



# MODULE 2: CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND AGRICULTURE



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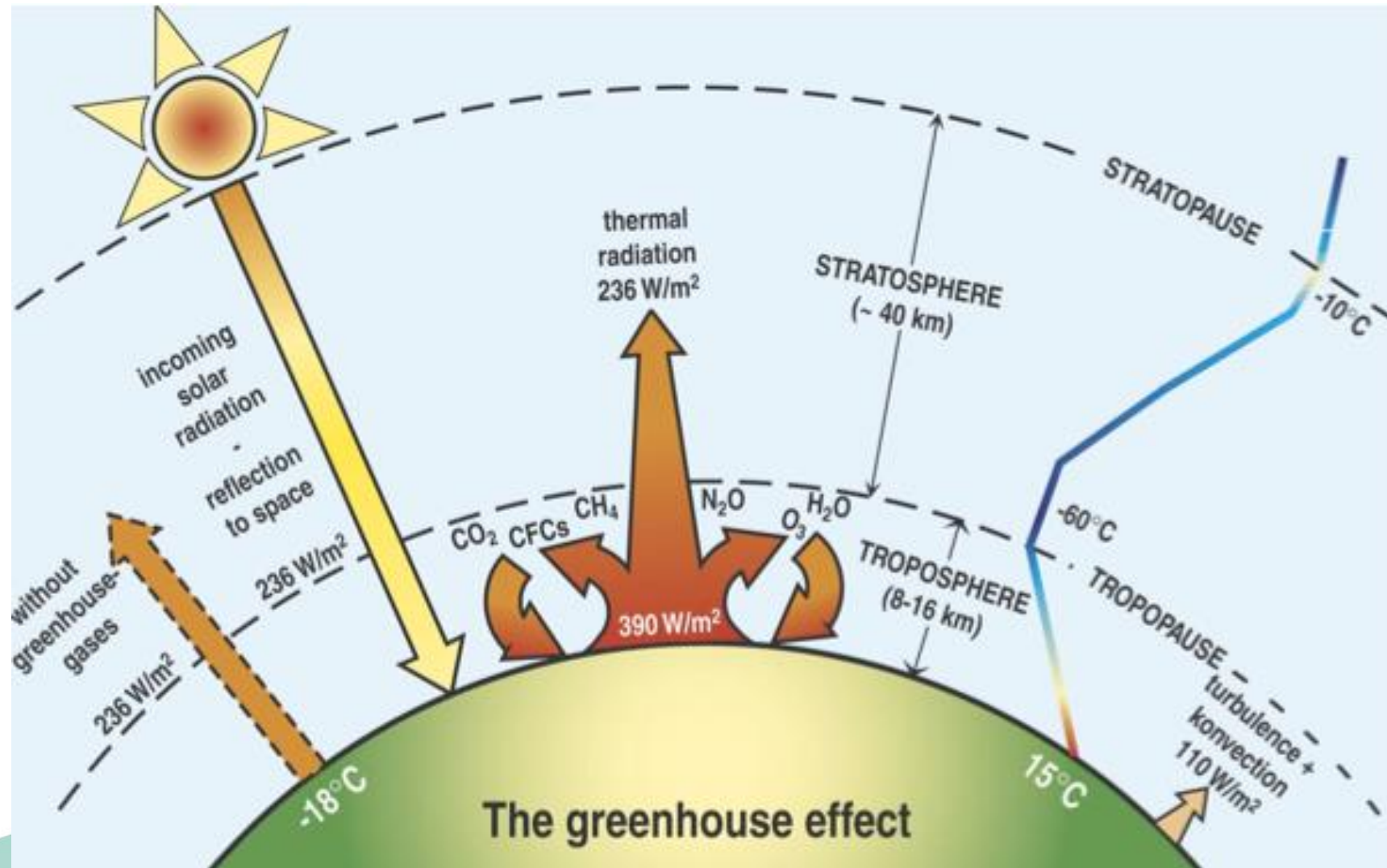
# Objectives

Reach a shared understanding of:

- Climate change adaptation and why it is relevant to the agriculture sector
- NDC and NAP
- Overview of national policy frameworks for adaptation

# WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?

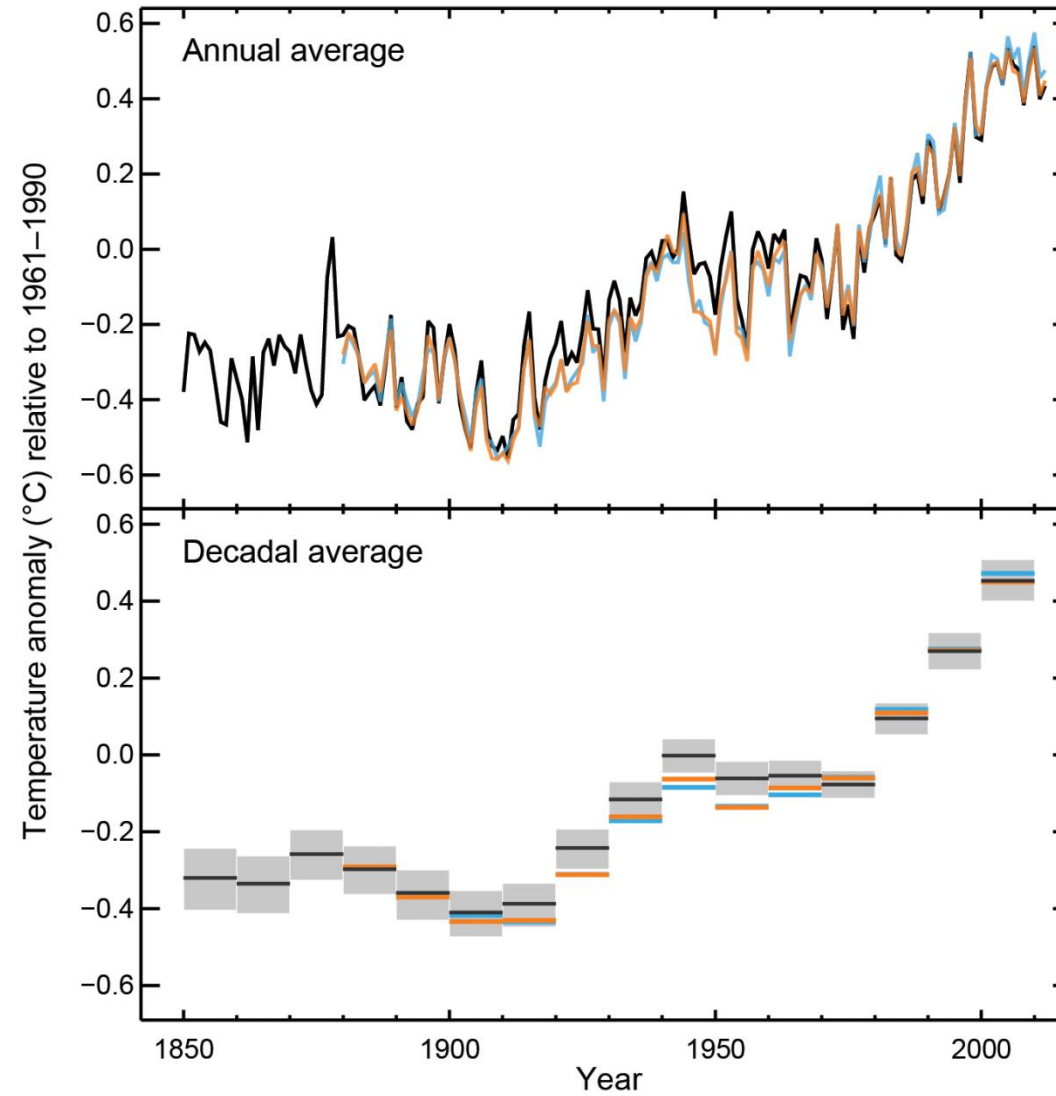
# The Greenhouse Effect



# Figure SPM.1a

Observed globally averaged combined land and ocean surface temperature anomaly 1850-2012

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# Sources of emissions

Energy production remains the primary driver of GHG emissions



2010 GHG emissions

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# Potential Impacts of Climate Change



Food and water shortages



Increased displacement of people



Increased poverty



Coastal flooding

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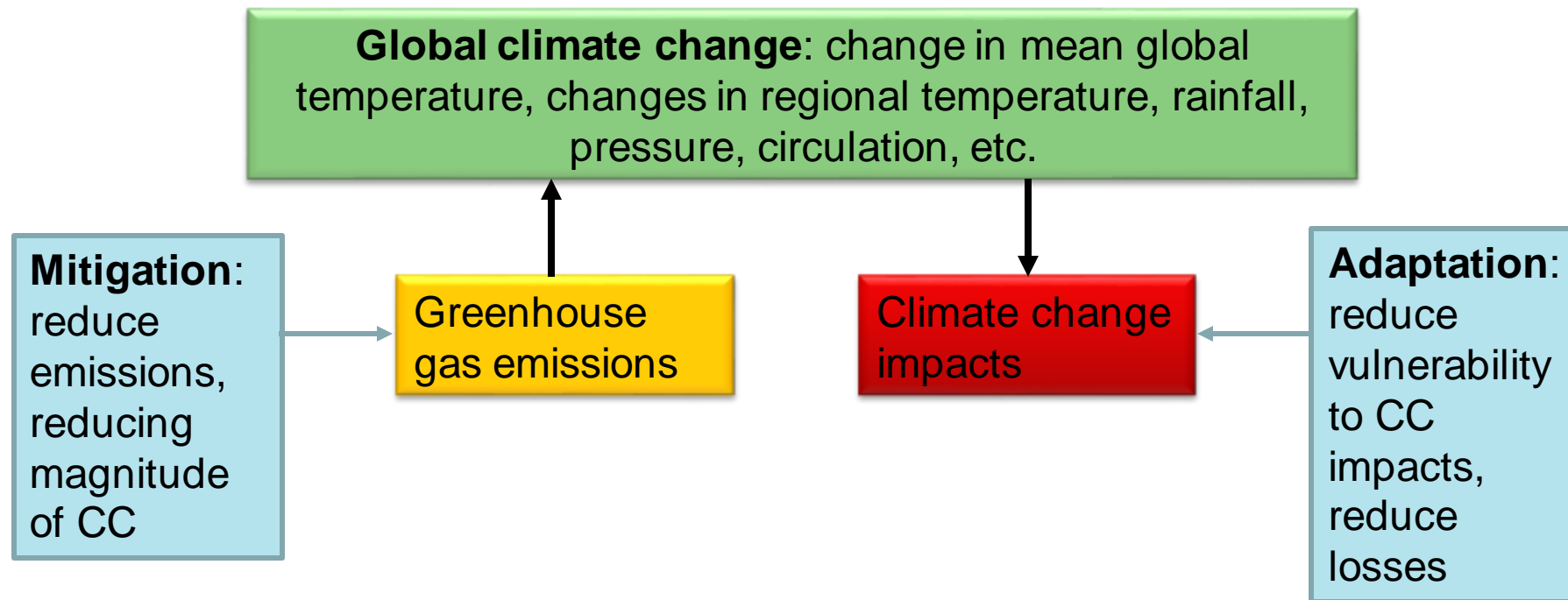
# WHAT IS ADAPTATION?





