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# Climate services in agriculture

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**Agriculture** is key in **responding**  
to **climate change**



## Indicators under FAO custodianship



2.1.1 Hunger

2.1.2 Severity of food insecurity

2.3.1 Productivity of small-scale food producers

2.3.2 Income of small-scale food producer

2.4.1 Agricultural sustainability

2.5.1.a Conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture

2.5.1.b Conservation of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture

2.5.2 Risk status of livestock breeds

2.a.1 Public Investment in agriculture

2.c.1 Food price volatility



5.a.1 Women's ownership of agricultural land

5.a.2 Women's equal rights to land ownership



6.4.1 Water use efficiency

6.4.2 Water stress



12.3.1 Global food losses



14.4.1 Fish stocks sustainability

14.6.1 Illegal, unreported unregulated fishing

14.7.1 Value added of sustainable fisheries

14.b.1 Access rights for small-scale fisheries



15.1.1 Forest area

15.2.1 Sustainable forest management

15.4.2 Mountain Green Cover and Proportion of Degraded Mountain Area

## Prevalence of undernourishment

Status assessment: Close to target

Trend assessment: Deterioration

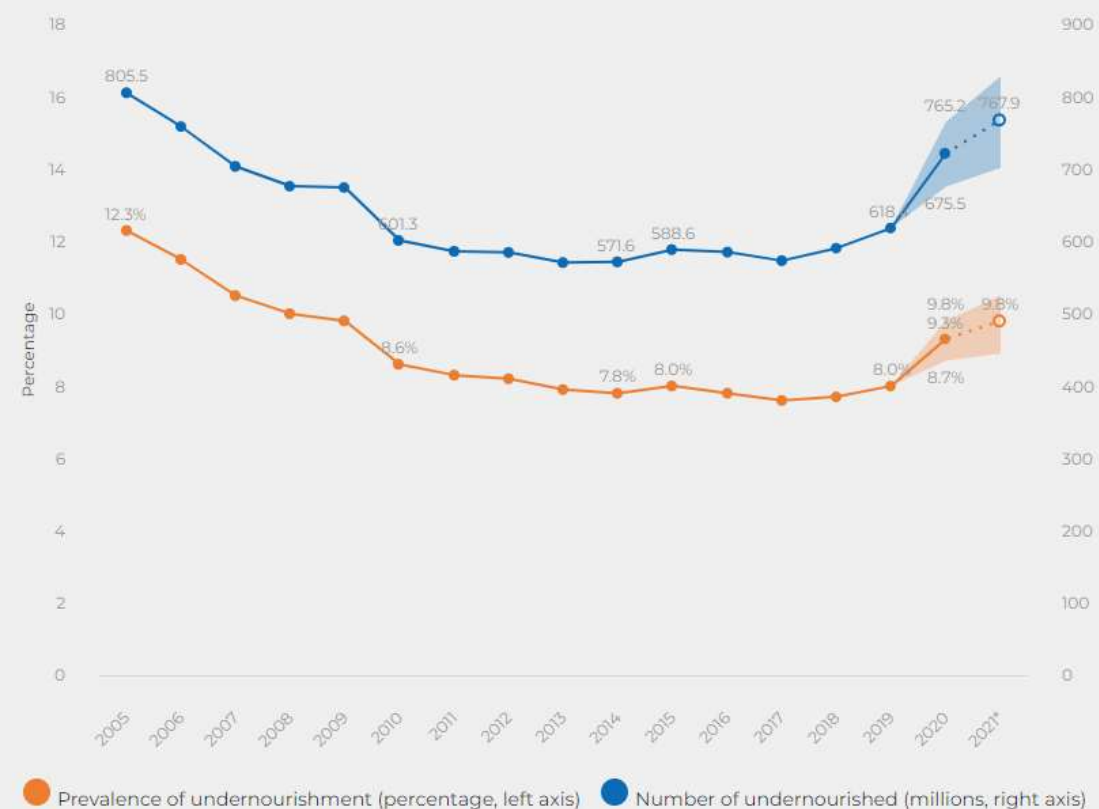
### Target 2.1

By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.

*The number of undernourished persons has risen sharply over the past two years, with up to 828 million people in the world facing hunger in 2021.*

After remaining virtually unchanged for five years, FAO estimates of the prevalence of undernourishment in the world increased from 8 percent in 2019 to around 9.3 percent in 2020, and then further to 9.8 percent in 2021. Given current estimates of the world population, this implies that up to 828 million people may have faced hunger in 2021 globally.

Figure 3: Number and percentage of undernourished people in the world (2005–2021)



NOTE: \* Projected values for 2020 and 2021 are illustrated by dotted lines. Shaded areas show lower and upper bounds of the estimated ranges.

## Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population, based on the food insecurity experience scale (FIES)

**Status assessment: Far from the target**

**Trend assessment: Deterioration**

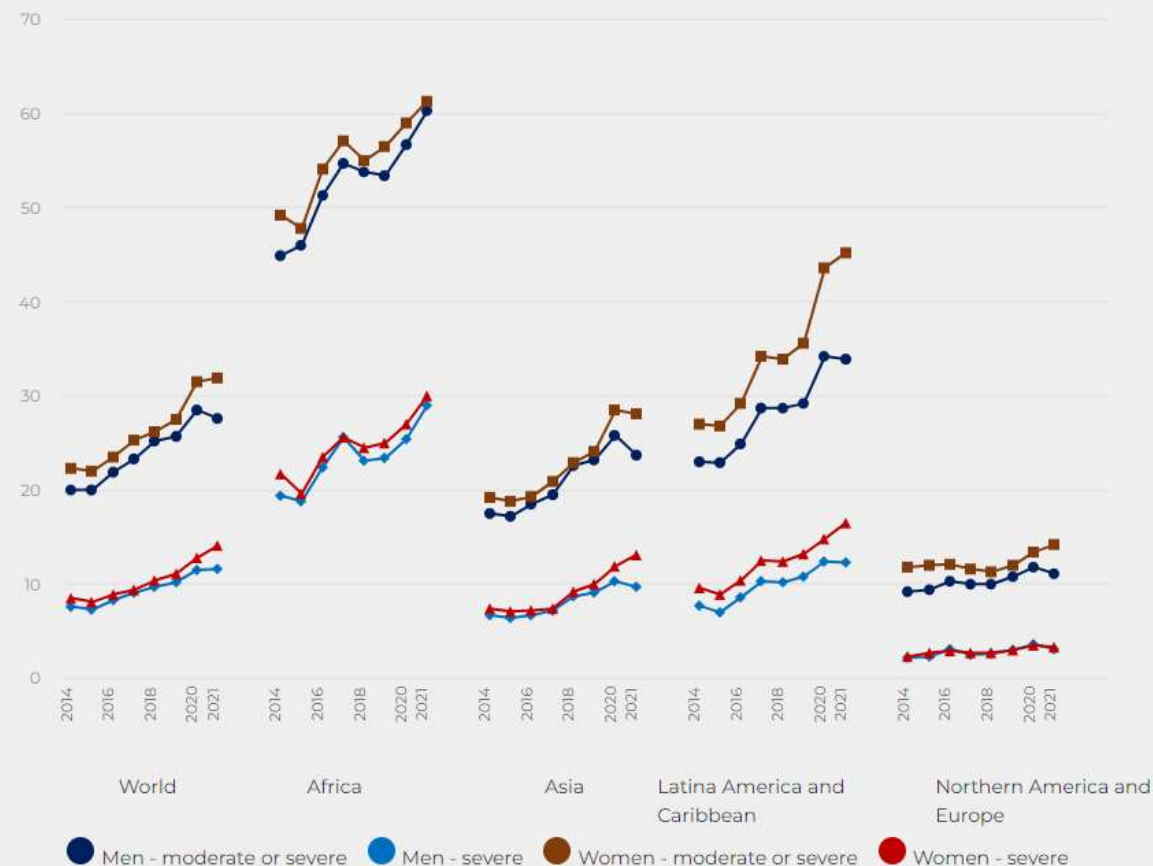
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*Global food insecurity, which rose sharply in 2020, remained at a high level in 2021. Moreover, severe food insecurity continued to increase, and reached 11.7 percent in 2021.*

SDG target 2.1 challenges the world to go beyond ending hunger. Indeed, for optimal health and well-being, it is imperative to ensure access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food for all, all year round. SDG indicator 2.1.2 – the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in a population, based on the food insecurity experience scale (FIES) – is used to monitor progress towards ensuring access to adequate food for all. The prevalence of food insecurity at severe levels provides an additional lens to look at hunger that is complementary to SDG indicator 2.1.1.

Figure 8b: Prevalence of food insecurity across regions, disaggregated by sex (2021)







## IPCC AR6 – Key findings for agrifood systems

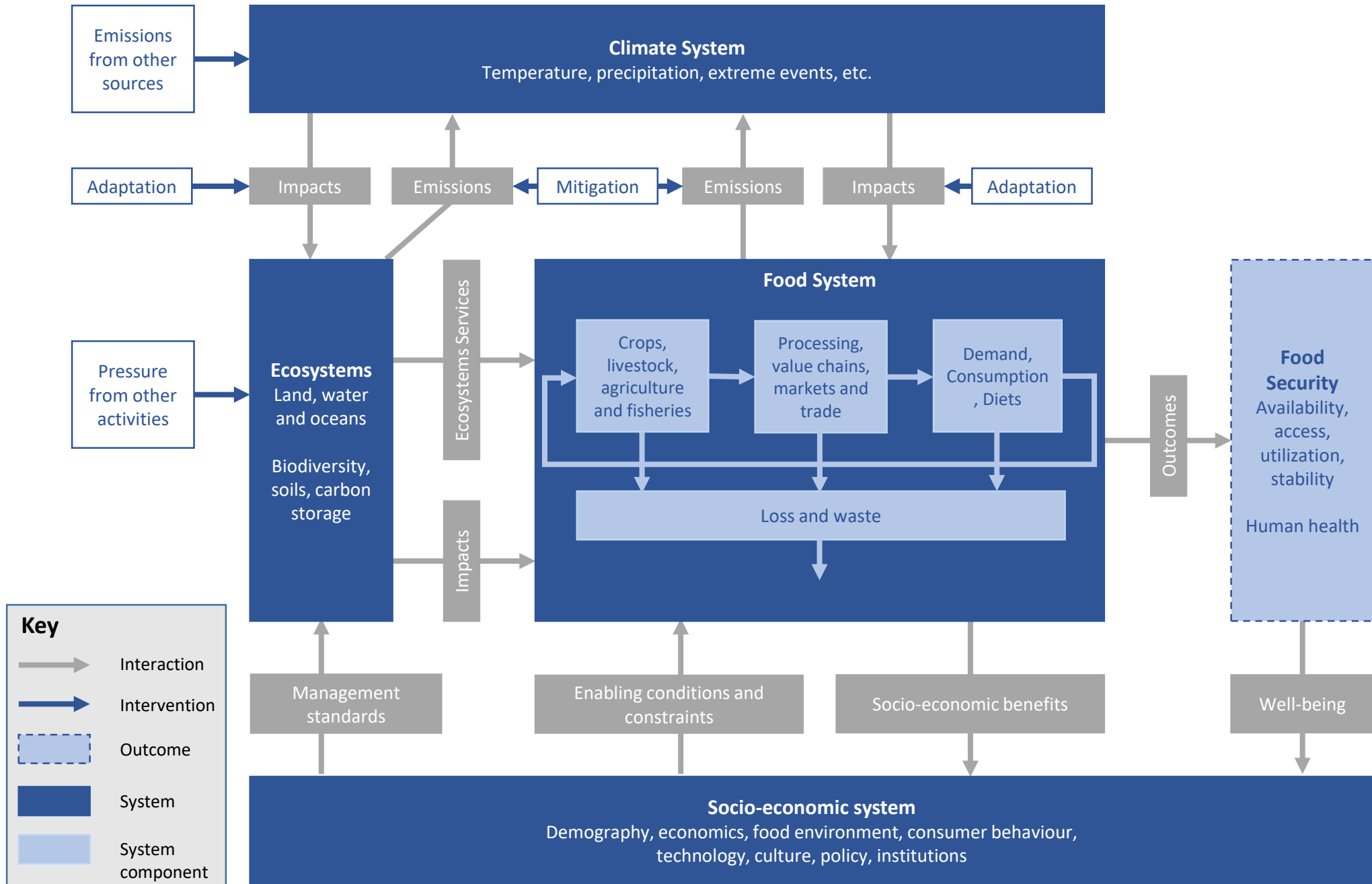
With every additional increment of global warming, the report states that “changes in extremes continue to become larger” and specifically “extreme heat thresholds relevant to agriculture are projected to be exceeded more frequently.

