

*Managing Agricultural
Production Variability through
Seasonal Climate Prediction*

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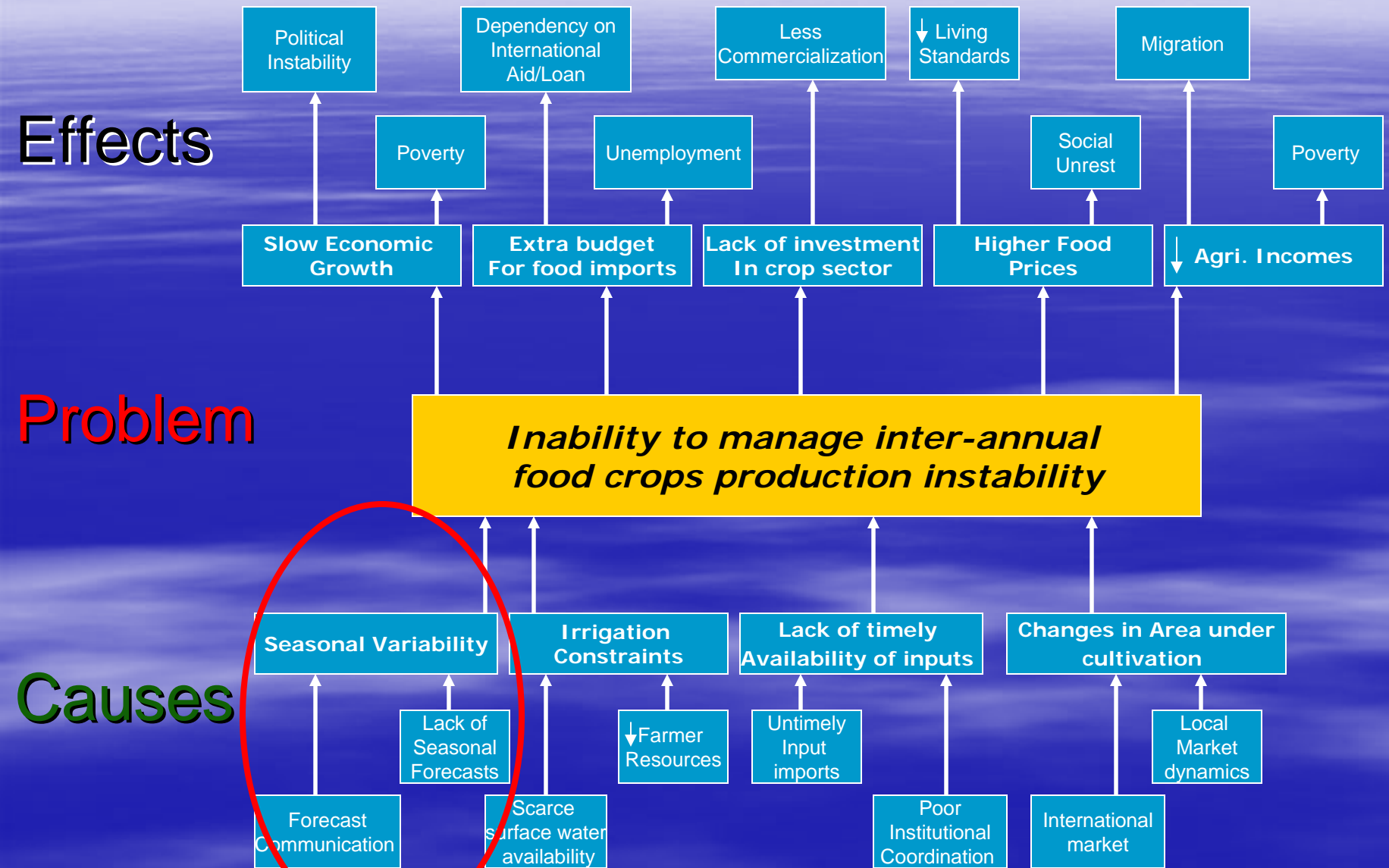
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Prologue

- Agriculture is the engine of growth of Pakistan's economy
- It contributes 24% to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), accounts for 60-70% of country's exports, provides livelihood to 68% of the country's population living in rural areas and employs 42% of the national labor force
- The production instability is a major concern

Problem Scoping



Context

- Agricultural production is inextricably linked to climate variability
- More specifically, the success or failure of a given season's crop is highly dependent on that season's weather
- Climate variability is responsible for more than 50% in production instability
- Global Conversion of areas from food to fuel