## Defining climate change adaptation

*Adjustments in human and natural systems, in response to actual or expected climate stimuli or their effects, that moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities (IPCC, 2001).*



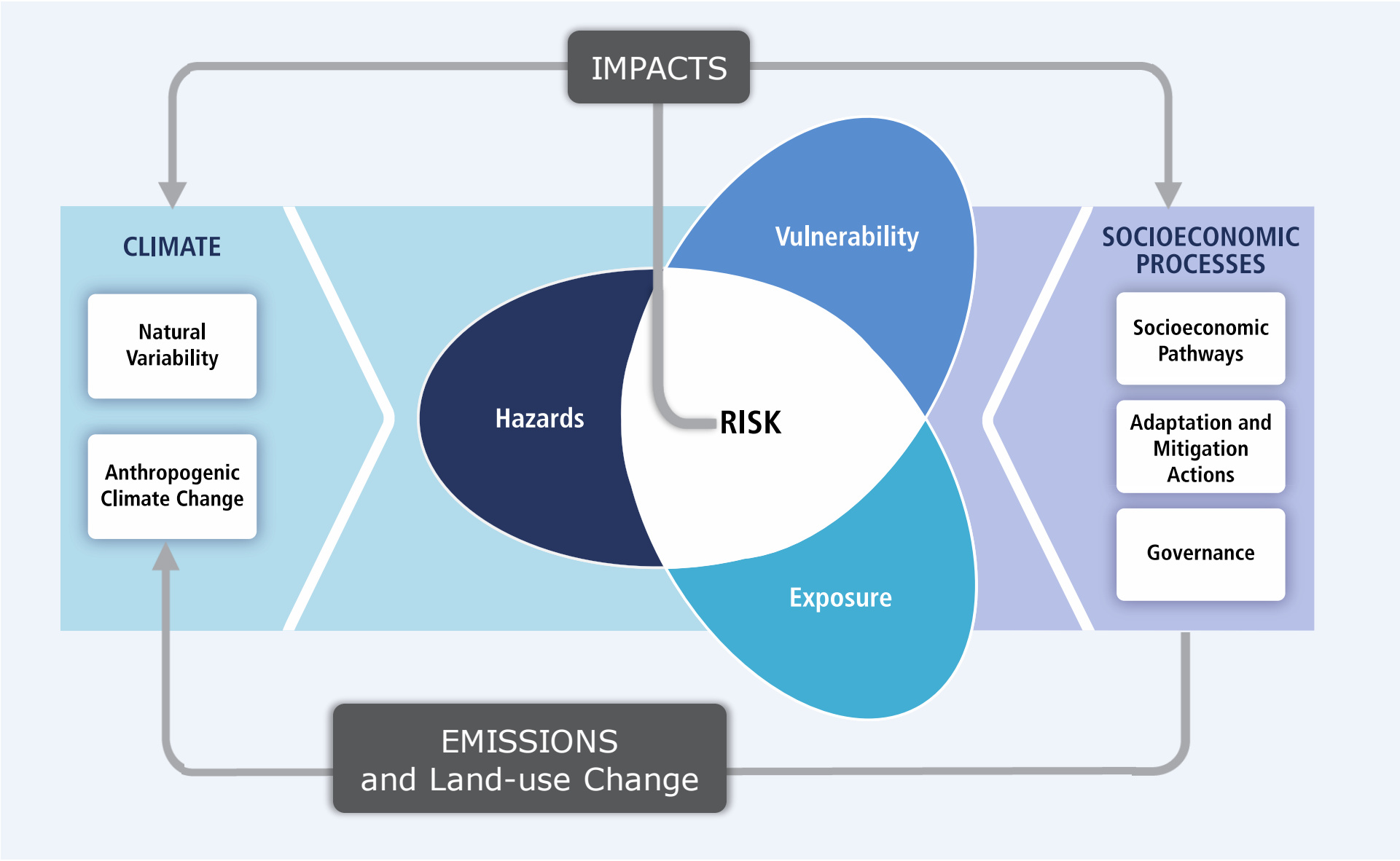
► Adaptation and mitigation are complementary strategies

# What is Adaptation?

Adaptation refers to adjustments in ecological, social, or economic systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli and their effects or impacts. It refers to changes in processes, practices, and structures to moderate potential damages or to benefit from opportunities associated with climate change (IPCC, 2001).

