient changes and contaminant runoff)	Growth and spread of bacteria (SLR)	



## CC Impact Chain for Coconut Farming



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# Impact Chain Analysis for Rice

Source: [https://www.adaptationcommunity.net/?wpfb\\_dl=175](https://www.adaptationcommunity.net/?wpfb_dl=175)

Rice sensitivity chart				
Climatic stimuli	Production phase			
	Germination	Growth/flowering/ fruit setting	Ripening	Harvest
Temperature	Some controversy			
Rainfall	Vulnerable to erratic rainfall			
Drought	Vulnerable			
Flooding	Vulnerable to prolonged flooding (except e.g. scuba rice)			
Tropical ozone	Harmful and leads to grain yield decrease			
Salinization	Problem in dry season			
CO <sub>2</sub> fertilization	Fairly strong positive effect			

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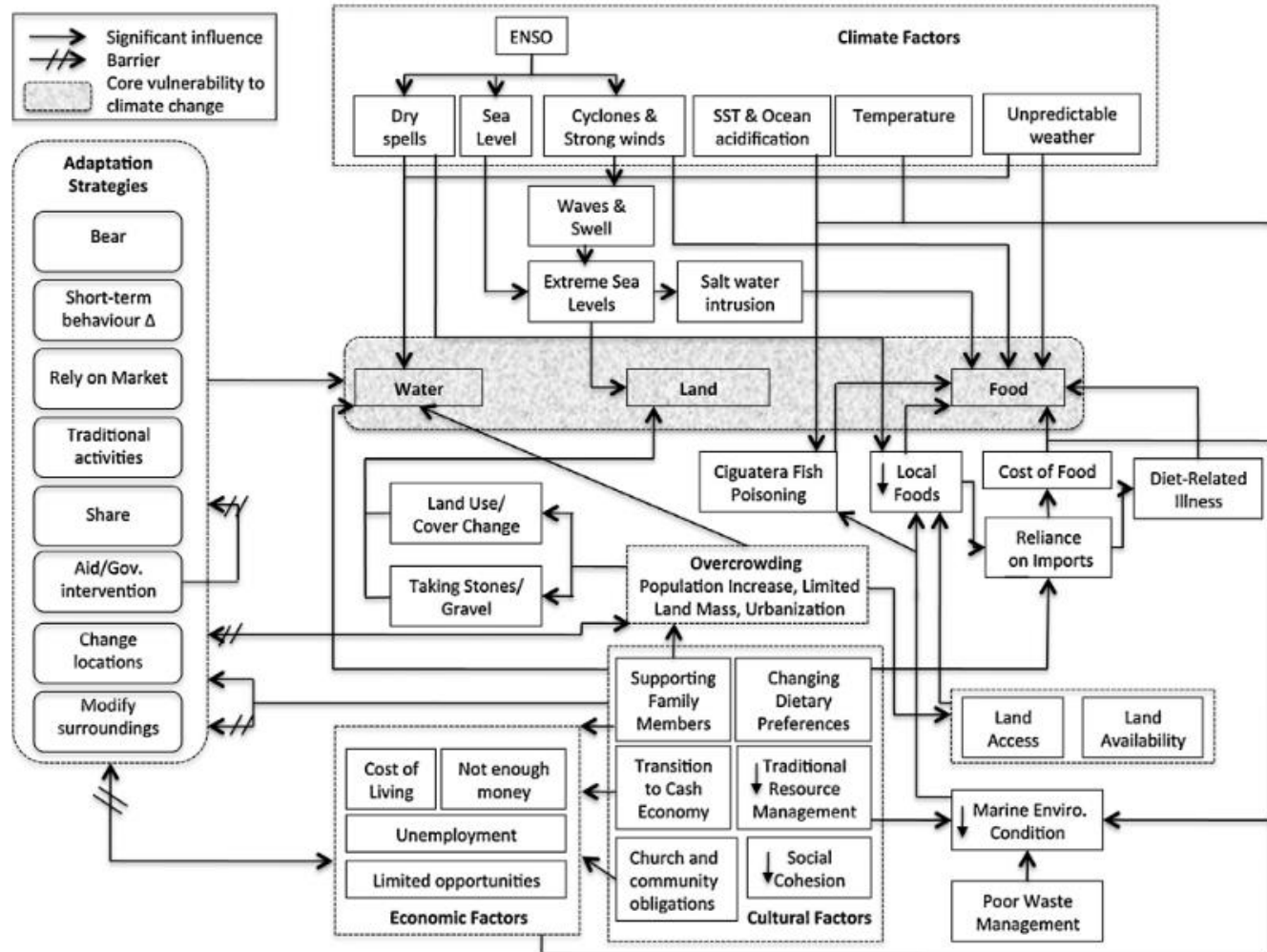
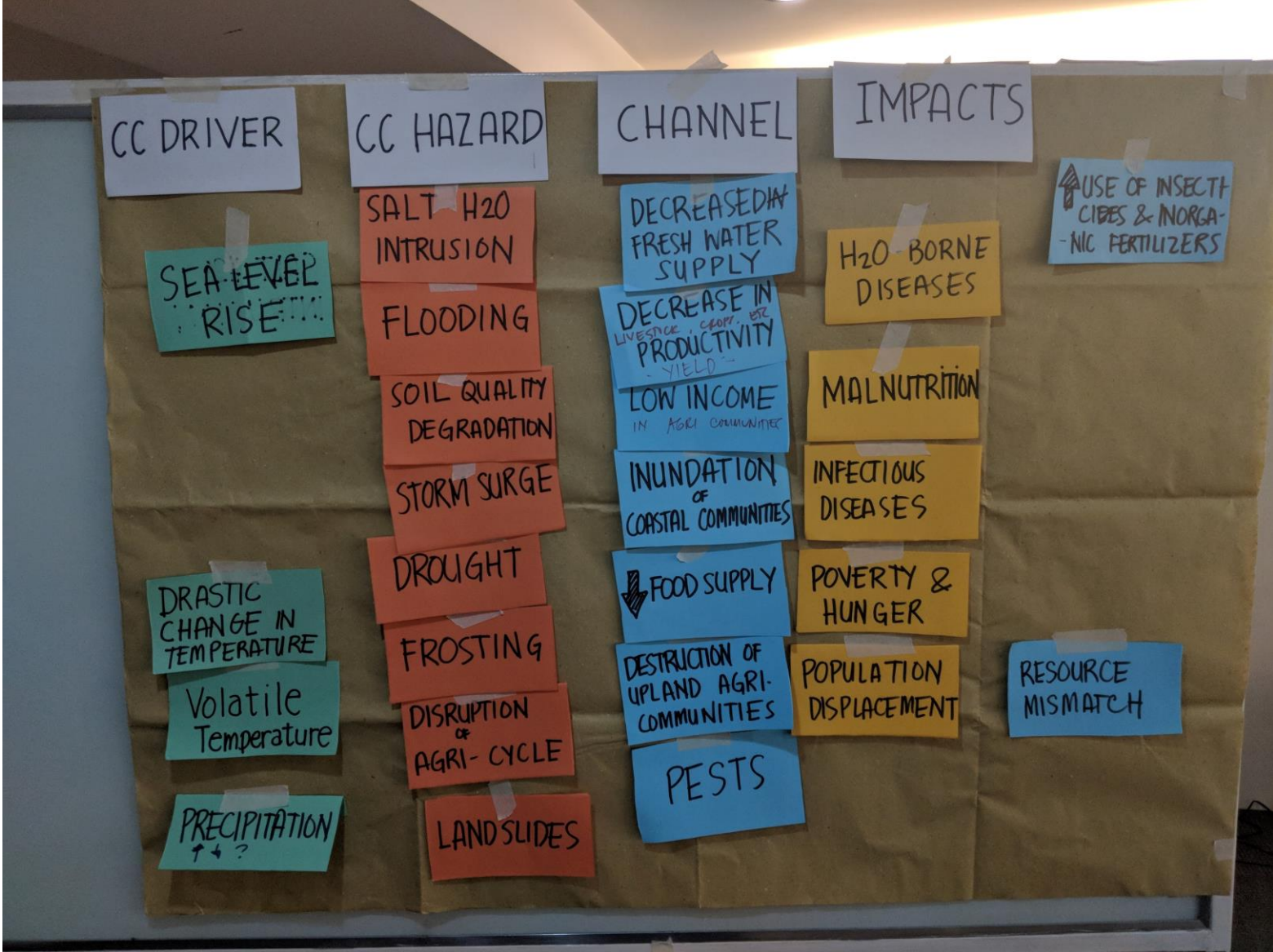