***Take away:** Agriculture and land use sector will be severely impacted by extreme heat and agricultural and ecological droughts and livelihoods in crop production, livestock and fisheries will be severely at risk.*

Even in the very low-emission scenario (i.e., the SSP1-1.9 scenario), the 1.5°C warming threshold is more likely than not to be reached or exceeded in the near-term (2022-2040). Agriculture adaptation efforts therefore need to be prioritised.

***Take away:** Need to address risks to smallholder farmers, fishers, indigenous groups, vulnerable women and youth from extreme heat, increased evapotranspiration and increase in agricultural droughts.*

# Unpacking the agrifood system and its relationship to climate



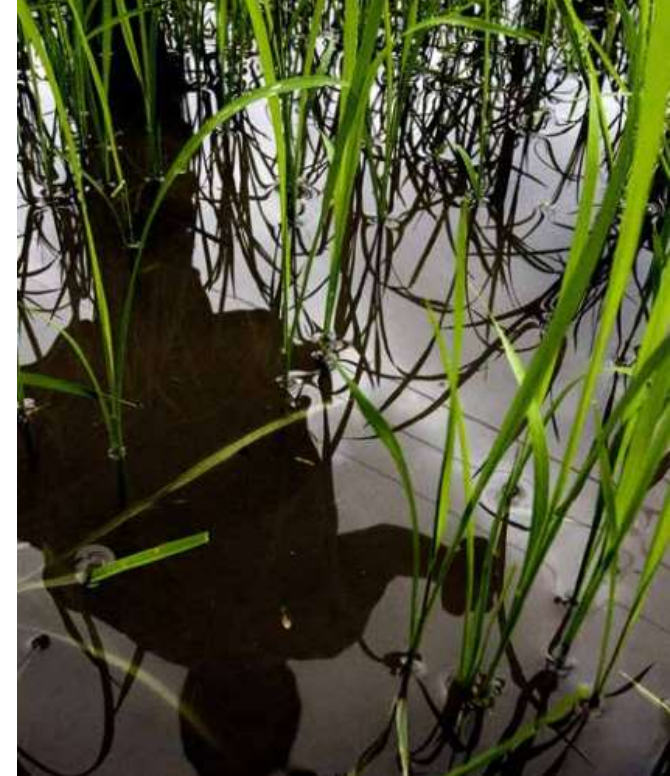
# Climate-resilient agrifood systems

Climate change results in a range of shocks to agrifood systems that will differ in frequency and extremity over space and time

Climate resilient agrifood systems address these risks by encouraging action to:

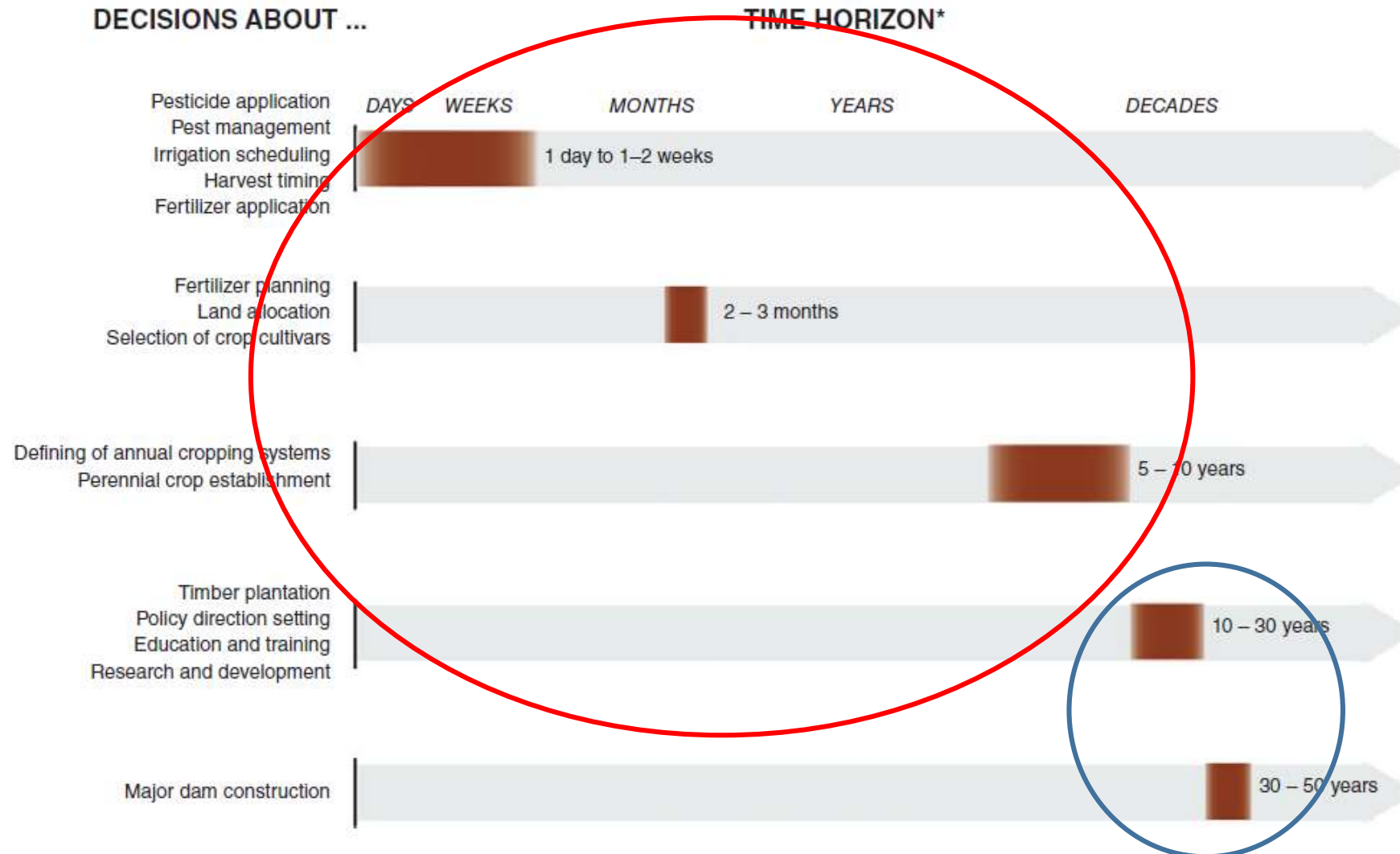
- 1) Anticipate, absorb and accommodate shocks resulting from climate variability and change; and
- 2) Minimize future risks through measures that can deliver adaptation and mitigation co-benefits

Challenges to action relate to uncertainty and complexity in anticipating impacts