Adaptation activities span five general components: 1. observation; 2. assessment of climate impacts and vulnerability; 3. planning; 4. implementation; and 5. monitoring and evaluation of adaptation actions.

Given the complexity and long-term nature of climate change, it is essential that adaptation be designed as a continuous and flexible process which includes feedback through monitoring and evaluation (M&E).



# Approaches to adaptation

Helping households and individuals cope better with existing climate variability and extremes

**For example:**  
**Soil and water conservation, improved irrigation, better disaster risk management**

Adaptation actions where the central aim is to maintain the essence and integrity of a system or process at a given scale.” (IPCC 2014)

**For example: Adapting existing systems to greater water stress (e.g. more irrigation) or Adapting existing cropping systems to changes in seasonality (e.g. planting times).**

Incremental adaptation

Addressing the adaptation deficit

“Adaptation that changes the fundamental attributes of a system in response to climate and its effects.” (IPCC 2014)

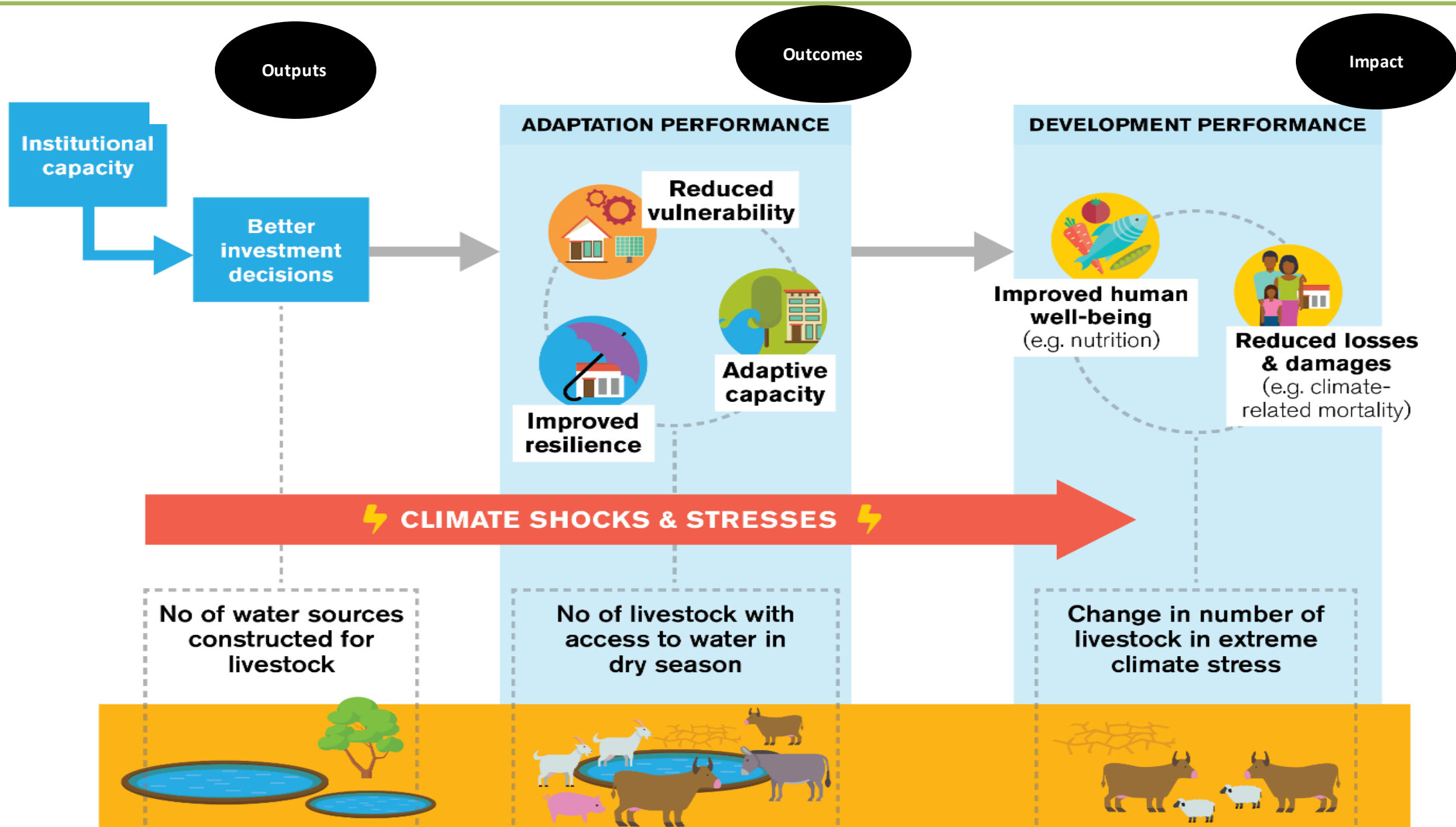
**For example: Phased relocation of settlements**

