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**World Climate Research Programme  
(WCRP)  
and related activities**

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## Mission & Objectives



**World Climate Research Programme** supports **climate-related decision making** and planning **adaptation to climate change** by coordinating research required to improve

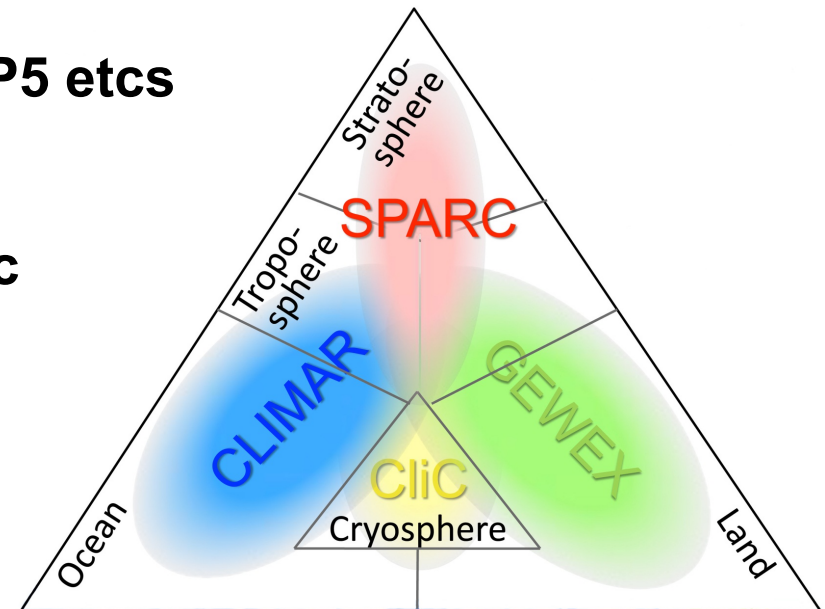
- (1) climate predictions and
- (2) our understanding of human influence on climate

*“for use in an increasing range of practical applications of direct relevance, benefit and value to society”*

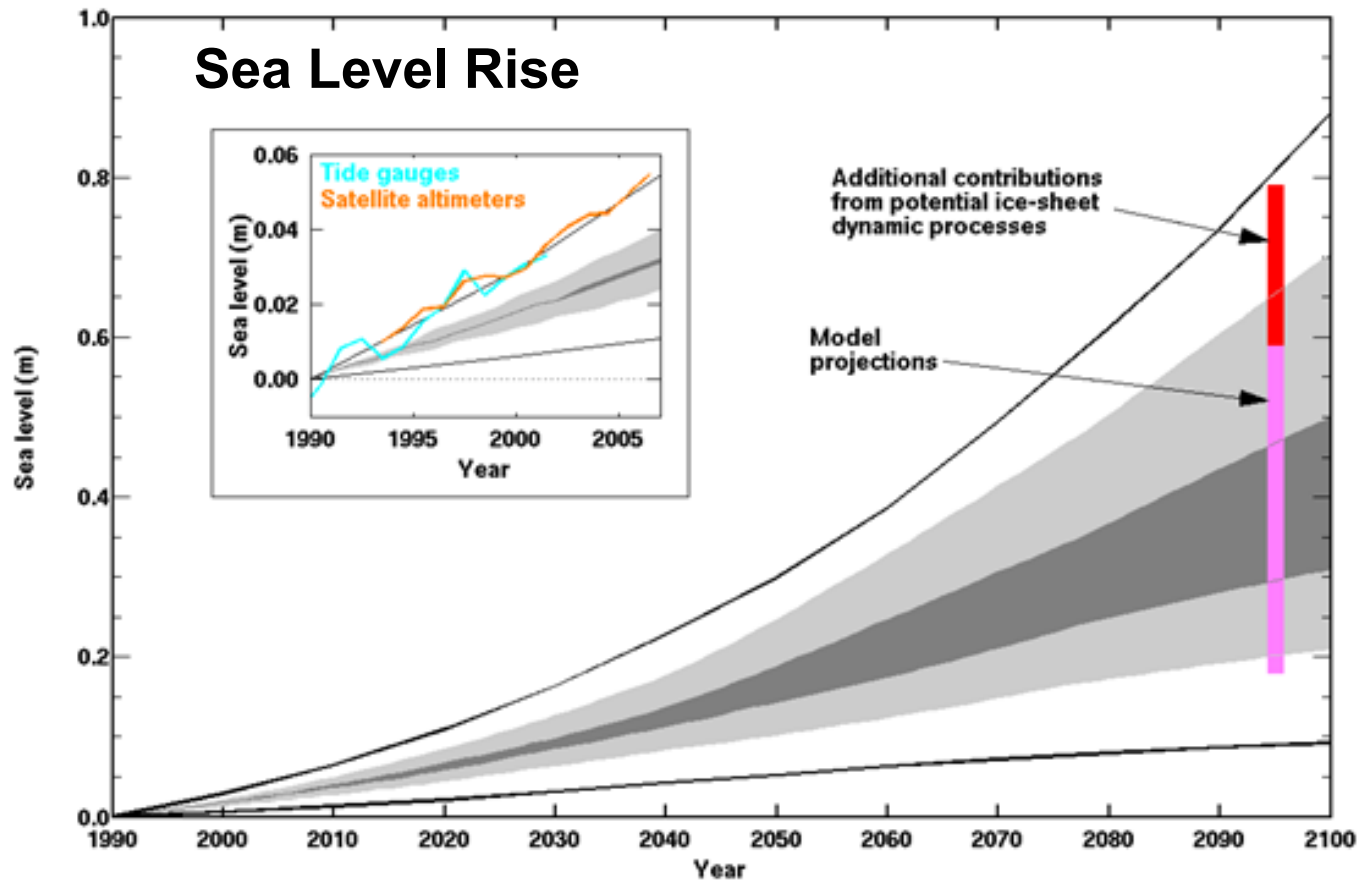
*(WCRP Strategic Framework 2005-2015).*

## Core projects and relevant activity progresses

- **Seasonal prediction: ENSO etc**
- **Contributions to IPCC AR5: WGCM CMIP5 etcs**
- **Atmospheric data sets: GEWEX;  
GPCP, Regional Hydrology data sets etc**
- **Ocean data sets: CLIVAR; ARGO,  
Ocean synthesis evaluation etc**
- **Physical/chemical data sets: SPARC;  
Chemistry-Climate Model Validation  
(CCMVal), Ozone hole phenomenon etc**
- **Change in cryosphere and sea level: CliC, CLIVAR etcd**