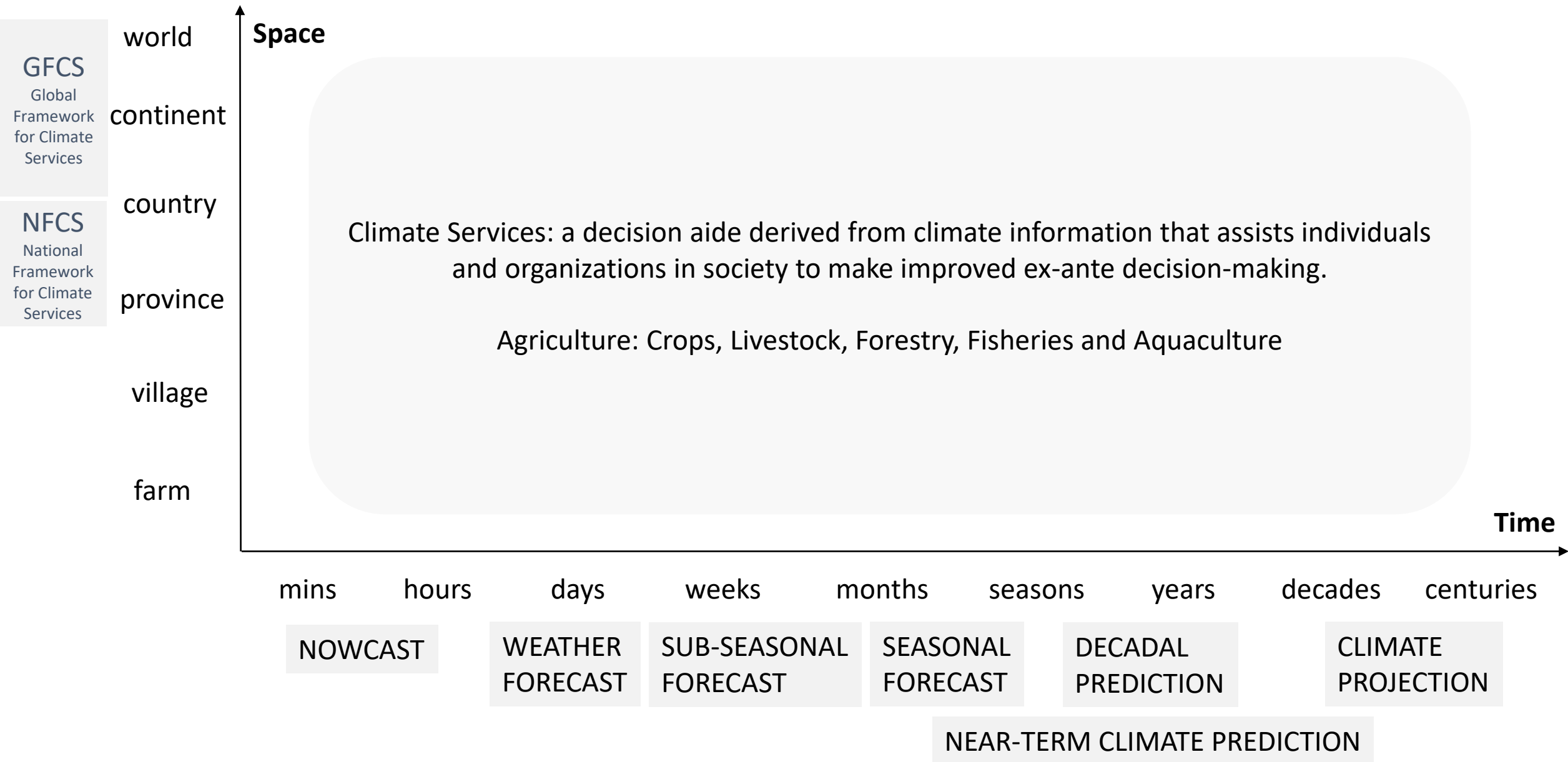


# Approximate time horizons of decision-making in the agrifood system

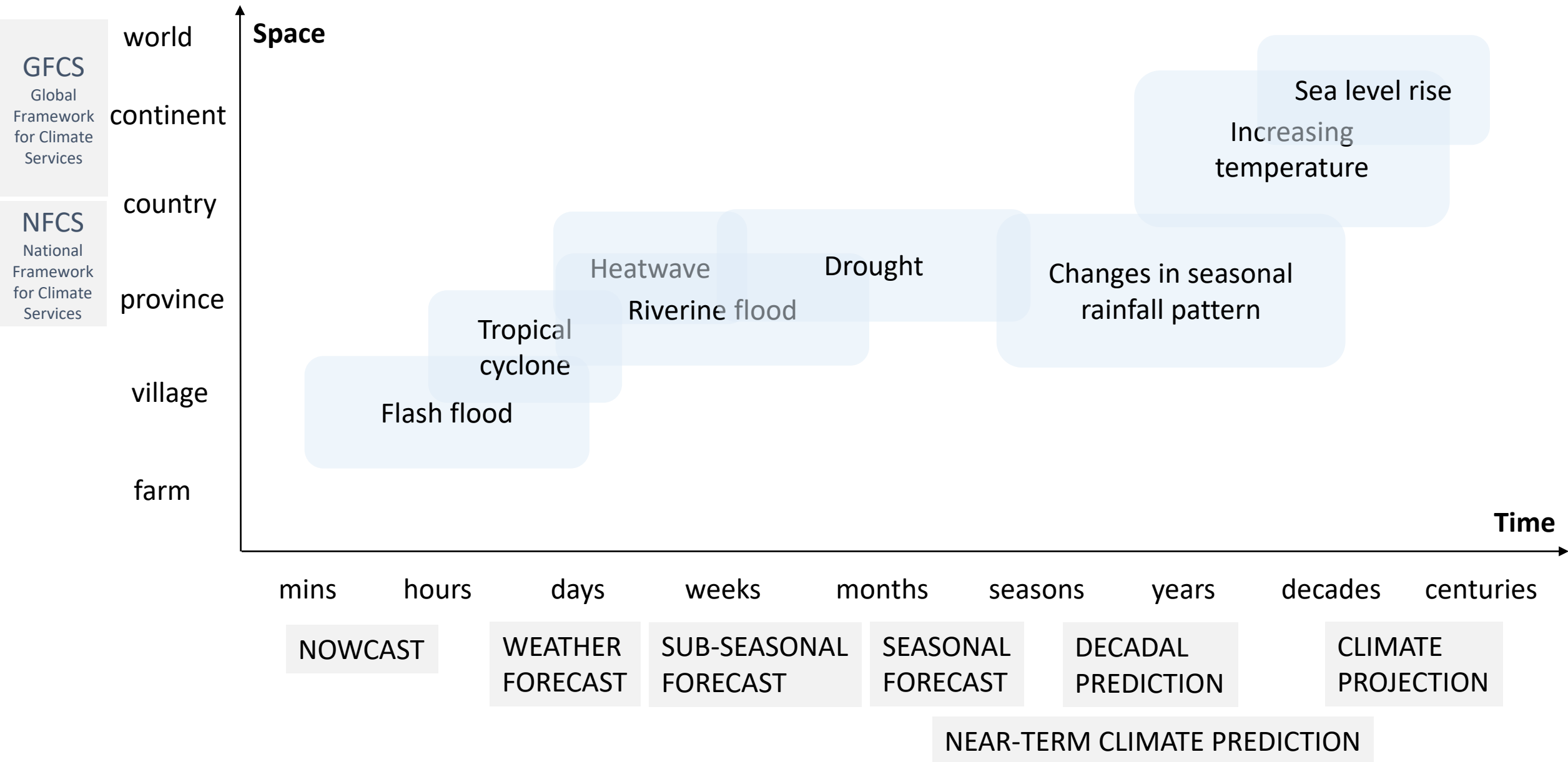


\* Note - Approximate logarithmic time scale  
Source: Nissan et al , 2018

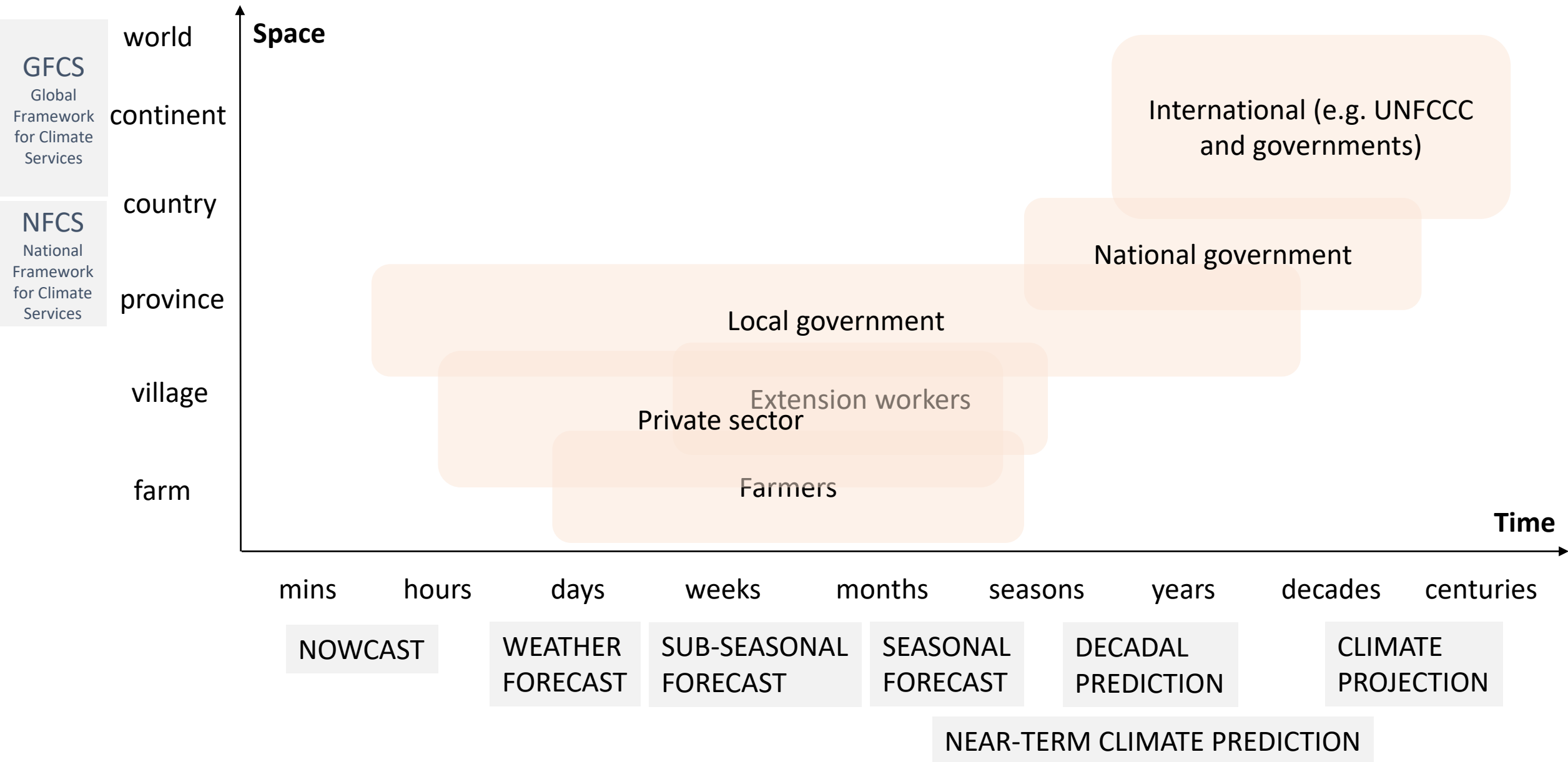
# Agricultural Climate Services – Temporal and Spatial Scales