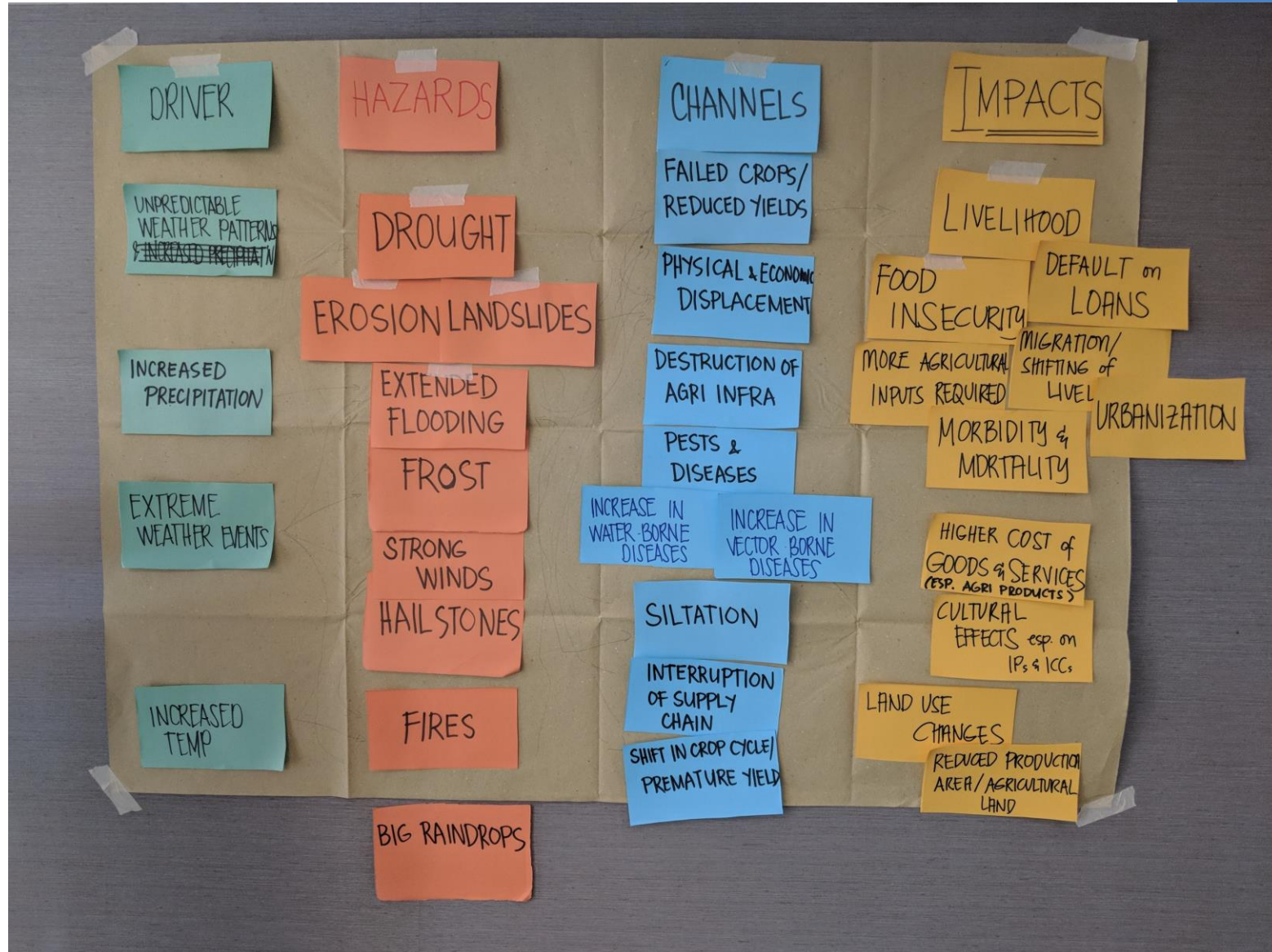
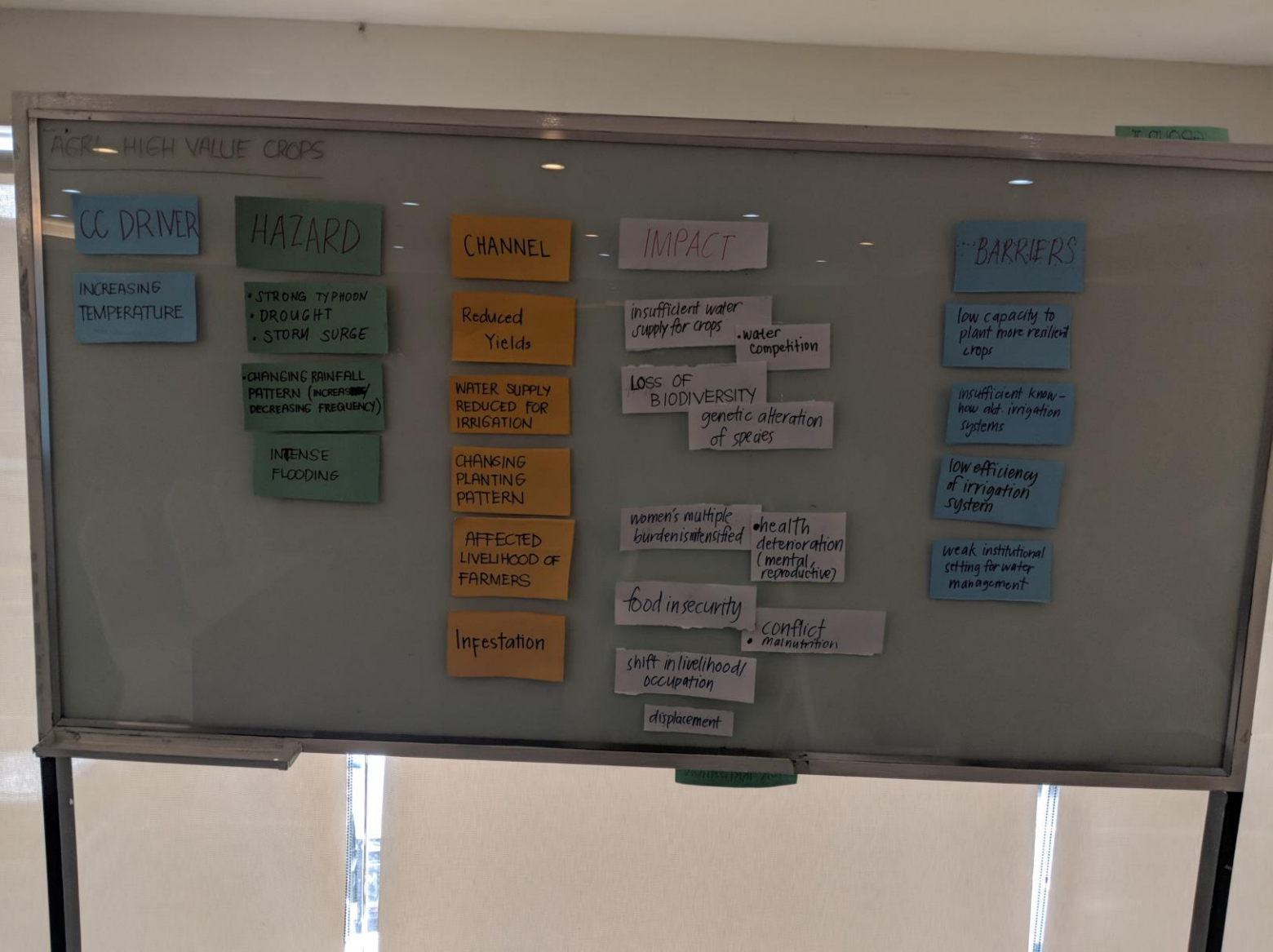


Fig. 3. The complex interaction of climatic and non-climatic conditions affecting vulnerability of water, land and food in Funafuti to climate change.









# Climate Rationale Best Practices

- **If you take climate change out of the picture and you still have a big problem, it's not a climate change problem**
- **Climate rationale should be evidence based**
  - Use documented observed processes and impacts, and rigorously projected future processes
- **Look for emerging issues**
- **Look for systems being pushed beyond equilibrium**
- **Look for issues being pushed beyond local capacity to address the problem**
- **Test the logic of your pathways**
- **If you dress a development project in CC clothes, GCF will sniff it out.**

# Where to get info on physical processes?

- NDC...
- JNAP...
- Everything in session 2...