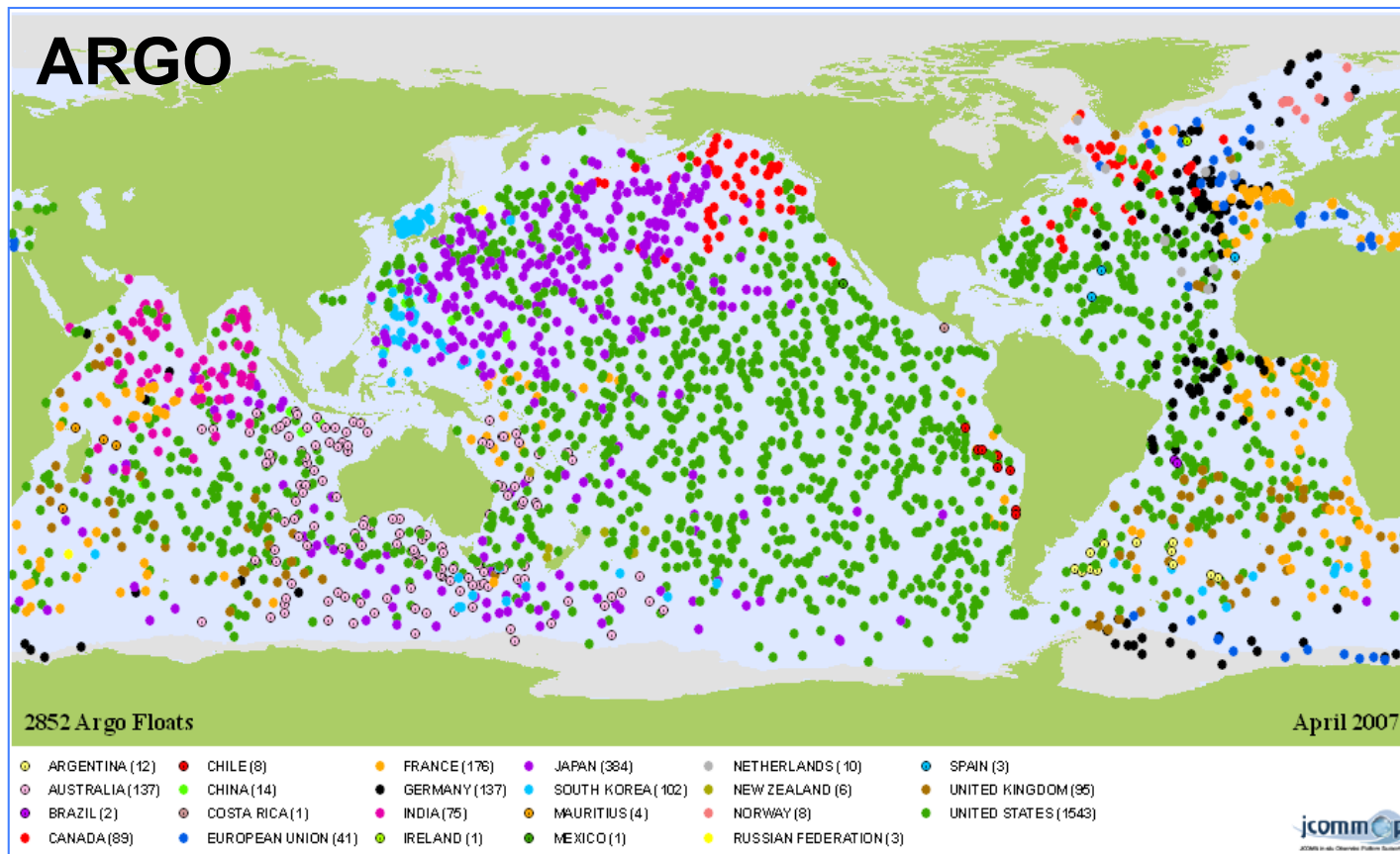


# CMIP modeling study for climate change Contribution to IPCC (AR5 drafting stage)



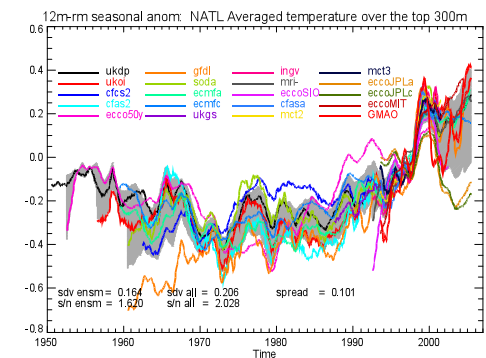


# The ocean observing system



## CLIVAR GSOP: Ocean Synthesis Evaluation Workshops

### N. Atlantic Temp (0-300 m)



## WCRP enabling initialized predictions

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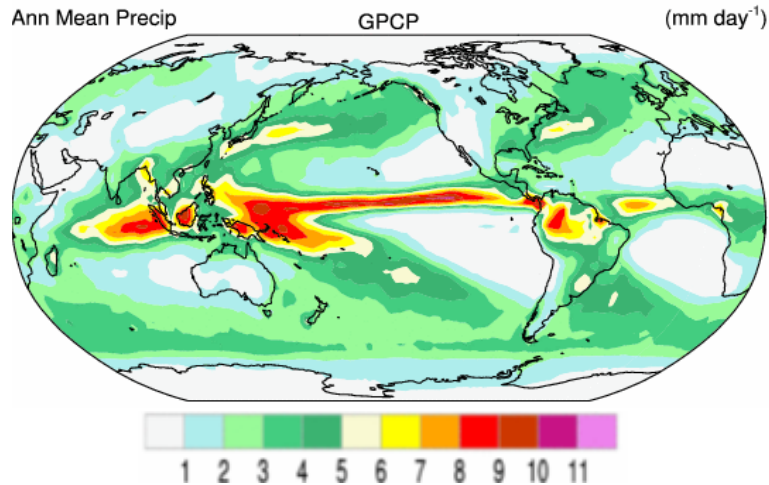
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## WCRP Working Group on Regional Climate (2-way Communication: Science-User)