# Agricultural Climate Services – Climatic Hazards

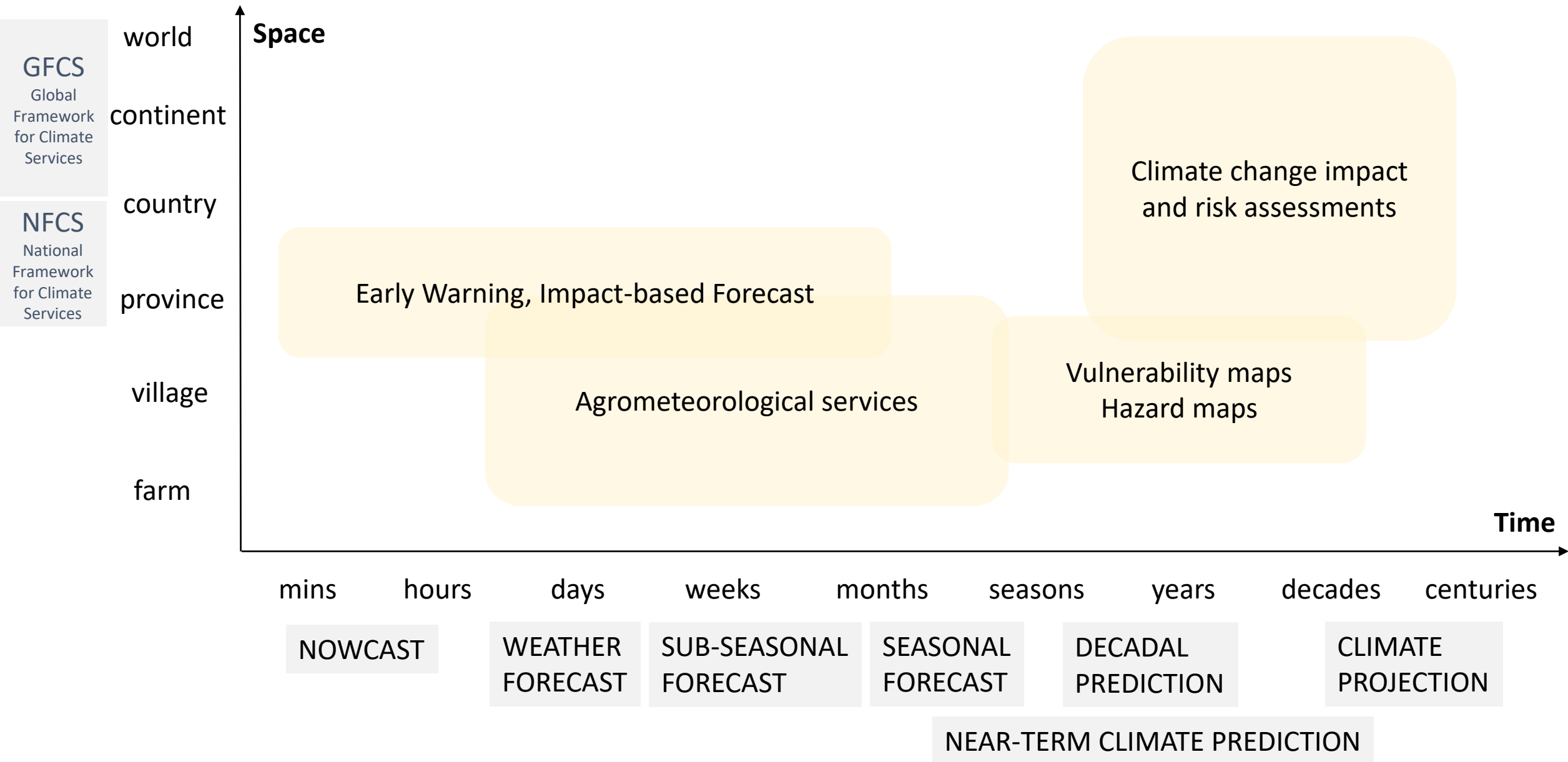


# Agricultural Climate Services – Users

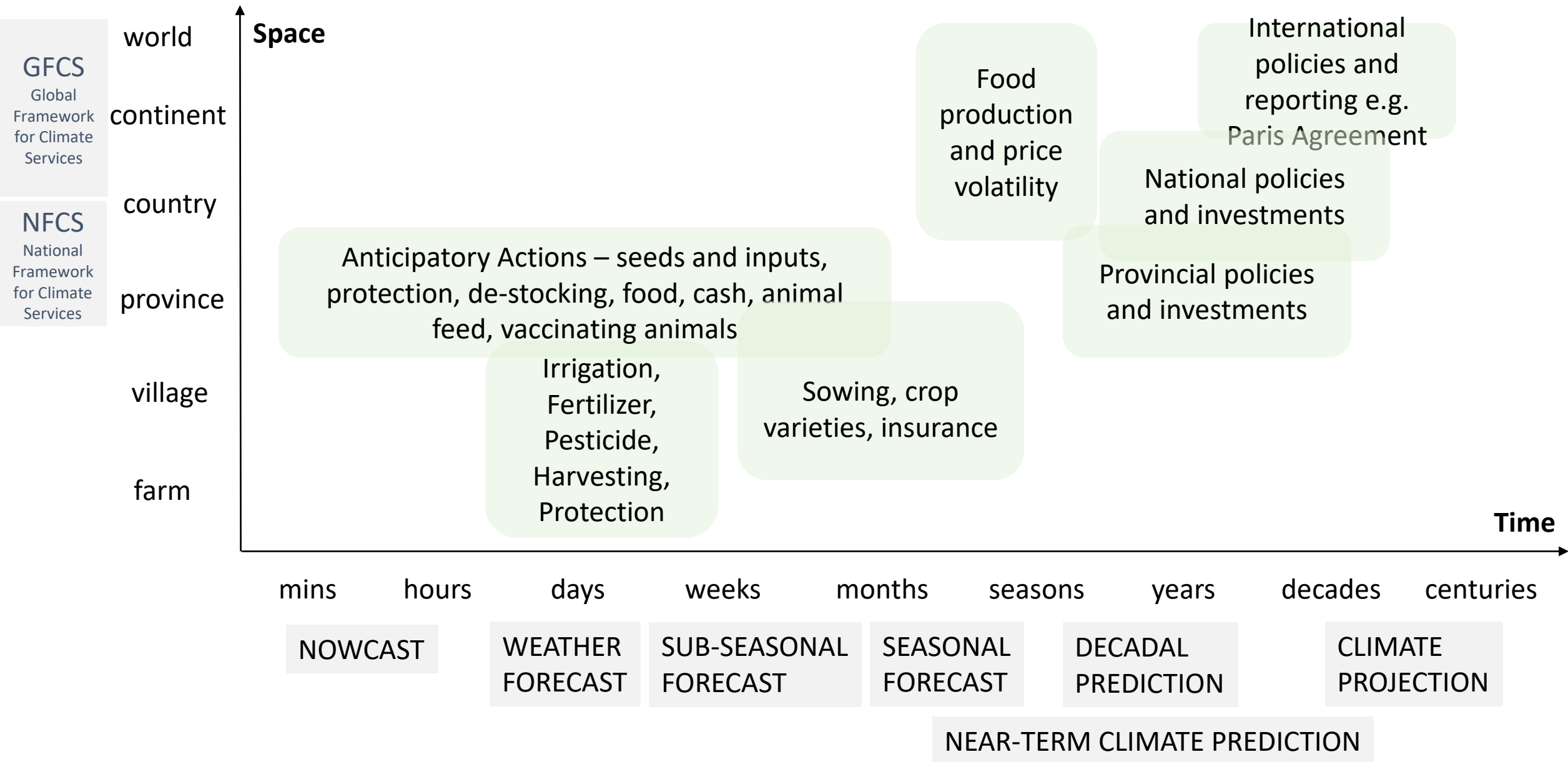




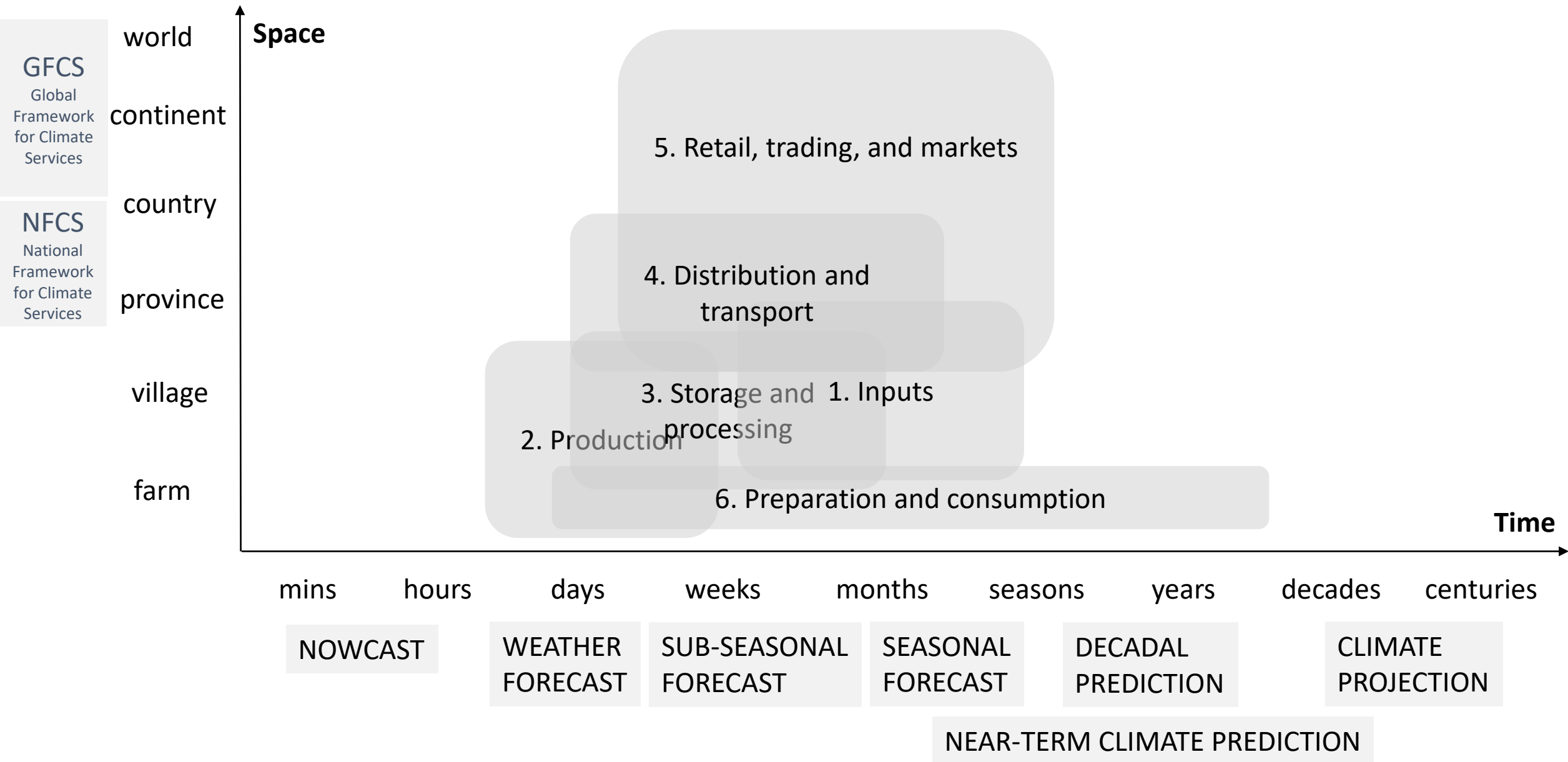
# Agricultural Climate Services – Types of Services



# Agricultural Climate Services – Decisions



# Agricultural Climate Services – Value Chain

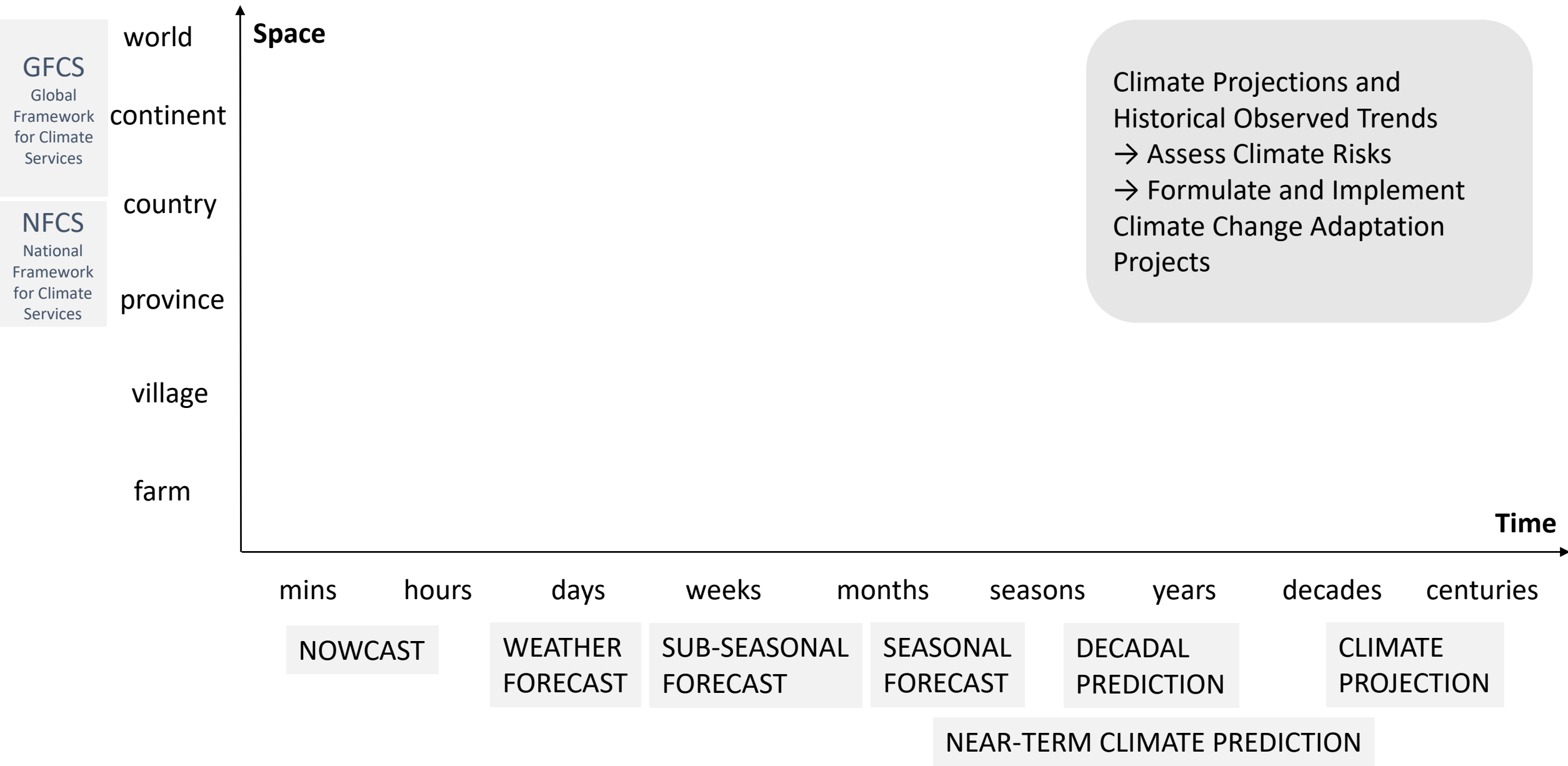


# Three main areas of work

- Climate risks assessments
  - Agrometeorological services/advisories
  - Early Warning and Anticipatory Actions
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- Three communities of practice are now converging through seamless provision of Agricultural Climate Services



# Agricultural Climate Services



# Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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## TYPE

International

## DATE OF ACCREDITATION

14 Oct 2016

The **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**, is an international organization whose main goals are the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; the elimination of poverty and the driving forward of economic and social progress for all; and the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

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## Projects

FP188

CROSS-CUTTING

### GAMBIA

Climate Resilient Fishery Initiative for Livelihood Improvement in the Gambia (PROREFISH Gambia)

FP187

CROSS-CUTTING

### BENIN

Ouémé Basin Climate-Resilience Initiative (OCRI) Benin

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### CONGO

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Building resilience to cope with climate change in Jordan through improving water use efficiency in t...