Solution – Knowing Unknowns

Problem

Crop Production
Instability

Cause

Seasonal
Variability

Sub Causes

- Lack of
seasonal
Forecasts
- Forecast
Communication

Solution

Knowing
Unknowns

Seasonal
Climate
Prediction

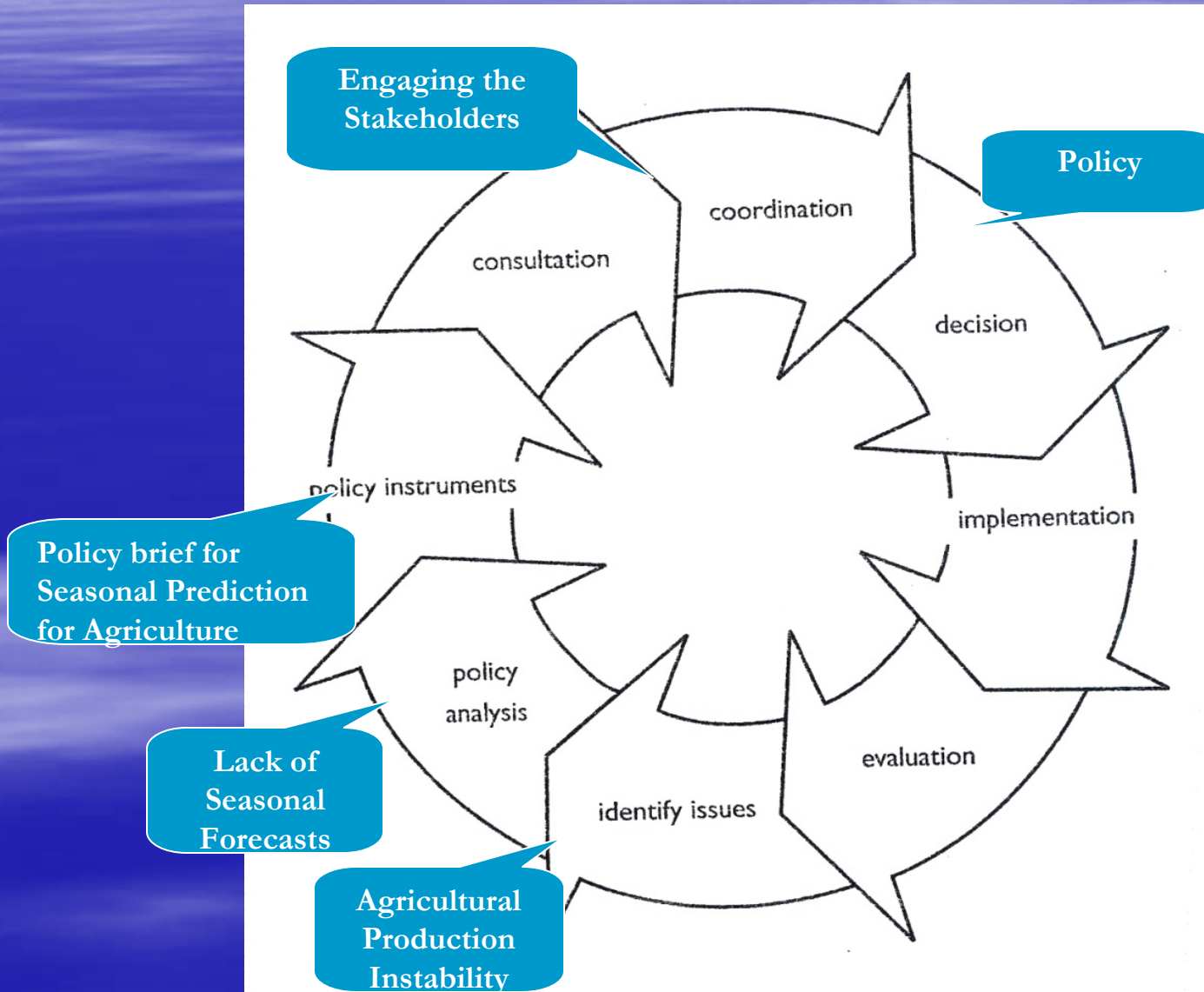
Outcome

Yield
stability

The Challenge – Bridging the Research-Policy



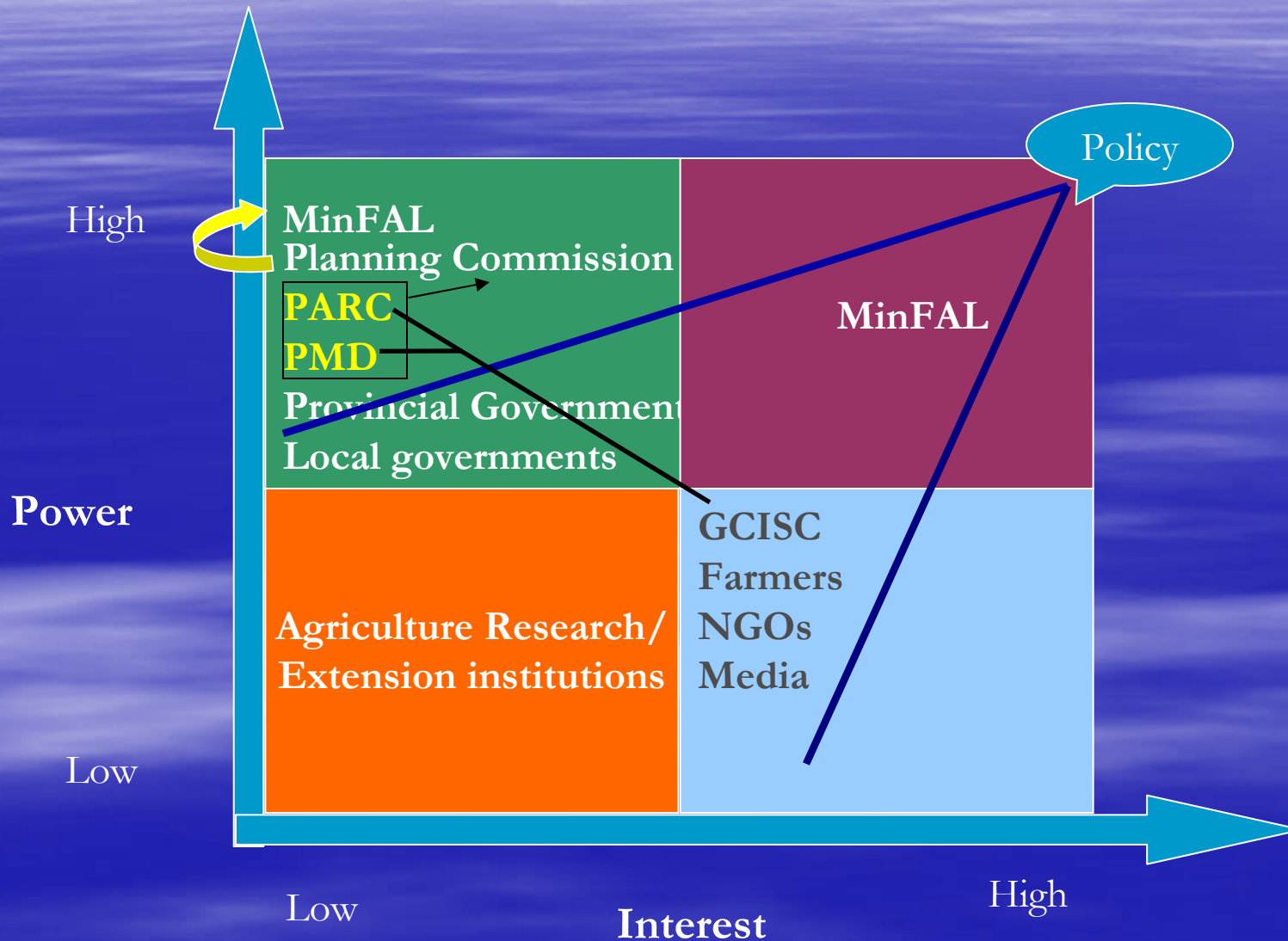
Wheeling the Policy Cycle



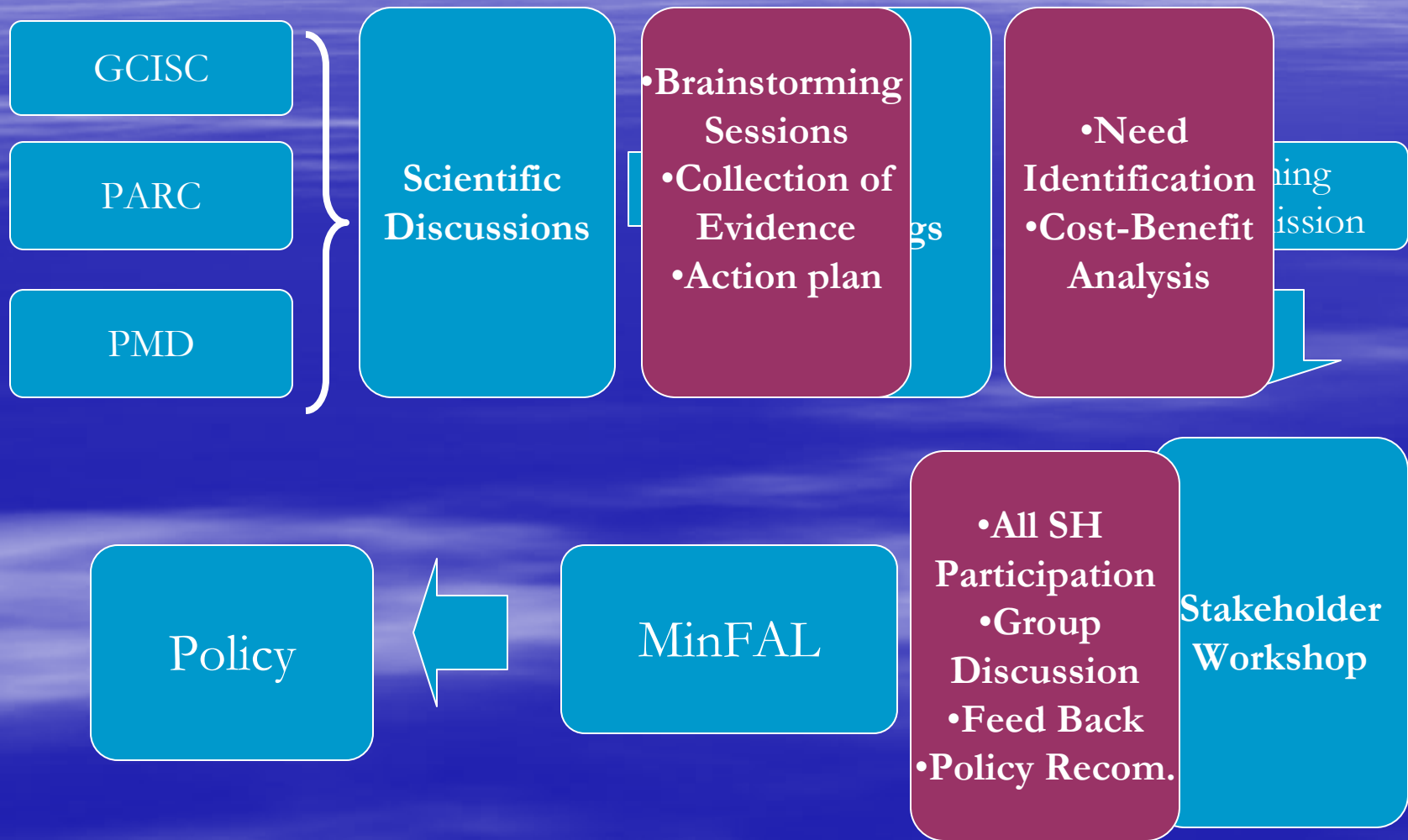
Stakeholders

Public Sector	Private Sector	Civil Society
Min. Food, Agri. & Livestock Planning commission Min. Water & Power Min. Environment Pak Agri. Dev. Bank GCISC PMD SUPARCO Provincial & Local Institutions	Business Associations Professional Bodies Individual Businessmen Financial Associations	Farmers NGOs Media CBOs

Stakeholders' Analysis



Engaging the Stakeholders



Epilogue

- An efficient climate information system requires close collaboration between natural and social scientists and institutions such as academic institutions, government and non-governmental organizations