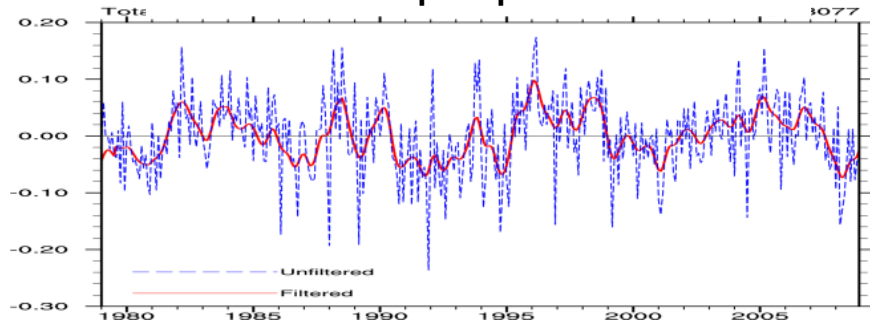
- coordination of WCRP **research on regional climate information & services**
- communication between **WCRP, GFCS and Future Earth, point of contact to regional climate information/service** entities
- prioritization of WCRP regional climate research and prediction
- **advice for impact assessment, decision making and climate services**, especially on water, health, food and disaster risk reduction
- oversee regional climate research initiatives such as **CORDEX**
- visibility of WCRP regional science and communication of advances to climate service institutions (through web, reports, workshops, etc.)
- liaison with other programmes, communication of science priorities to funding agencies, NGOs and development agencies

# Atmospheric data sets

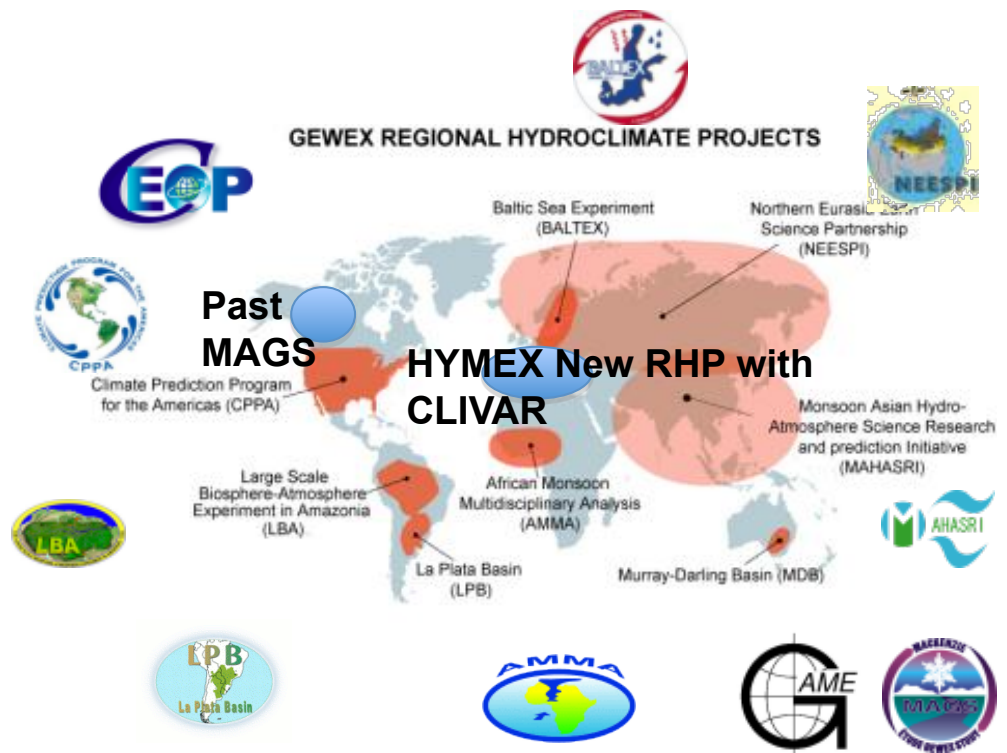
## GEWEX Global Precipitation Climatology Project