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CROSS-CUTTING

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Gums for Adaptation and Mitigation in Sudan (GAMS): Enhancing adaptive capacity of local commu...

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ADAPTATION

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MITIGATION

### ARGENTINA

Argentina REDD-plus RBP for results period 2014-2016

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MITIGATION

### CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Promoting zero-deforestation cocoa production for reducing emissions in Côte d'Ivoire (PROMI...

SAP014

CROSS-CUTTING

### ARMENIA

Forest resilience of Armenia, enhancing adaptation and rural green growth via mitigation





**FP134** MITIGATION

**COLOMBIA**

Colombia REDD+ Results-based Payments for results period 2015-2016



**FP126** CROSS-CUTTING

**CUBA**

Increased climate resilience of rural households and communities through the rehabilitation of produ...



**FP120** MITIGATION

**CHILE**

Chile REDD-plus results-based payments for results period 2014-2016



**FP118** CROSS-CUTTING

**NEPAL**

Building a Resilient Churia Region in Nepal (BRCRN)



**FP116** CROSS-CUTTING

**KYRGYZSTAN**

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**FP108** ADAPTATION

**PAKISTAN**

Transforming the Indus Basin with Climate Resilient Agriculture and Water Management



**FP089** CROSS-CUTTING

**EL SALVADOR**

Upscaling climate resilience measures in the dry corridor agroecosystems of El Salvador (RE...




**FP062** CROSS-CUTTING

**PARAGUAY**

Poverty, Reforestation, Energy and Climate Change Project (PROEZA)



# Climate Risks

- Climatic hazards (past and future)
  - Exposure
  - Vulnerability
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- Sub-sectors (crops, livestock, fisheries, aquaculture, forestry)
  - Livelihoods
- Climate risks information would justify target areas and adaptation actions that lead to transformational changes in agri-food systems
  - Climate data, loss/damage data, agricultural statistics, socio-economic data
  - Climate tools plus impact models (e.g. crop model)



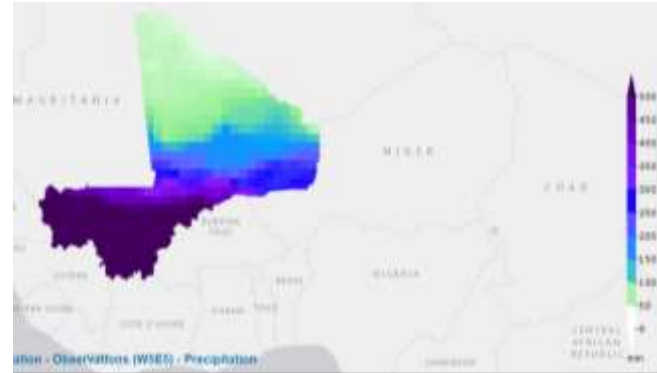
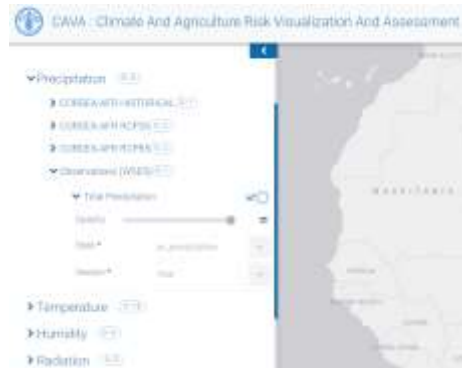
## Climate Projections and Historical Observed Trends

	WHY?	WHERE?	WHO?
Climate Risk ToolBox (CRTB)	GEF project PIF climate risk screening	Hand-in-Hand Geospatial Platform	Project formulators
CAVA Platform	GCF project climate rationale	Web platform	Project formulators
CAVA Analytics	More detailed analyses for climate project designs and implementations	Cloud server environment	Expert users

More complex tool  
More detailed climate info



## CAVA Platform



Average total rainfall

### FAO-CAVA platform Assessment report for past and future regional climate (v1): ubon-ratchathani

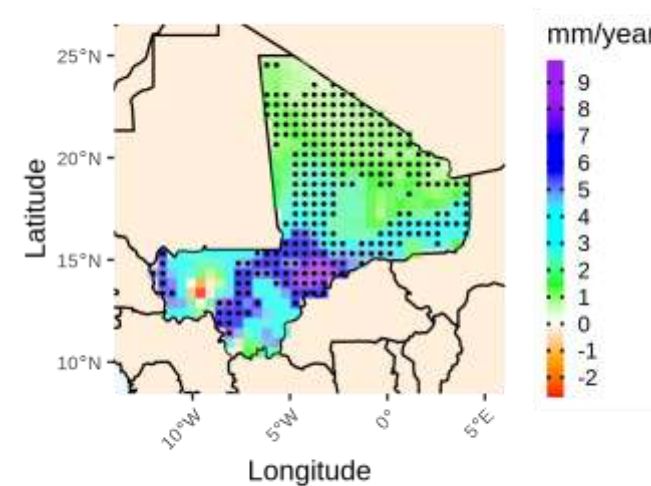
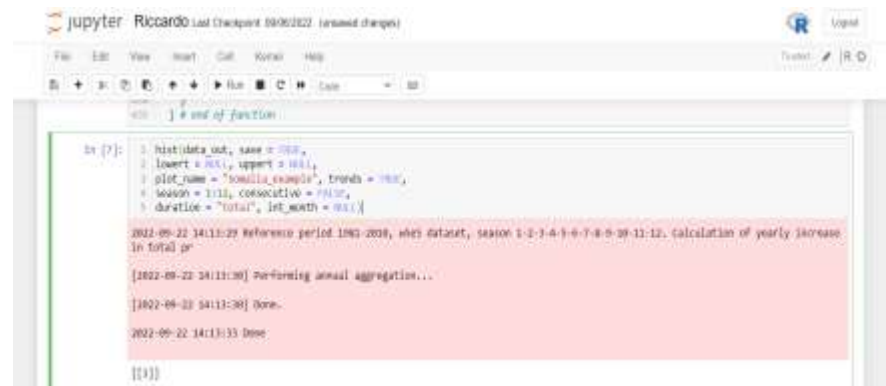
CAVA automatic reports have been conceived and designed to provide comprehensive information on the regional climate conditions for a particular region selected by the user (e.g., a country) by understanding existing information available in CAVA. In particular, gridded observations from the W5EM dataset for historical climate, and gridded future climate projections from the CORDEX-CMIP5 dataset (available).

- W5EM is an observational gridded (0.25°) dataset with global coverage providing information for various variables during 1960-2018 and used as the reference in CAVA activities. This dataset is built from ERA5 reanalysis adapted using the global observational datasets: ERA5, ERA5-Land and ERA5-Land-Land (more info at <https://era5-climate.ecmwf.int/>).
- CORDEX-CMIP5 provides homogeneous regional climate projections for most selected land regions using the CORDEX climate at 0.25° resolution for 1979-2099. North, Central and South America (NAM, CAM, SAM), Europe (EUR), Africa (AFR), East, South and Southeast Asia (EAS, SASE, SEA) and Australasia (AUS). These CORDEX which cover the high, medium and low resolution climate simulations present the full CMIP5 ensemble (RCP2.5, RCP4.5, RCP8.5, and RCP8.5) used selected to derive the standardized for two scenarios: RCP2.5 and RCP8.5. Two RCPs have been selected as due to the standardization (RCP2.5 and RCP8.5) providing an initial homogeneous dataset to analyze future climate change signals and trends (more info at <https://era5-climate.ecmwf.int/>).

This report (v1) provides an initial gridded and regional description of the present and future climate conditions for the region using standard climate variables. The analysis will be extended to future various considering relevant agricultural sectors.

Automatic report

## CAVA Analytics



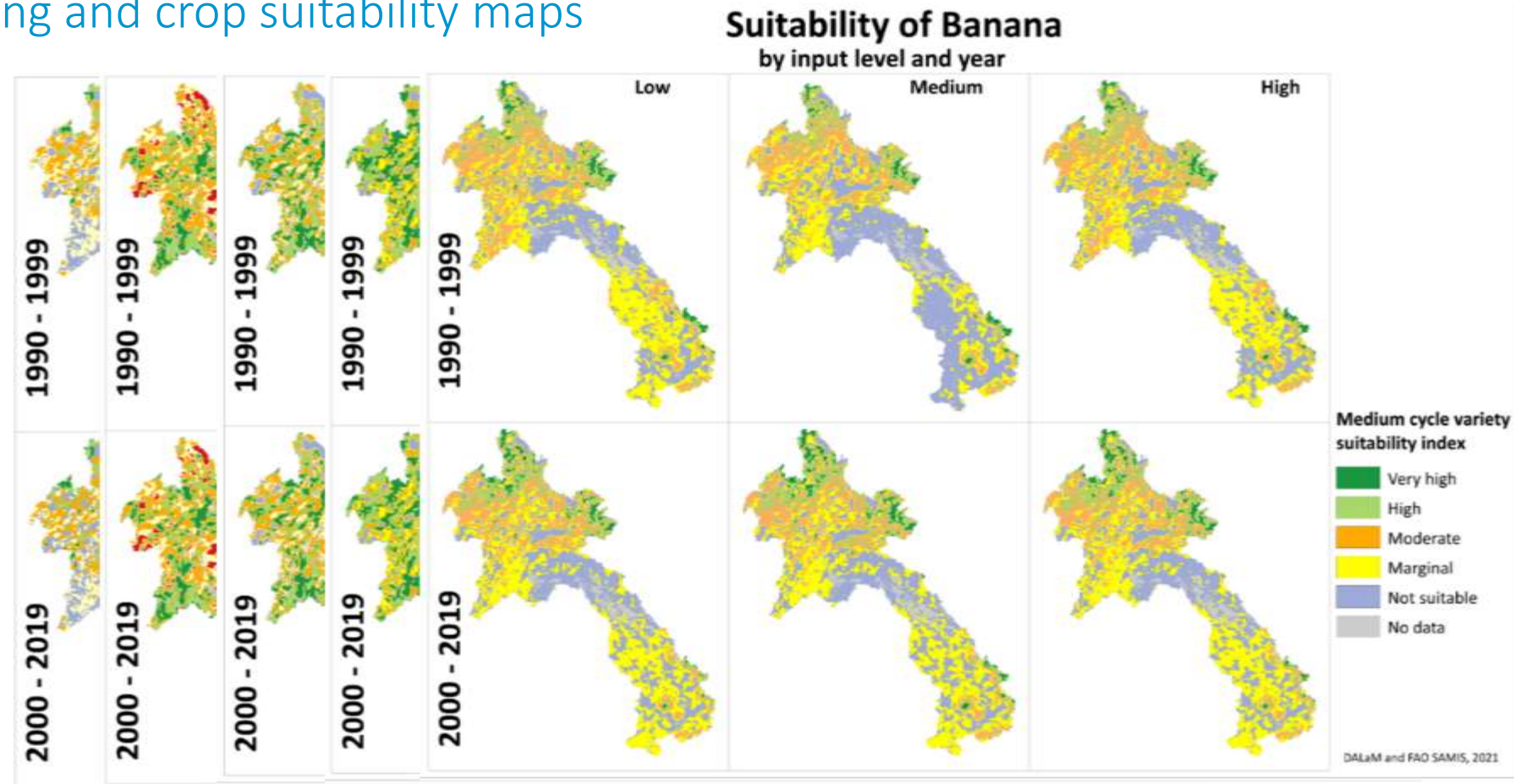
Statistical significance of annual precipitation trends