Transformational adaptation

Maladaptation

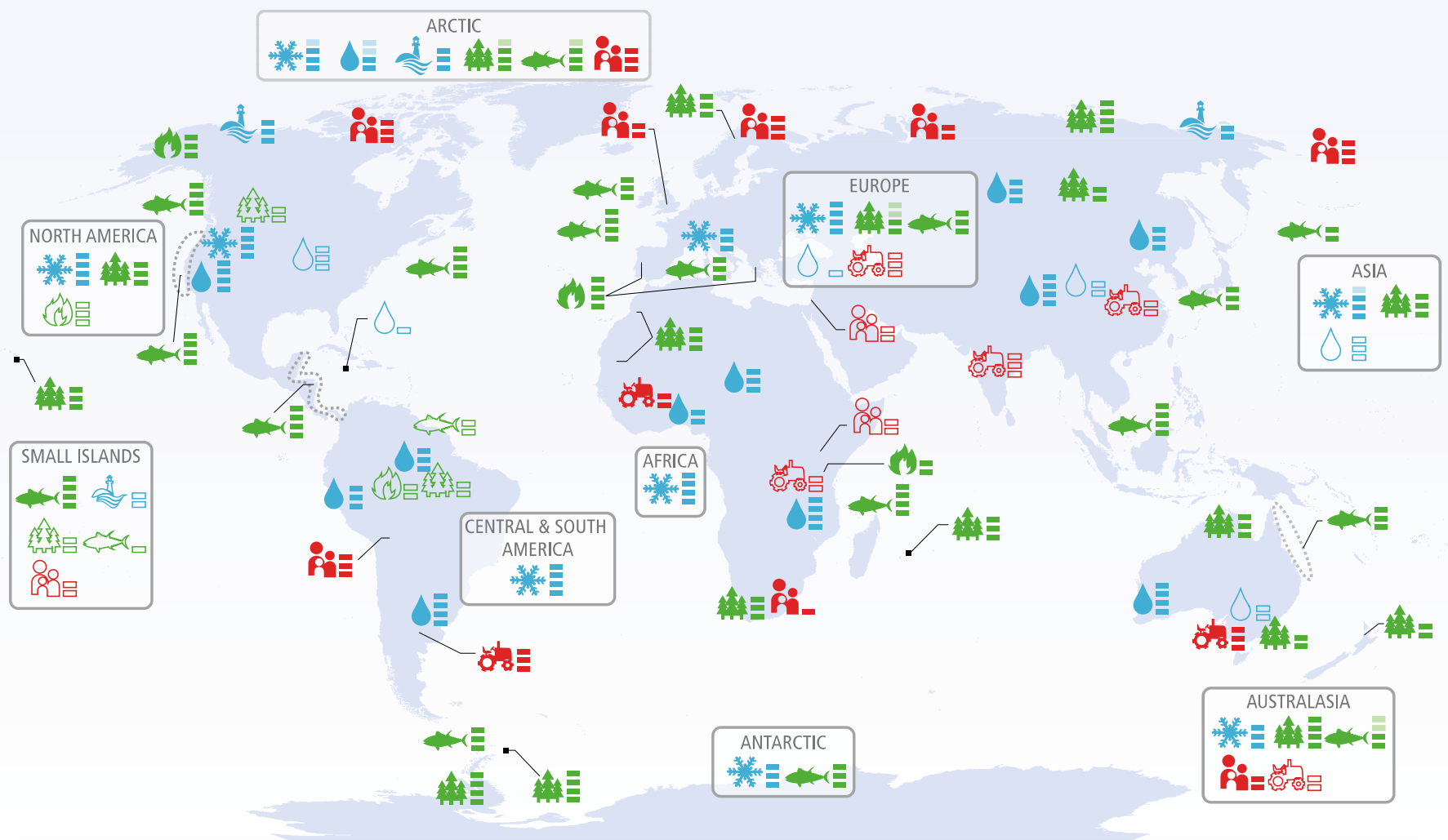
Maladaptation could include adaptive actions that don't succeed in reducing vulnerability but increase it instead

# A theory of change for adaptation





# CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE



**Confidence in attribution to climate change**

- very low  
 = low  
 ≡ med  
 ≡≡ high  
 ≡≡≡ very high

≡≡ ≡ indicates confidence range

**Observed impacts attributed to climate change for**

<b>Physical systems</b>		<b>Biological systems</b>		<b>Human and managed systems</b>		Regional-scale impacts

Glaciers, snow, ice, and/or permafrost  
 Rivers, lakes, floods, and/or drought  
 Coastal erosion and/or sea level effects