**GPCP Global precipitation 1979-2008**

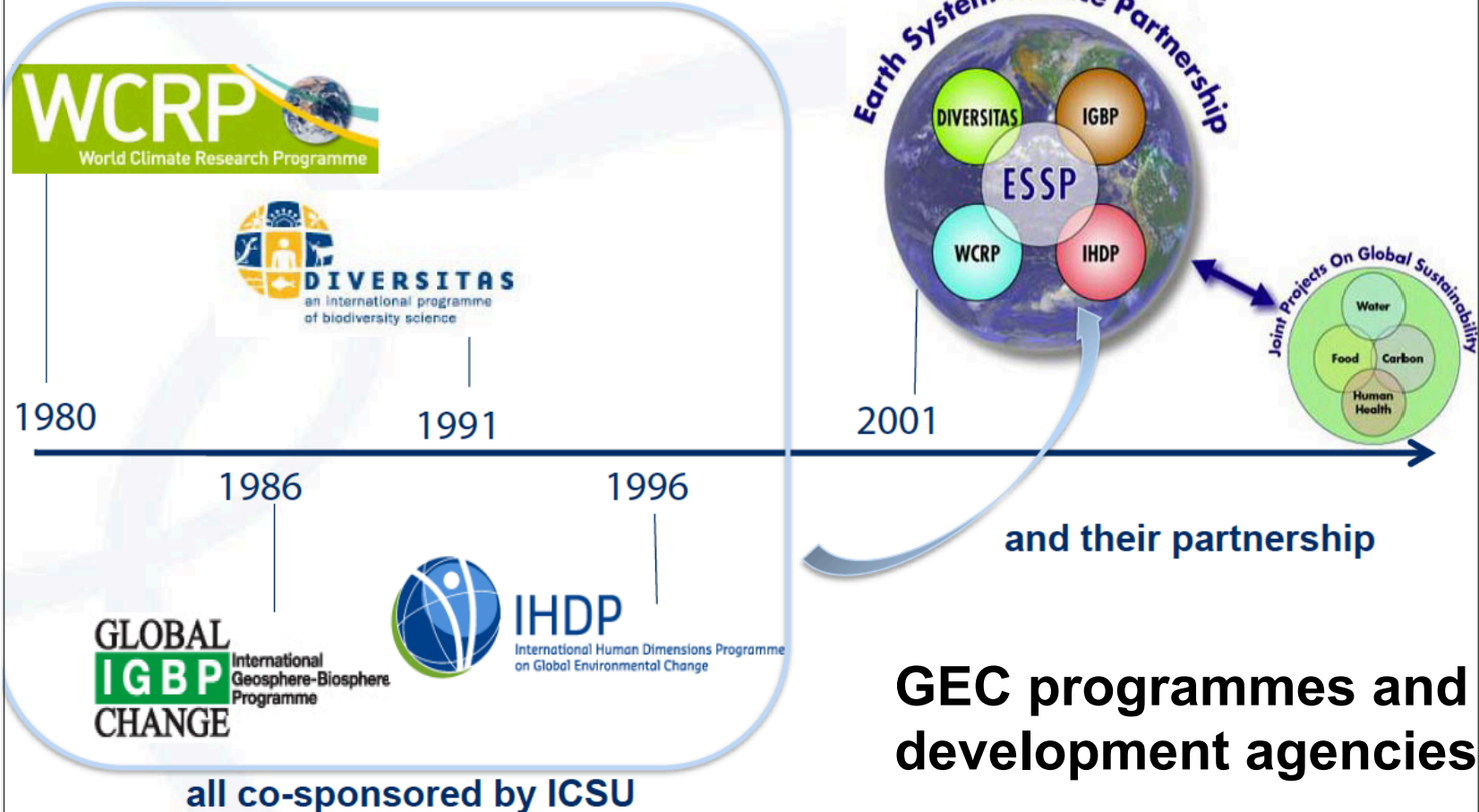


## Regional Hydrology Data Sets



# Global environmental change research: a long, successful history

four Global Environmental Change Programmes





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## Future Directions: Actionable Science

**Defined as: data, analysis, and forecasts that are sufficiently predictive, accepted and understandable to support decision-making, including capital investment decision-making.**

- ICSU Review and Visioning, acknowledge WCRP past contributions and identify future challenges and opportunities
- OceanObs '09, World Climate Conf-3 '09: Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)
- WCRP Open Science Conference (24-28 October 2011 Denver, Colorado, USA): 1907 from 86 countries; 541 Early Career Scientists & Students; 332 from Developing Countries
- Need for more flexibility/agility to respond to expanding users needs, that includes information:
  - At regional scale
  - For key sectors of global economy
  - For adaptation, mitigation and risk management

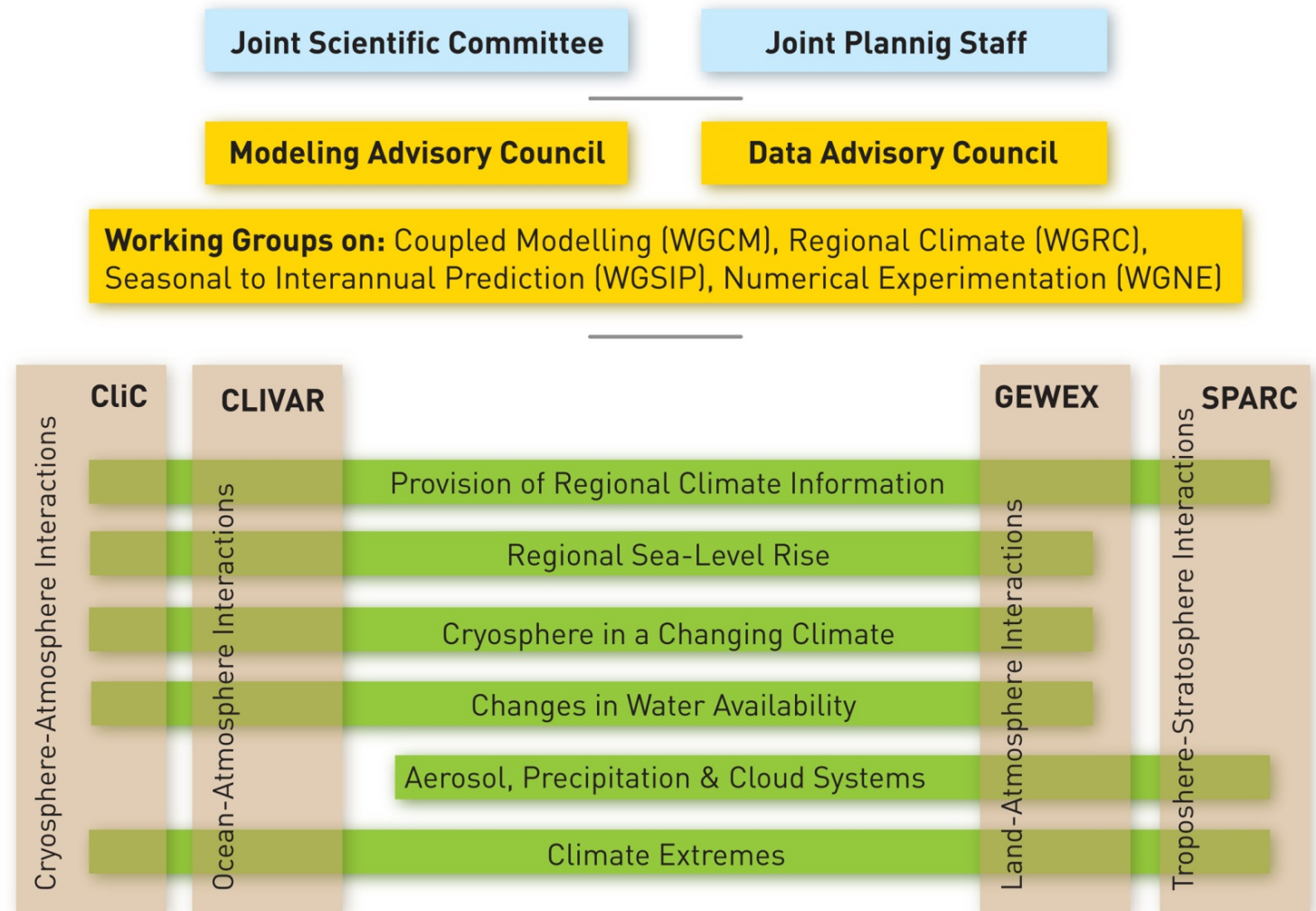
# Emerging structure Post-2013

The WCRP will be based on four fundamental *interactions* of the Earth/climate system

**WCRP Overarching/ Unifying themes:**

**Observation and Analysis, Process understanding, Modeling development, projections and prediction, Climate Information and Application**