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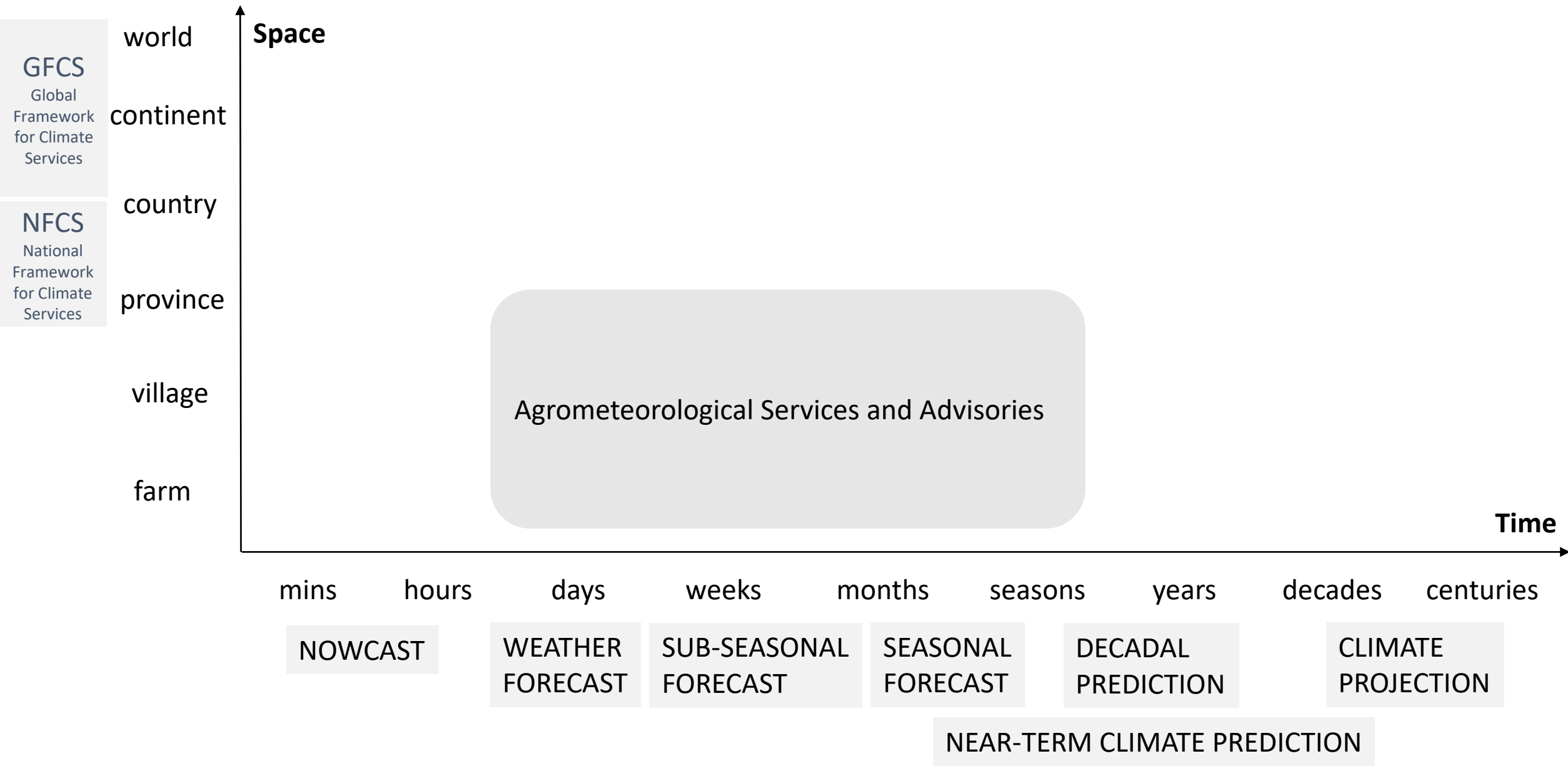
## Agro-ecological zoning and crop suitability maps

- PyAEZ software is designed based on government capacities and needs
- Scalable national modelling to be used at the regional and global model



Vision: Regional foresight based on the future of climate

# Agricultural Climate Services





# Laos Climate Services for Agriculture (LaCSA)

*A transformational national data system*



Real time weather and agronomical data collection

Automatic system for bulletin production

Distribution of information through multiple methods

> 100.000 beneficiaries in the first 3 years



## Behavior change (CIAT study)

- 85 % Change/adjust farm practices
- 76 % Use of improved crop varieties
- 65 % Shifts in planting date
- 40 % Change in water management

Daily tactical decision  
Weekly bulletin - district

Seasonal strategic decisions  
Monthly bulletin - province



Vision: better prediction through machine learning

## Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Dhaka District

			
			
<b>Agro-Meteorological Information Systems Development Project</b> <b>Component-C of BWCSR</b> <b>Department of Agricultural Extension</b>			
<b>Date: 13rd September 2020</b> <b>Bulletin No. 180</b>		<b>Agromet Advisory Bulletin for Dhaka District (13th September to 17th September 2020)</b>	

### Weather Conditions for last four days (09th September to 12th September 2020)

Weather Parameters	09.09.20	10.09.20	11.09.20	12.09.20	Range
Rainfall (mm)	16.0	2.0	8.0	0.0	0.0-16.0 (26.0)
Maximum Temperature (°C)	34.1	31.5	32.8	34.4	31.5-34.4
Minimum Temperature (°C)	27.2	26.8	26.5	26.5	26.5-27.2
Relative Humidity (%)	62.0-97.0	77.0-93.0	69.0-96.0	62.0-90.0	62-97
Wind Speed (km/h)	1.9	1.9	3.7	1.9	1.85-3.7
Cloud Amount (Okta)	8	7	6	7	6-8
Wind Direction	South/South-westerly	South/South-westerly	South/South-westerly	South/South-westerly	South/South-westerly

### Weather forecast as per Bangladesh Meteorological Department for the next 5 days (13th September to 17th September 2020)

Weather Parameters	Range
Rainfall (mm)	0.0-11.3 (23.9)
Maximum Temperature (°C)	32.2-33.3
Minimum Temperature (°C)	25.4-26.2
Relative Humidity (%)	79.0-92.0
Wind Speed (Km/h)	2.5-3.8
Cloud status	Partly Cloudy Sky
Wind Direction	South/South-westerly

## Agromet Advisories

### Special Agromet Advisories for CORONA virus (COVID-19) transmission in Bangladesh

Farmers and all other farm managements are advised to follow the guidelines of Government of Bangladesh to avoid infection and social transmission of CORONA virus (COVID-19). Precautions and safety measures should be taken up to prevent the Carona virus spread. Simple measures include social distancing, maintaining personal hygiene by washing hands with soap, wearing of face mask, drink hot water, stay at home and cleaning of implements and machinery. Farmers should not work in a group; consult with a doctor in case of any symptom. Please stay at home does not visit the field until it is very necessary.

### Salient Weather Conditions & Forecast

The axis of monsoon trough runs through Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal to Assam across northern part of Bangladesh. One of its associated troughs extends up to North Bay. Monsoon is fairly active over Bangladesh and weak over North Bay. As per the weather forecast received from the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) during next 24 hours, light to moderate rain/thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over the district. Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the district. As per the outlook issued by BMD for next 72 hours, rain/thunder showers activity may increase. During last four days, light to moderate rainfall occurred and as per the quantitative medium range weather forecast trace to moderate rainfall is likely during next five days.

### Aus Paddy:

#### Ripening to Harvesting stage

- Drain out water from crop field 15 days before harvesting.
- Harvest the matured crop in sunny weather while 80% rice ripen.
- Harvest and dry well the grains in sunny weather (12% moisture contain e.g teeth testing) and keep it shady condition for cooling and finally store it air tight container

### Aman Paddy

- Since there is possibility of getting moderate rainfall in the coming 5 days, it is advised to repair the bunds in the paddy fields to conserve rain water
- Maintain 5-7 cm standing water up to maximum tillering stage.
- Second weeding should be done 30-35 days after transplanting. Weeding may be done either by hand or using weedicides. 2-4 D Amine or Butachlor may be used for weeding.
- Taking the advantage of the presence of sufficient amount of soil moisture, apply 1/3rd nitrogen as top dressing 15-20 days after transplanting. Last 1/3 nitrogen as top dressing should be applied 5-7 days before panicle initiation. Before the top-dress of Nitrogenous fertilizer in the field farmers are advised to weeding their rice plot by manually or using herbicide
- Due to substantial decrease in sunshine hours with occasional rain there is chance of attack of Yellow stem borer in Aman rice; to manage the attack, spray Carbofuran @10kg per ha.





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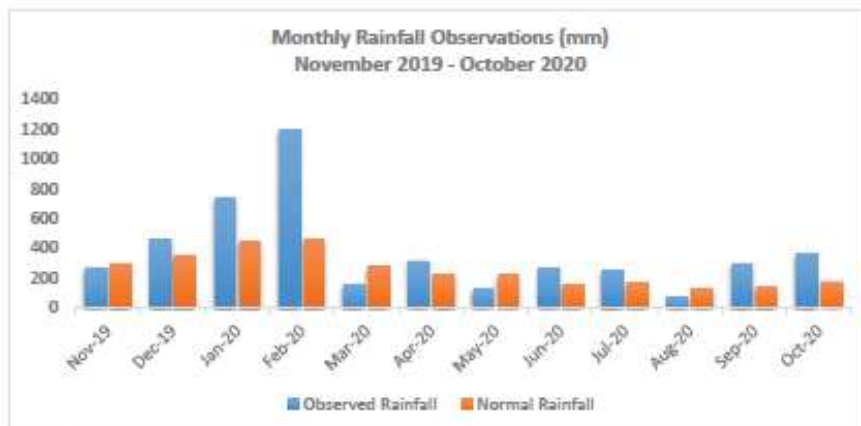
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## SAMOA AGROMETEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN

### OBSERVATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2020



Monthly Rainfall Observations collected at Aiafua Station from November 2019 to October 2020. The graph shows that October 2020 observed 'above normal' rainfall of 386.6mm in comparison to its normal rainfall of 172mm.

#### REPORTS FROM CROP FIELD

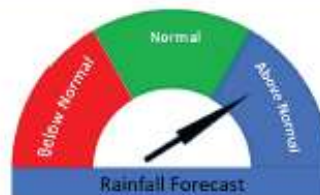
- Cabbages transplanted in the first week of October and long beans sown in the same week are growing well under tunnel house conditions.
- Field tomato intercropped with sweetcorn planted on the 31<sup>st</sup> of September are at the early fruiting stage. No major problems seen except several plants have died from bacterial wilt. Intercropped tomatoes appear to grow better than sole tomatoes at this stage, may be due to high temperatures during dry spells. Flowering and fruit set in both systems look comparable, and a final assessment will be done when harvest is completed.
- Sweetcorn planted on August 17<sup>th</sup> are also growing well and are in the early fruiting stage. Only a few plants are exhibiting yellowing of young leaves similar to 'dead heart' in this case aphids and mites are seen.
- Taro planted in April 5<sup>th</sup> is currently at corm bulking stage and is growing well. Only a few plants are showing symptoms of taro leaf blight.
- Eggplant transplanted first week of September are at flowering stage and growing well except for a few bacterial wilt infected plants which is rare for Aiafua. Pak Choi cabbage was transplanted into the eggplant plot 14 day ago are also growing well with no pest or disease problems

### 14 DAYS RAINFALL FORECAST (NOVEMBER 04<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>)

Wed 04 <sup>th</sup>	Thur 05 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 06 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 07 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 08 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 09 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>

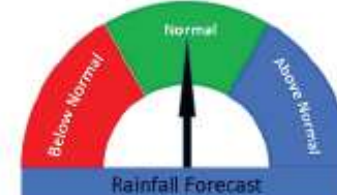
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#### RAINFALL OUTLOOK FOR NOVEMBER 2020