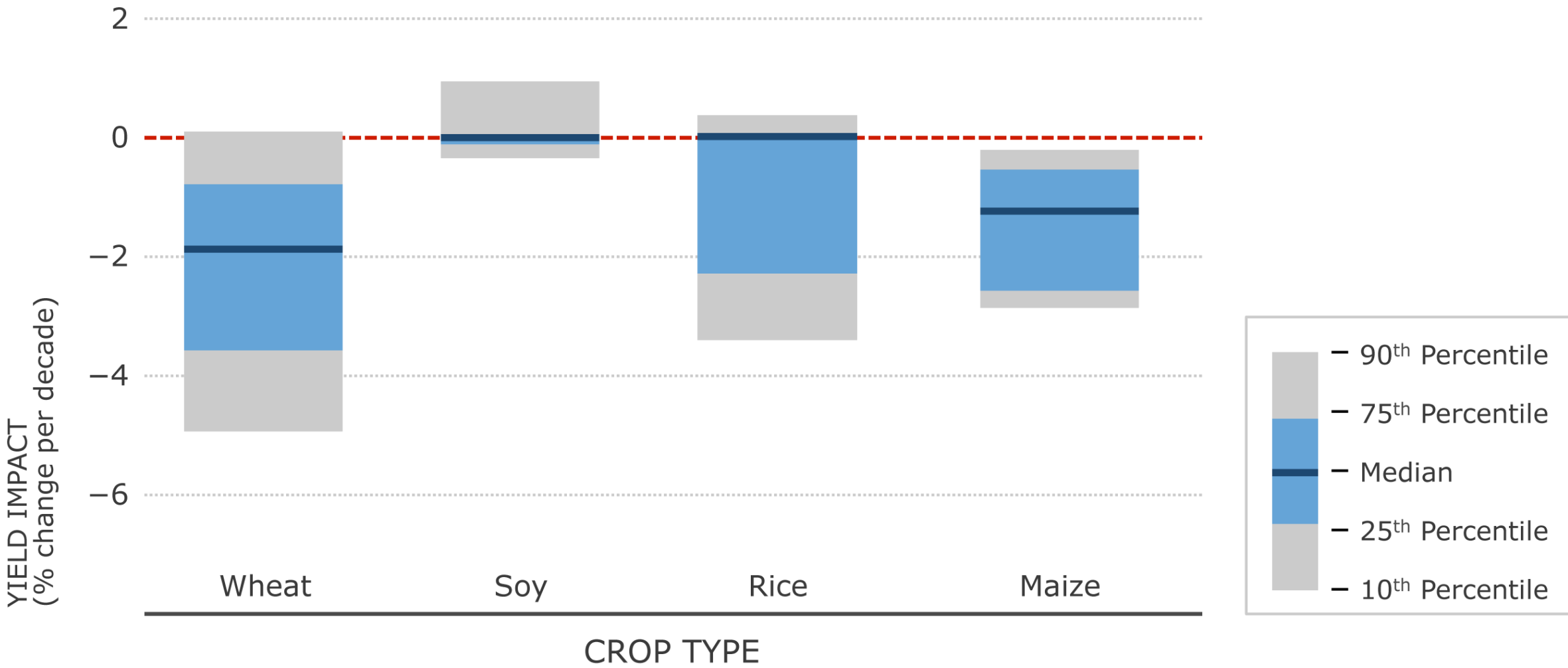
Terrestrial ecosystems  
 Wildfire  
 Marine ecosystems

Food production  
 Livelihoods, health, and/or economics

Outlined symbols = Minor contribution of climate change  
 Filled symbols = Major contribution of climate change

# How does climate change affect agriculture sectors?

- Decrease in crop yields (incl. wheat, rice and maize)
- Changes in abundance and distribution of aquatic species
- Thermal stress and diseases in livestock
- Changes in forest productivity
- Increase in weeds
- Increases in food prices
- Nutritional quality of food and fodder negatively affected
- Risks to nutrition and food security
- Impacts vary by region, crops and species, with some high-latitude regions seeing positive impacts on e.g. crop yields



# What are some of the adaptation options for agriculture?

- Altering cultivation and sowing times
- Drought resistant crop varieties
- Soil and water conservation
- Agroforestry
- Fisheries management and governance, incl. MPA
- Changes in livestock management practices: e.g. calendars for feed, zoning, water
- In-situ and ex-situ genetic conservation
- Crop yield forecasting and Early Warning Systems
- Agricultural climate risk insurance
- More research needed on impacts and adaptation options in value chains





## Animals

Shortages in drinking & servicing water  
 Diseases  
 - Increased pathogens, parasites & vectors.  
 - Changed distribution & transmission.  
 - New diseases

Heat stress  
 - Decreased feed intake & livestock yields  
 - Decreased conception rates  
 - Altered metabolism & increased mortality  
 Diseases  
 - Increased pathogens, parasites & vectors  
 - Decreased resistance of livestock  
 - New diseases  
 Domestic biodiversity loss



## Forages and feed crops

Decreased yields  
 Decreased forage quality  
 Changes in pasture composition (species, communities)  
 Changes in production system (e.g. from mixed crop-livestock to rangelands)

Decreased yields  
 Decreased forage quality  
 Change in pasture composition

Partial stomata closure & reduced transpiration  
 Change in pasture composition

## Labor force & capital

Altered human health & resources allocation to livestock  
 Decreased productivity  
 Migration  
 Conflict for resources



### A range of climate change adaptation solutions exist for livestock production

Water management (e.g. boreholes)  
 Breed for resistance to drought, heat and harsh environments  
 Shifts in species, breeds and/or production system (e.g. small ruminants, poultry)  
 Disease control & animal health  
 Cooling (indoor systems) or provide shade (e.g. trees)

Irrigation  
 Purchase feed  
 Breed feed crops & forage resistance to drought and heat  
 Changes in cropping calendar  
 Agroforestry  
 Increase mobility for resources

On and off farm diversification  
 Insurance  
 Reconversion (in the context of national/regional production zoning)  
 Institutional changes (e.g. trade, conflict resolution, income stabilisation programs)

# NDC AND NAP

# NDCs, adaptation and M&E

- NDCs cornerstone of the Paris Agreement. 102 countries have included adaptation and sometimes NAP in their NDCs
- Of the developing countries that include adaptation in NDCs, 93% mention adaptation areas and/ or actions in the context of the agriculture sector:
  - *crops and livestock (97%);*
  - *forests (88%); and*
  - *fisheries and aquaculture (64%)*

## Global NDC commitment for M&E

Most countries emphasize the importance of monitoring and evaluating the impact of their proposed strategies. Where countries **plan to introduce M&E for specific regions or sectors**, they often express the **intention to scale these measures up** to the national level in the long run. (FAO 2016).