**Grand Challenges: 5-10 years horizon**





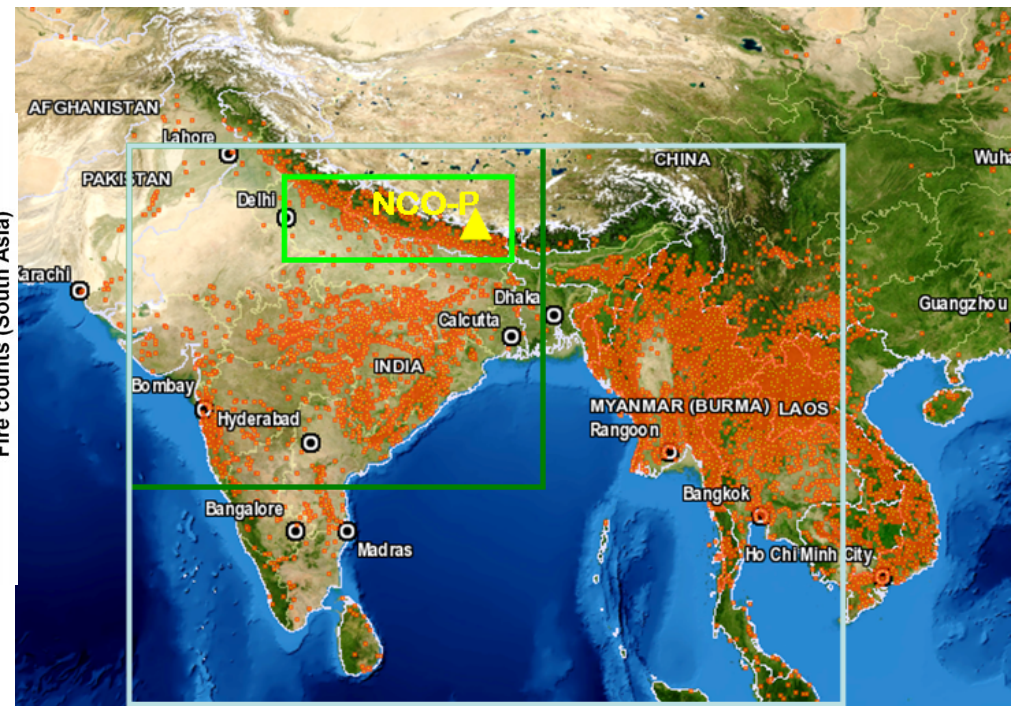
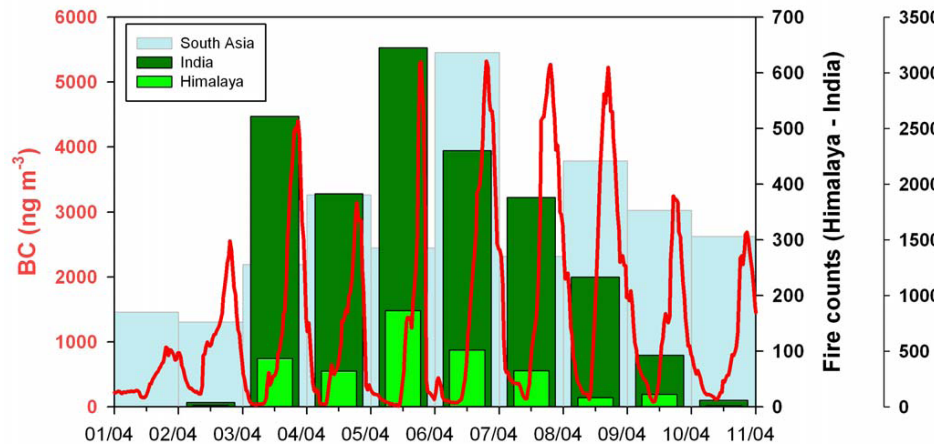
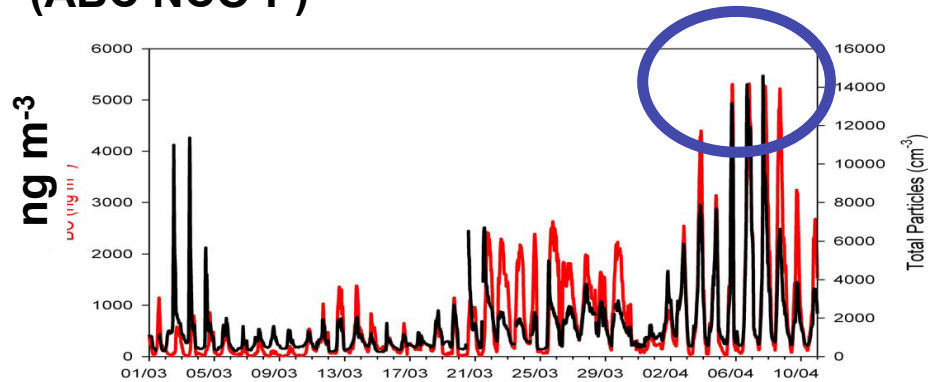