Rainfall Forecast indicating high possibility of above normal for November 2020

#### RAINFALL OUTLOOK FOR DECEMBER 2020

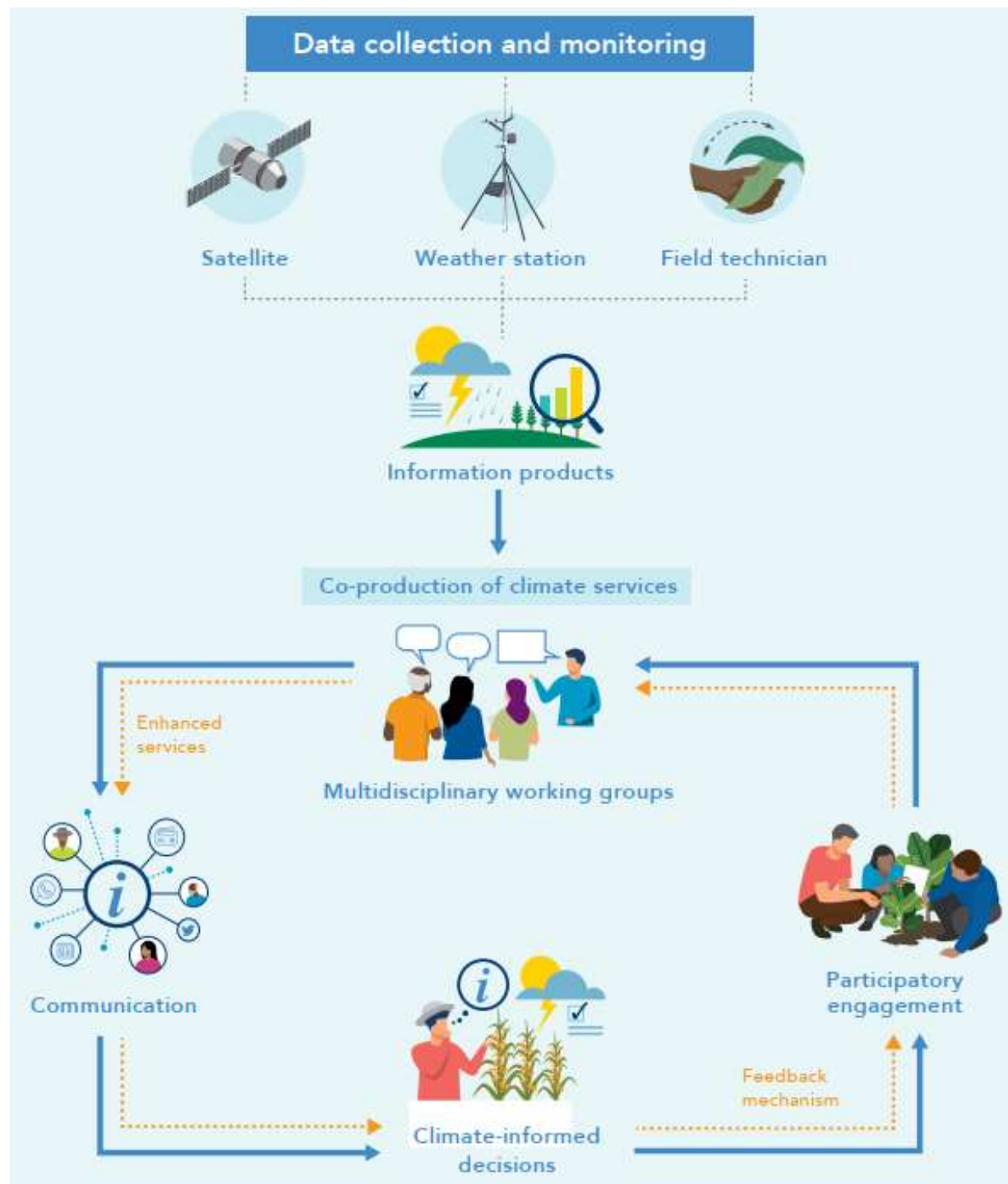


Rainfall Forecast indicating high possibility of normal rainfall for December 2020

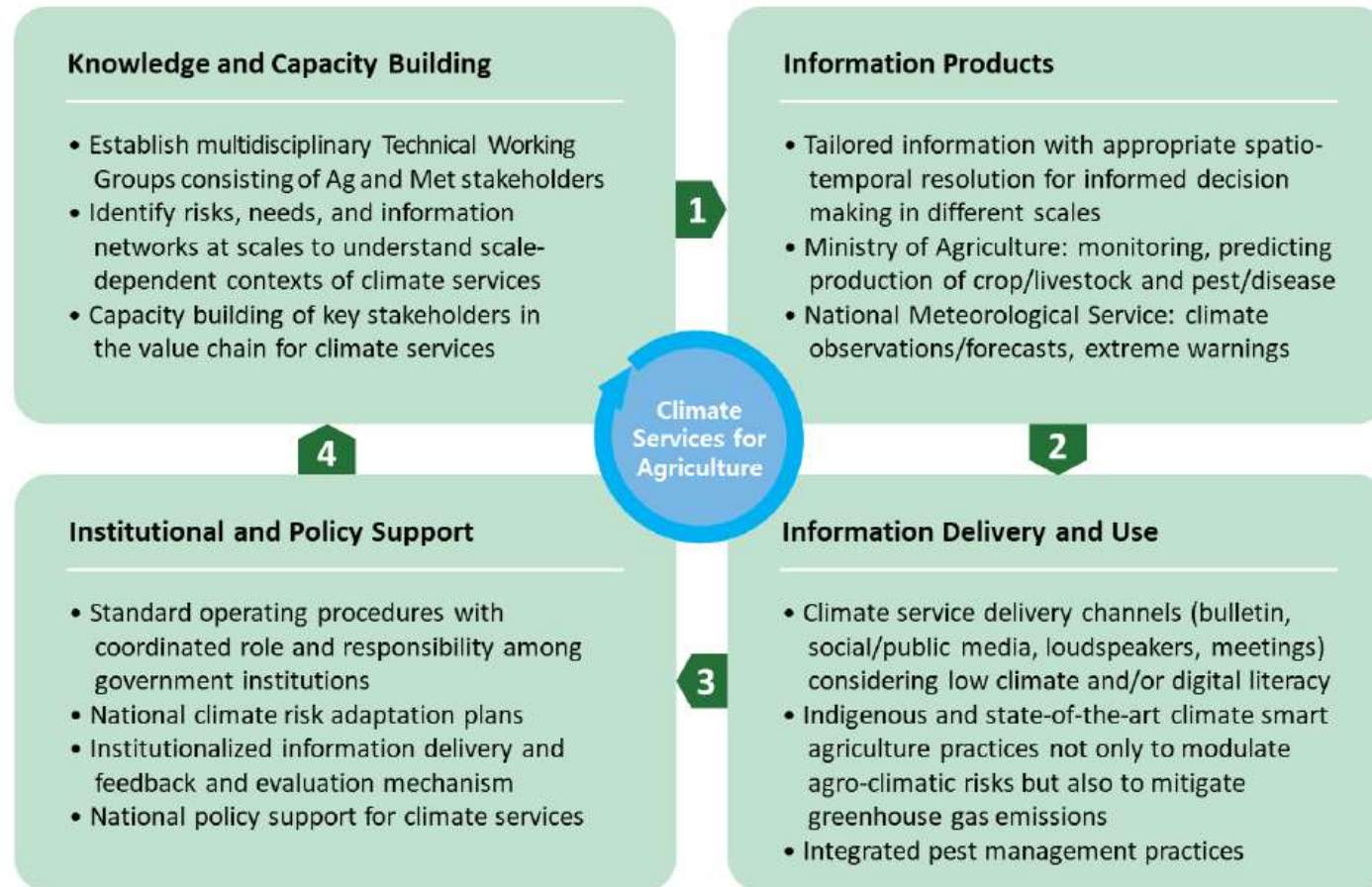
### AGRICULTURAL DROUGHT & INSECTS PEST RISK OUTLOOK



Stages for effective development and provision of *short-term* climate services for the agriculture sector = *agromet services*



# Key components of *short-term* climate services for agriculture = *agromet services*





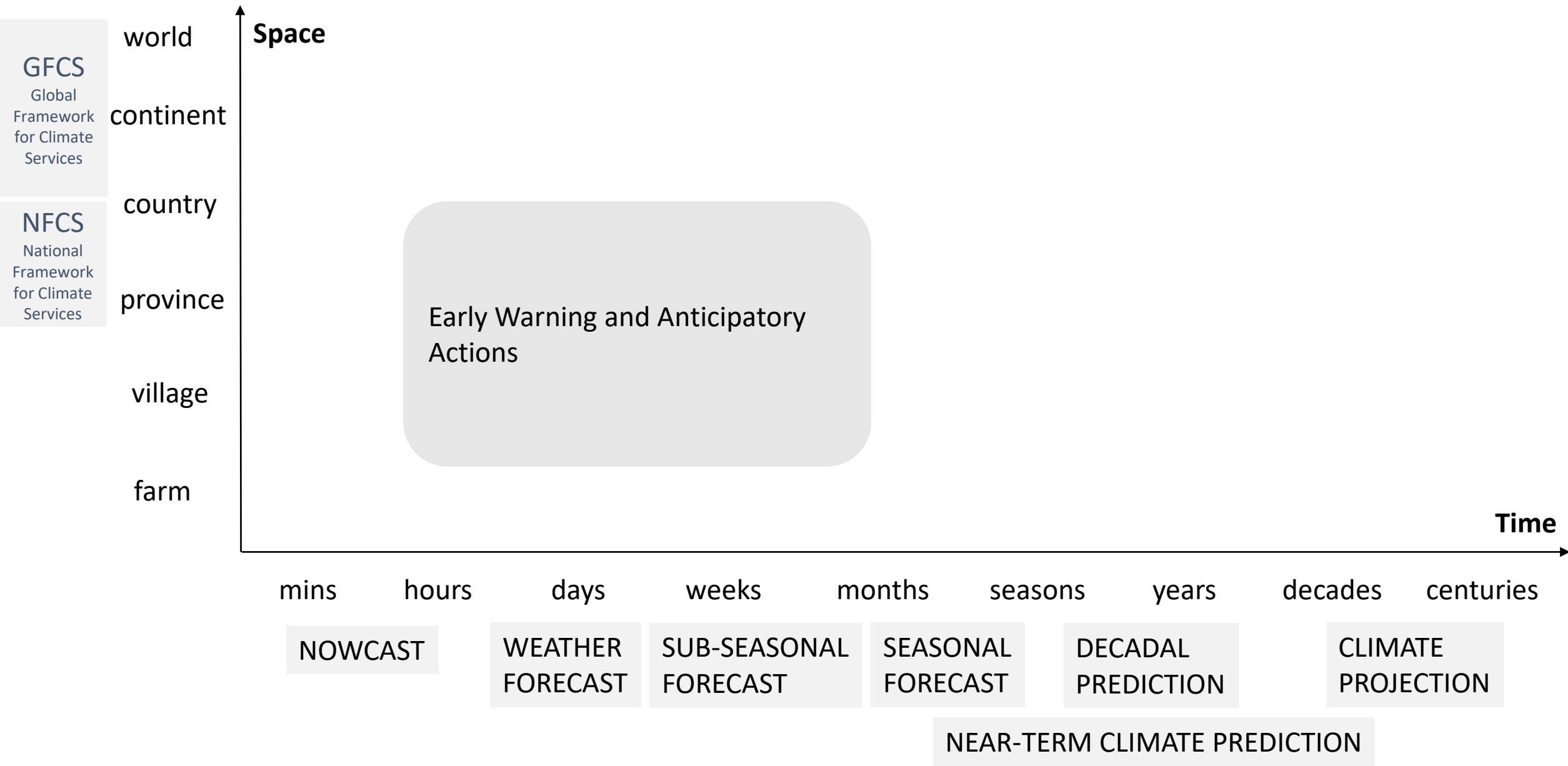
## Prospects for Enhancing Climate Services in Agriculture

Kwang-Hyung Kim<sup>1</sup>, Chris D. Hewitt, Hideki Kanamaru, Jorge Alvar-Beltrán, Ana Heureux, Sook-Young Park, Min-Hye Jung, and Robert Stefanski

**ABSTRACT:** Agricultural stakeholders can effectively manage the risks and opportunities arising from climate change and variability by enhancing climate services in agriculture. Key to understanding and addressing the climate challenge is the provision and the use of climate information to aid decision-makers and policy-makers. Climate services are now integral to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Assessment Reports, governments' national adaptation plans, funding bodies, and a growing number of sectors and industries worldwide. The article provides our personal perspective, experience, and views on the important and timely issue of managing better the risks and opportunities to the agriculture sector and community that are arising from changes in climate. We describe a framework to help drive action to tackle the climate challenge comprising enhanced knowledge and information products, efficient information delivery and use, and assured policy and institutional support, in an iterative loop.