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**THE AGRICULTURE  
SECTORS IN THE  
INTENDED NATIONALLY  
DETERMINED  
CONTRIBUTIONS:  
SUMMARY**

FAO, 2016 <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5687e.pdf>

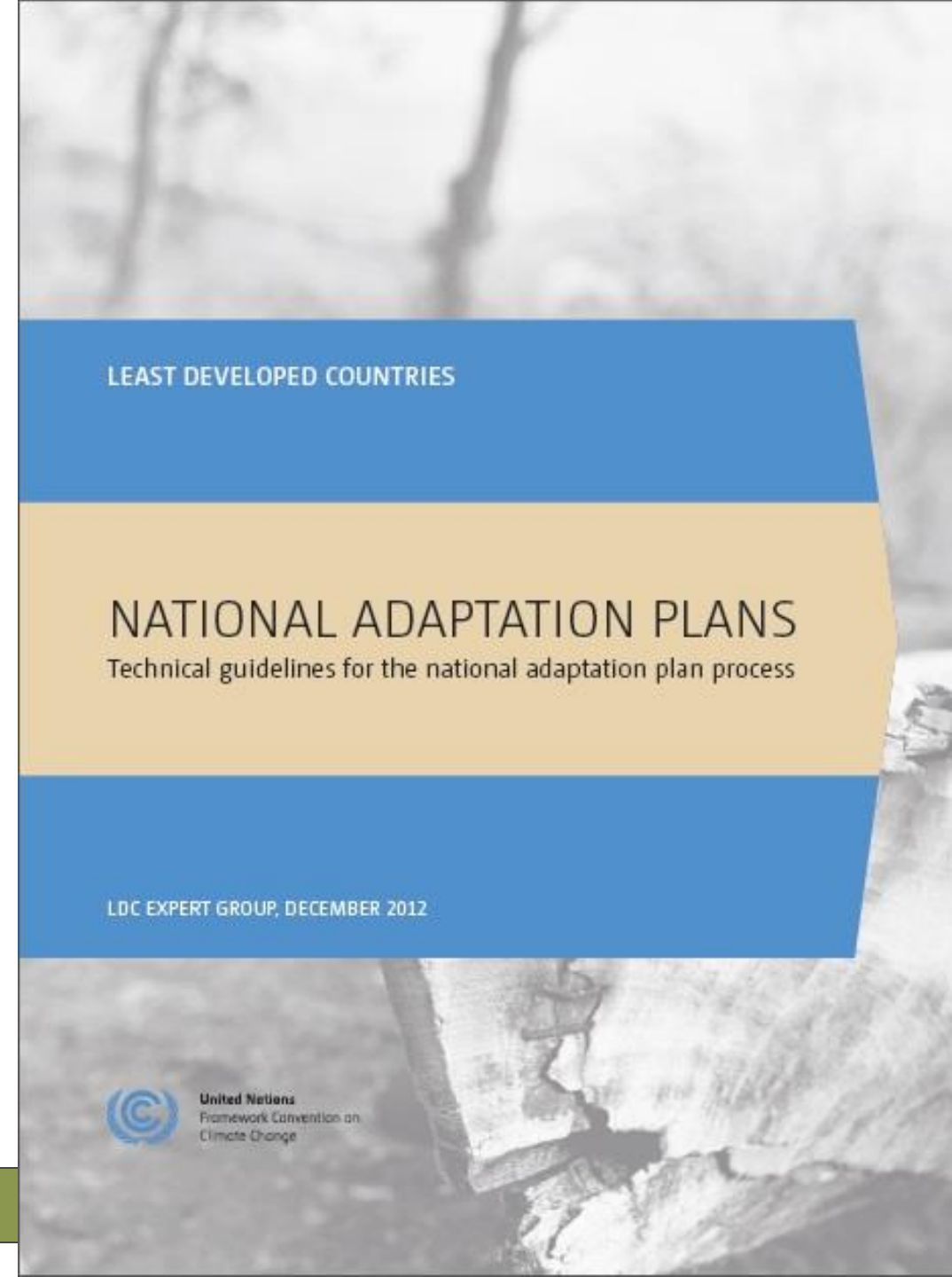
# National Adaptation Plan

The national adaptation plan (NAP) process enables countries to identify medium- and long-term adaptation needs and develop and implement strategies and programmes to address those needs.