# UNEP/Atmospheric Brown Cloud Project (ABC)

- Air quality measurements
- Link with IGBP/IGAC etc

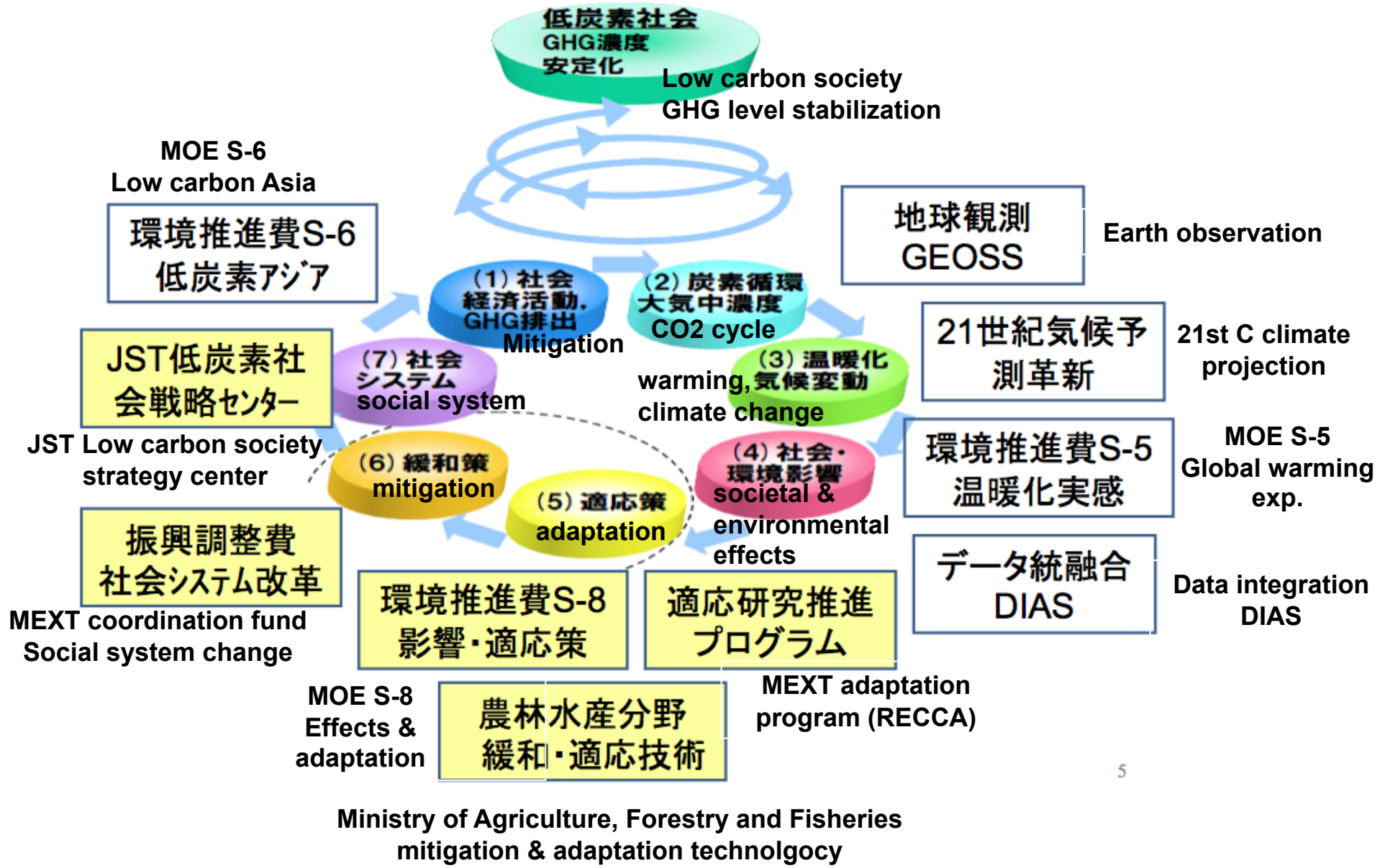
## ACUTE POLLUTION EPISODE OF APRIL 2010

### Ev-K2-CNR high altitude observatories (ABC NCO-P)



Sandro Fuzzi (UNEP/ABC-Asia ST'12)

# Japan national research strategy for climate projection, adaptation and mitigation



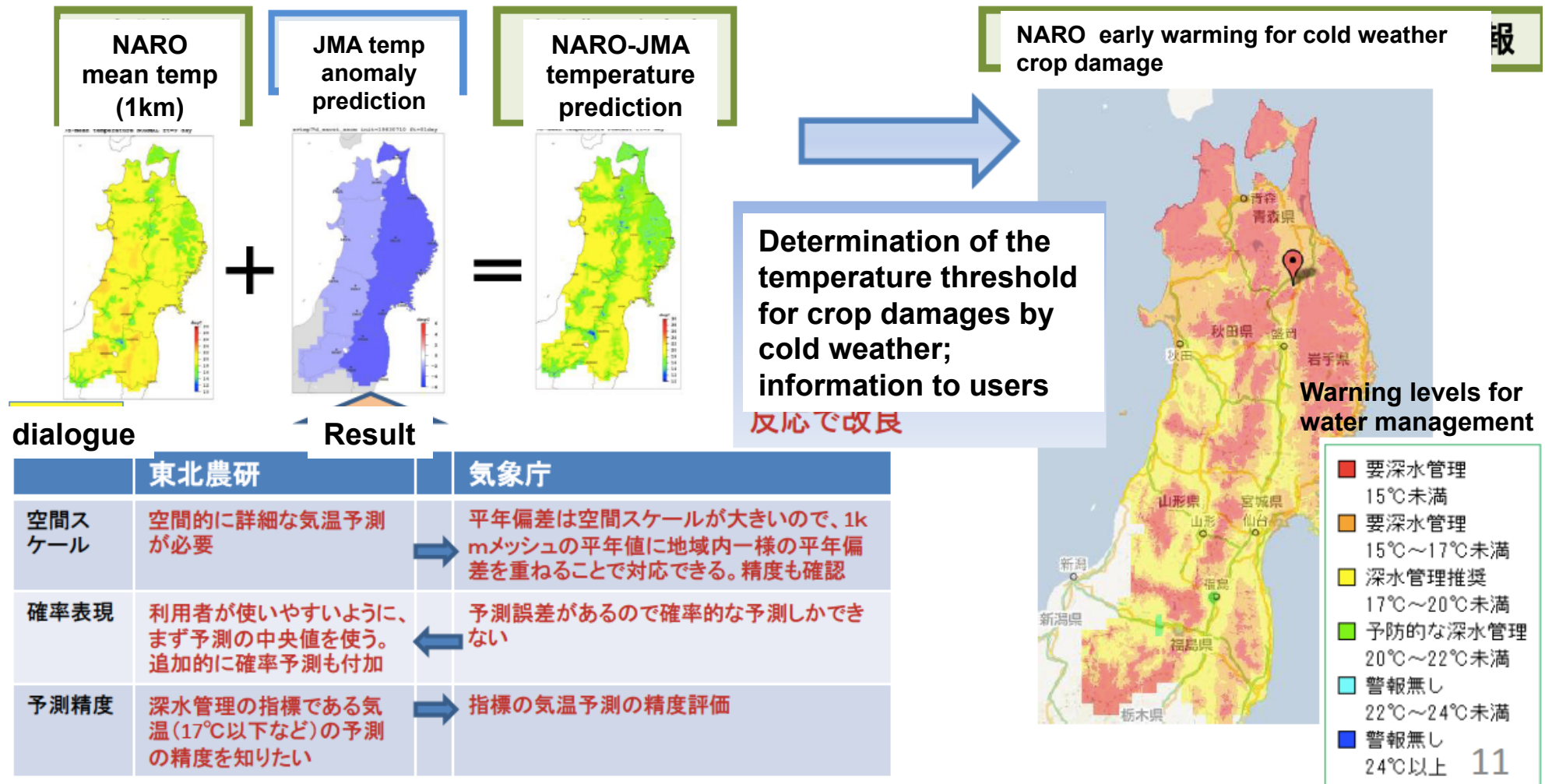


Ⅱ 気候リスク管理の開発と普及

Development and dissemination of Climate risk management system

Seasonal weather change: Example 2

Dialogues between JMA and National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO) for climate risk management



dialogue

Result

|        | 東北農研                                 | 気象庁  |
|--------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 空間スケール | 空間的に詳細な気温予測が必要                       | 平年偏差は空間スケールが大きいので、1kmメッシュの平年値に地域内一様の平年偏差を重ねることで対応できる。精度も確認 |
| 確率表現   | 利用者が使いやすいように、まず予測の中央値を使う。追加的に確率予測も付加 | 予測誤差があるので確率的な予測しかできない                                      |
| 予測精度   | 深水管理の指標である気温(17℃以下など)の予測の精度を知りたい     | 指標の気温予測の精度評価   |