**KEYWORDS:** Climate services; Climate change; Climate variability; Agriculture

# Agricultural Climate Services







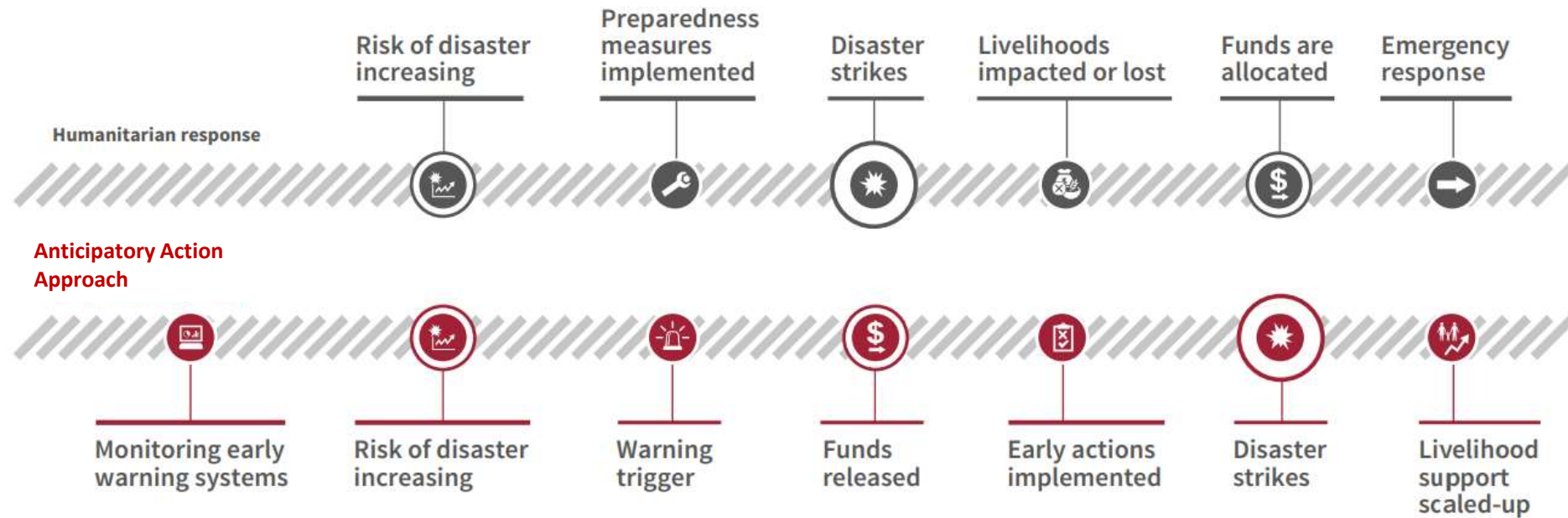
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# Anticipatory Action

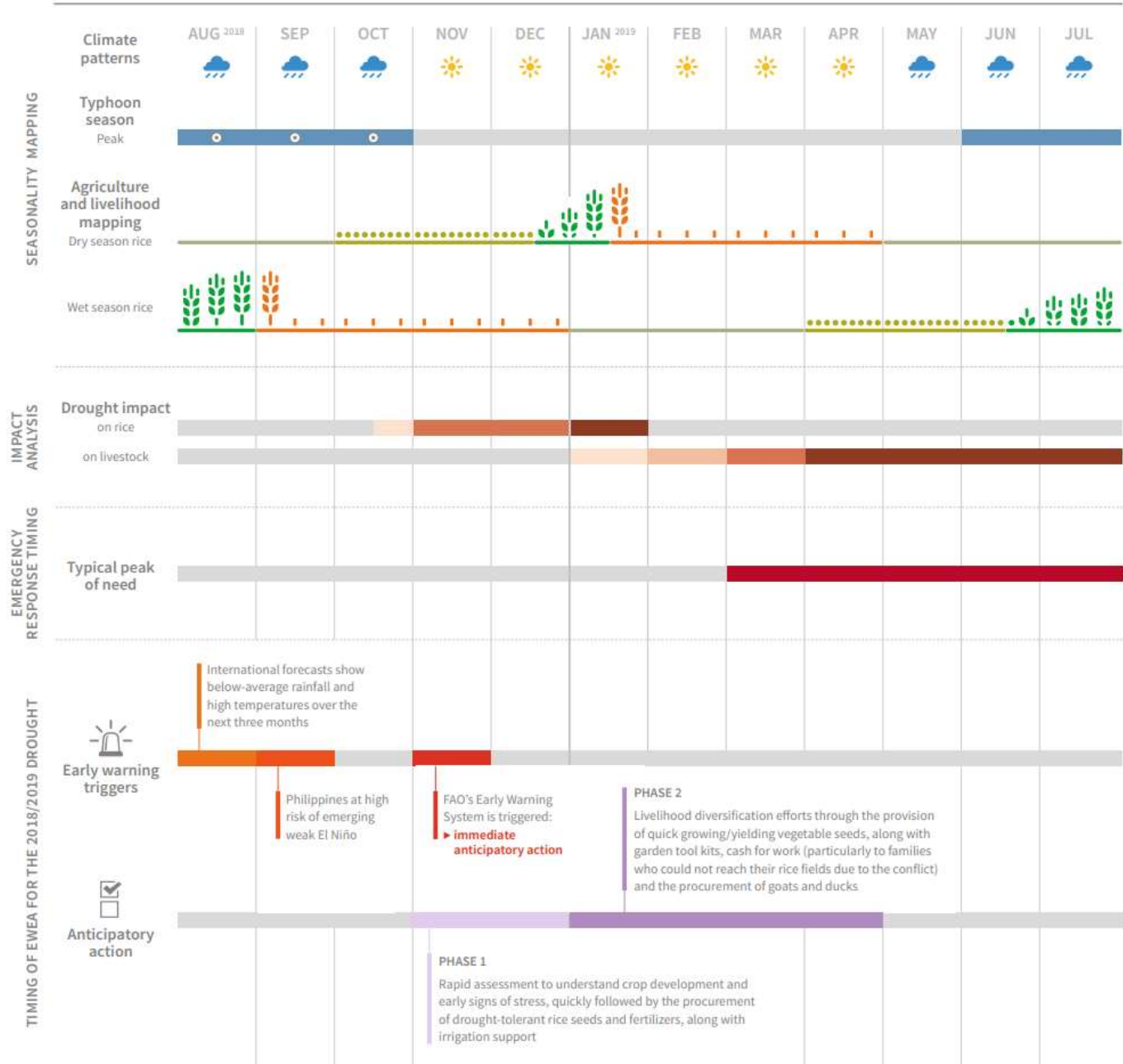




# WHAT IS ANTICIPATORY ACTION?



Mindanao crisis timeline





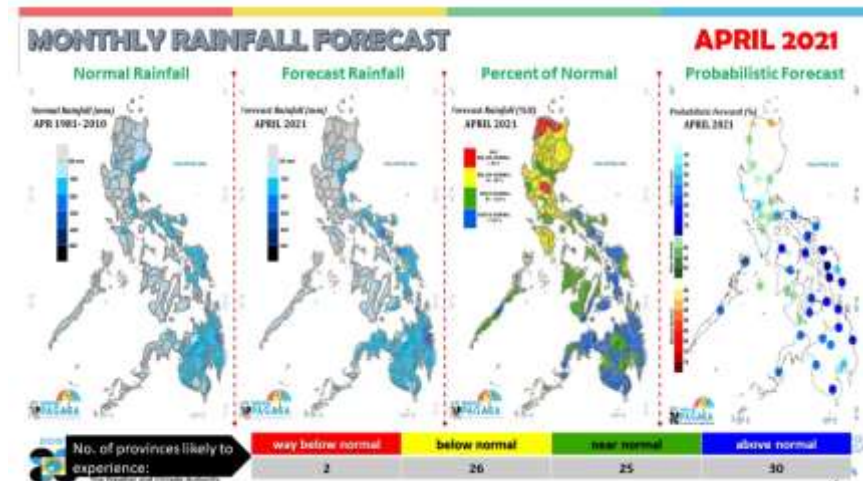
# Early Warning

- Monitoring tools aimed to build evidence and confidence about the development and potential impact of these events on lives and livelihoods
- Aim to support decision making, based on **readily and regularly available information** - building upon existing systems if possible
- Hydro-meteorological forecasts, seasonal and vulnerability information
- Provides the **trigger** to act early
- The decision of when and whether or not to take preparatory action on seasonal forecasts depends also on risk appetite
  - > **action upon uncertainty required**



# Example: The Philippines

- Indicators (range of hydro-meteorological & seasonal, no vulnerability information available):
  - El Niño
  - 1 and 3 month rainfall & temperature forecast (IRI, PAGASA, World Meteorological Organization)
  - Cumulative rainfall (PAGASA)
  - Vegetation health index (GIEWS)
  - Agricultural stress index (GIEWS)
  - Dry spells (PAGASA)
  - Soil Moisture (PAGASA)
- Thresholds: Established based on historical drought events and testing periods
- Triggers for 2018/19 drought: El Niño alert issued, below-average rainfall forecast, dry-spells and aligning with a key cropping season





# Challenges

- Need to better **assess the skill of the seasonal forecasts** and if they can be connected to national trigger systems
- Collecting and analysing **data to set triggers** (i.e. daily weather records and evidence of extreme events)
- Connecting forecasts to tailored **messages** for communities
- **Risk appetite** of actors to act on the forecasts and confidence on the skill level varies
- **Institutionalisation** and sustainability of trigger methods



# Anticipatory Actions

Criteria:

- Timebound
- No harm & no regrets
- Technically sound
- Verified with communities
- Logistically feasible





# Examples of Anticipatory Actions

- Ahead of a warning of a severe winter season in Mongolia, **destocking-for-cash and health kits** were provided to herders to keep their animals alive and healthy
- **Before a peak** of drought in Afghanistan provide drought-tolerant seeds, cash and livestock health kits/feed to protect livelihoods
- On a flood trigger warning in Bangladesh, **distribute cash, water proof drums, animal feed and dignity kits** to safeguard food security, livelihoods and vulnerable women and girls





# THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTICIPATORY ACTION

For every USD 1 spent on interventions, households had a return of:

PHILIPPINES

KENYA

MONGOLIA

MADAGASCAR

SUDAN

COLOMBIA

4.4

3.5

7.1

2.5

6.7

2.6

LINKING  
ACTIONS TO

Food Security | Nutrition | Resilience

EXPLORING  
SECONDARY  
BENEFITS

Education | Health | Dignity | Migration

INSIGHTS  
INTO

Programming | Coordination | Gender  
and conflict programming

# Conclusion

- Agriculture is one of the most vulnerable sectors to climate change
- Agri-food system is complex and interdisciplinary
- Promoting seamless Agricultural Climate Services that cuts across space and time
  - Long-term information supports policies, programmes and investments for transformation of agri-food systems
  - Short-term information is an integral element to robust adaptation practices
- Need more work in non-crop subsectors
- Bridging gaps between academic research and applications in developing country context