According to the LEG Technical Guidelines, the adaptation planning process should:

- a) be participatory and transparent, enhance coherence of adaptation and development planning
- b) be guided by best available science, and take into consideration traditional and indigenous knowledge
- c) be gender-sensitive

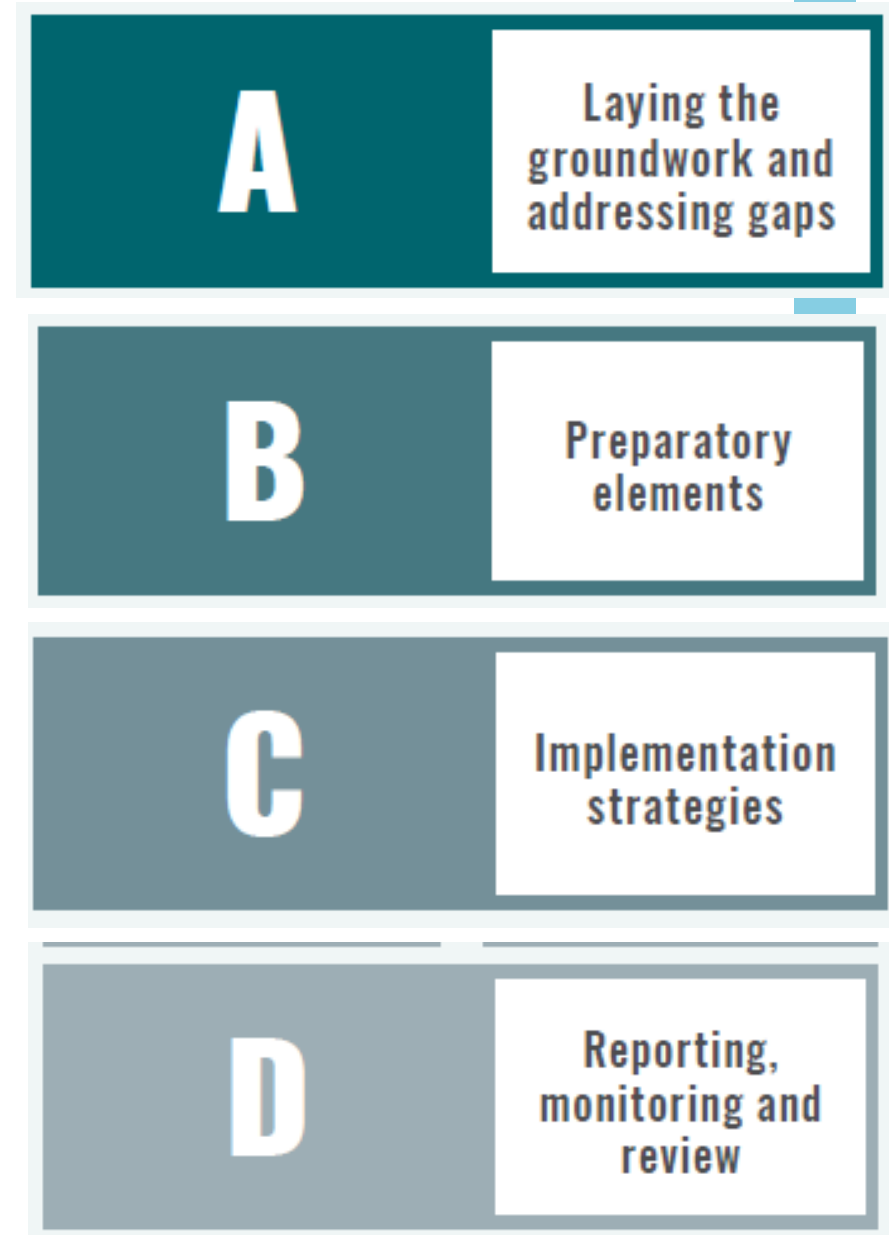
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# What is the NAP process?

- The national adaptation plan (NAP) process was established under the **Cancun Adaptation Framework (2010)**.
- It is a **continuous**, progressive and iterative process which follows **country-driven**, gender-sensitive, participatory and fully transparent approach.

*Under the Paris Agreement, Global Adaptation Goal, Adaptation Communications are important. NAP process is well recognized in Article 7*





# Addressing, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in NAP {Supplementary Guidelines}



Highlight the agriculture sector-specific aspects in the process to formulate and implement NAPS



Integrate adaptation in the agriculture sectors' policies, plans and programmes



Support countries' efforts to reduce vulnerability of the agriculture sectors on the impacts of climate change



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## ADDRESSING AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES IN NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANS

[ **Supplementary guidelines** ]

# FAO NAP Supplementary Guidelines (FAO, 2017)

The focus of a NAP M&E is to:

1. Assess the **progress, effectiveness** and gaps in **identifying and prioritizing adaptation options** for the agriculture sectors
2. track national **progress towards adaptation targets and national development goals**, through aggregation of outcomes of adaptation programmes and policies;
3. monitor and iteratively **update the process of adaptation planning** and implementation in the agriculture sector.

**Step D1. Prepare for monitoring the process and adaptation in AG sectors**

**Step D2. Monitor inclusion of AG sectors in NAP**

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**Reporting, monitoring and review**

**Step D3. Monitor and up-date planning and implementation of activities**

**Step D4. Outreach on process and report on NAP progress**



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