### III International contribution to Asia-Pacific region

(needs and measures)

Support system for climate risk management for Asia-Pacific region

- Data use
- International presence through Asia-Pacific Climate Center
- MRI global warming prediction results for international applications
- Collaboration with Disaster prevention organizations

Activity of Asia-Pacific Climate Center

Promotion of GFCS through activities in Asian region

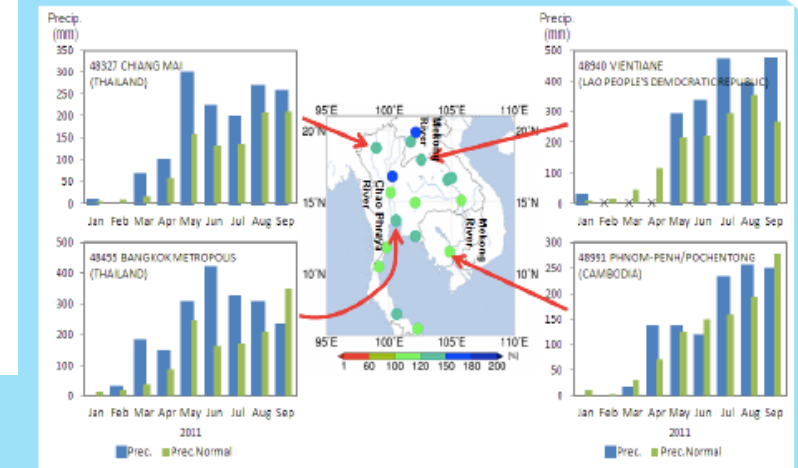
- Provide climate information (seasonal prediction, extreme weather etc)
- Support tools for climate risk management
- Technology transfer of climate information use

(examples)

Large scale flood events in Thailand and Indonesia in 2011

(活動事例)

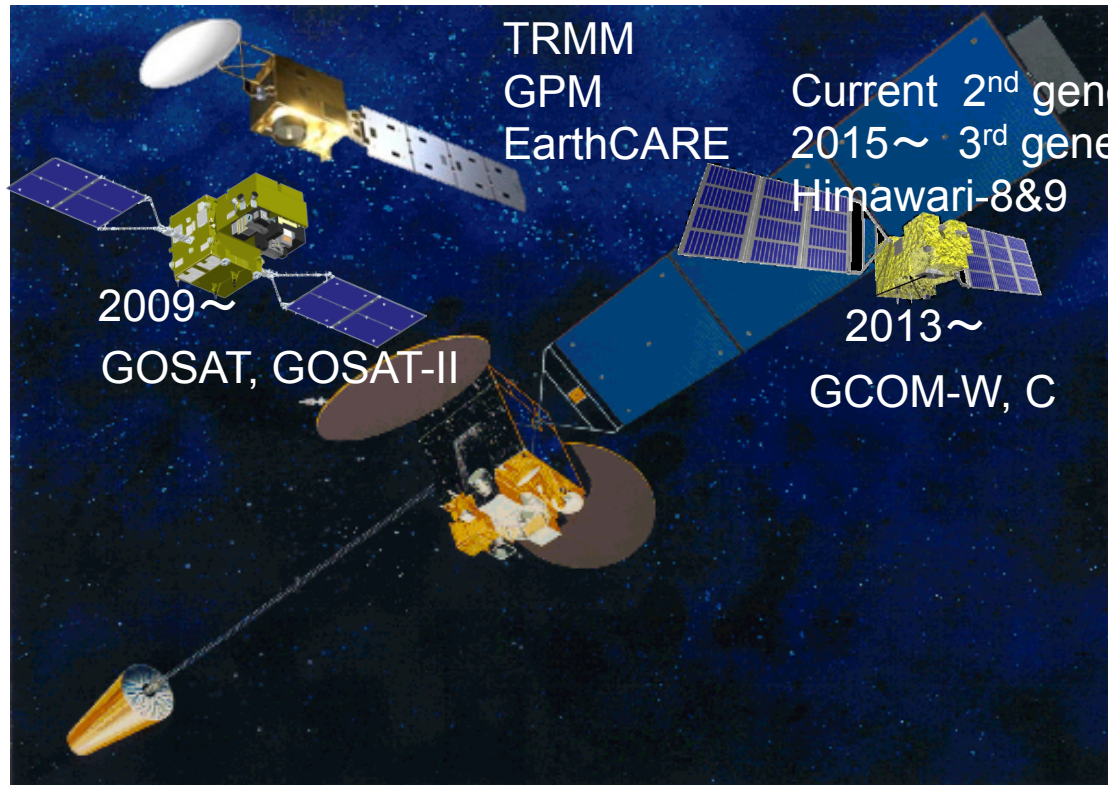
- ・平成23年夏、タイなどインドシナ半島での大規模な洪水について、実況の降水経過などの資料を作成し、当該国と共有(世界気象機関(WMO)のホームページにもニュースとして掲載)
- ・加えて、当該国には、上記資料を作成した気候解析ツールの具体的利用方法も提供し、気候情報の活用を支援



Thailand flood in 2011

4 monthly (June-Sept) mean precipitation mean in the normal period and observed monthly mean precipitation change