- Strengthening the institutional basis for the implementation of national risk management policies and programmes

Policy Vision

*An efficient and competitive
sustainable agriculture
ensuring food security
and ability to contribute
to the economic development
and poverty alleviation
in Pakistan*



Thanks

Global temperature change (relative to pre-industrial)

0°C

1°C

2°C

3°C

4°C

5°C

Food

Falling crop yields in many areas, particularly developing regions

Possible rising yields in some high latitude regions

Falling yields in many developed regions

Water

Small mountain glaciers disappear - water supplies threatened in several areas

Significant decreases in water availability in many areas, including Mediterranean and Southern Africa

Sea level rise threatens major cities

Ecosystems

Extensive damage to coral reefs

Rising number of species face extinction

Extreme weather events

Rising intensity of storms, forest fires, droughts, flooding and heat waves

Risk of abrupt and major irreversible changes

Increasing risk of dangerous feedbacks and abrupt, large-scale shifts in the climate system

Global Influences (ENSO, TBO, Interdecadal Variability)

Monsoon Climate
(Annual Cycle)

Adjacent Oceans
• SST
• heat fluxes
• P-E, salinity

Land Processes
• Moisture recycling
• Soil Moisture, P-E
• Land vegetation
• Snowcover

Internal atmospheric processes
• precipitation
• circulation
• clouds and
• moisture

Intraseasonal Variability

Tropical-Extratropical Interactions

Tropical-Extratropical Interactions

Slow system

Fast system

Fast/slow system

Identifying the Stakeholders - Criteria

- Who are the potential beneficiaries
- Who will be adversely affected
- Who has existing rights
- Who is likely to be voiceless
- Who is likely to mobilize resistance
- Who is responsible for the intended plans
- Who has the money, skills, or key information
- Whose behavior has to change for success to be reached