# Satellite observation: Contribution from Japan



Full disk scan every 10min  
Rapid scan every 2.5 min

AHI specs, JMA/HIMAWARI-8/9

| Band | Central Wavelength [μm] | Spatial Resolution |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1    | 0.43 - 0.48             | 1Km                |
| 2    | 0.50 - 0.52             | 1Km                |
| 3    | 0.63 - 0.66             | 0.5Km              |
| 4    | 0.85 - 0.87             | 1Km                |
| 5    | 1.60 - 1.62             | 2Km                |
| 6    | 2.25 - 2.27             | 2Km                |
| 7    | 3.74 - 3.96             | 2Km                |
| 8    | 6.06 - 6.43             | 2Km                |
| 9    | 6.89 - 7.01             | 2Km                |
| 10   | 7.26 - 7.43             | 2Km                |
| 11   | 8.44 - 8.76             | 2Km                |
| 12   | 9.54 - 9.72             | 2Km                |
| 13   | 10.3 - 10.6             | 2Km                |
| 14   | 11.1- 11.3              | 2Km                |
| 15   | 12.2 - 12.5             | 2Km                |
| 16   | 13.2 - 13.4             | 2Km                |

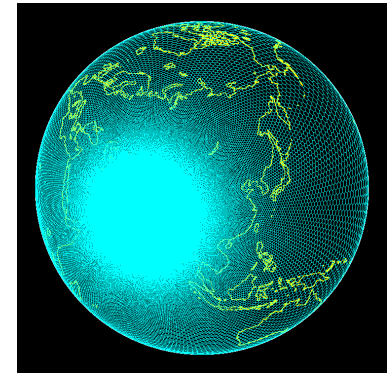
# **MEXT key national projects**

- **Program for creating the climate change risk information**
- **Research Program on Climate Change Adaptation (RECCA)**
  - **Advanced Data downscaling method**
  - **Data assimilation technology**
  - **Simulation technology for climate change adaptation**
- **Green Network of Excellence (GRENE)**
  - **Biodiversity, Carbon Cycle, Water, City, Agriculture, and Health**
- **Data Integration and Analysis System (DIAS) /GEOSS**
- **JMA GFCS activities**



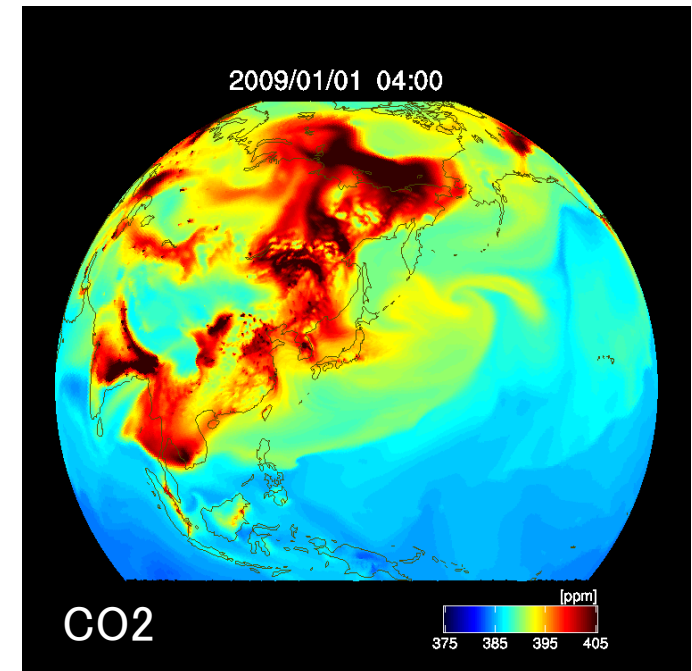
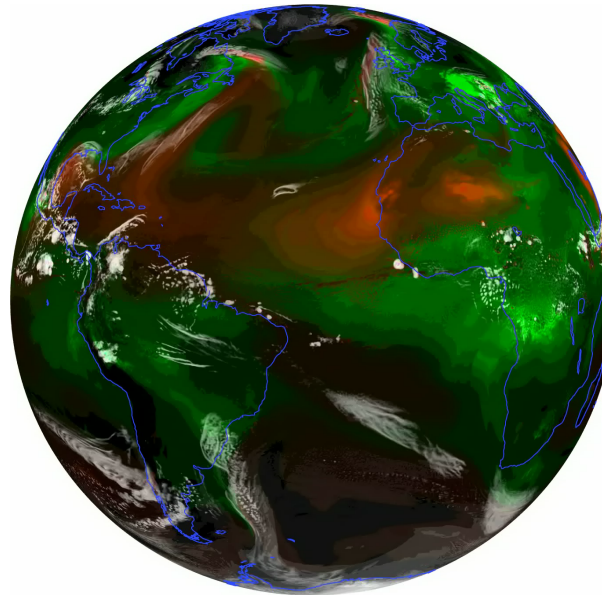
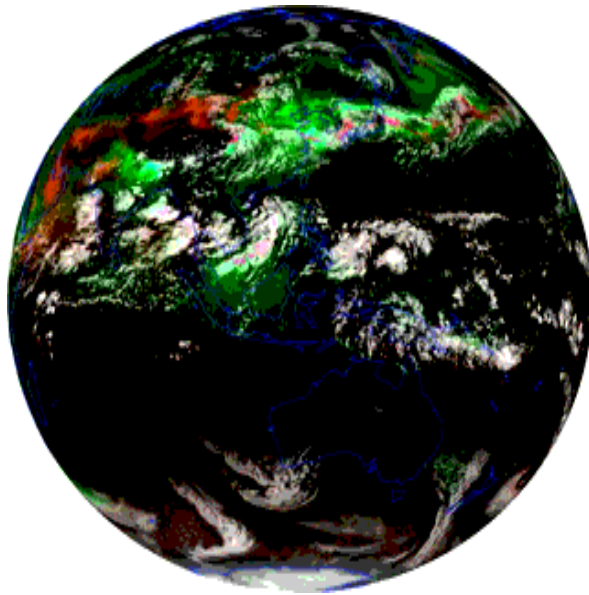
# MEXT/RECCA/SALSA Project

Development of next generation atmospheric material transportation models



Stretched-NICAM grid

Use of Nonhydrostatic Icosahedron Atmospheric Model (NICAM) with aerosol, long- and short-lived gas models



7km simulation on the Earth Simulator  
white: cloud, red: mineral dust, green: fine aerosols

- In collaboration with Riken group (Prof. M. Sato and Dr. H. Tomita)
- 10pF HPC - Kei



# Conclusions

- **Good progress in the World Climate Researches**
- **Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)**
- **WCRP Future Directions: Actionable Science**
- **WCRP Grand challenges**
- **Strong activities in Asia (Japan for example) for climate risk studies and applications**