

WRI's National Adaptive Capacity (NAC) Framework



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Points of Departure (1)

- Unfortunately, we will need to be adapting to climate change for a long time.
- Adaptation therefore needs to be an ongoing process, not a goal we achieve.
- Also, we can't know — specifically— what we'll be adapting to.

In this context, building the capacities to be adapting well over the long term is the heart of good adaptation!

Points of Departure (2)

- Ultimately, the most important adaptations are at the household and community levels.
- BUT, policies and institutions at the national level are very powerful at enabling or hindering community-level adaptation

Points of Departure (3)

- There is no one “right” way to adapt

Needs

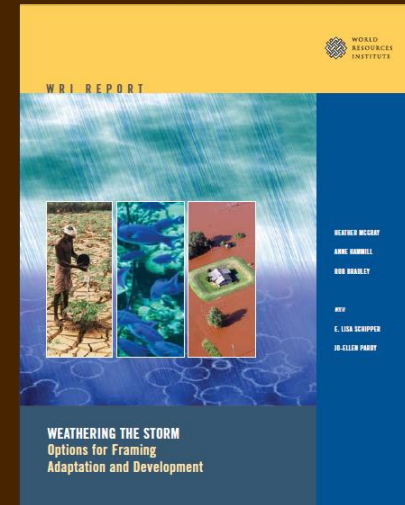
- Understanding adaptive capacity at the national level
- An approach that can be both country specific and broadly applicable
- Answering the question: “Capacity to do what?”

Applications

- Planning
- Monitoring/ evaluation
- Global cooperation and sharing

History (1)

- WRI and partners publish 'Weathering the Storm'- December 2007

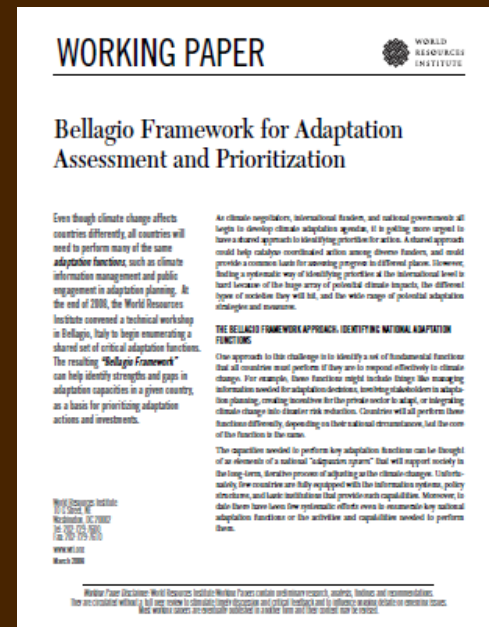


- Workshop in Bellagio, Italy- November 2008



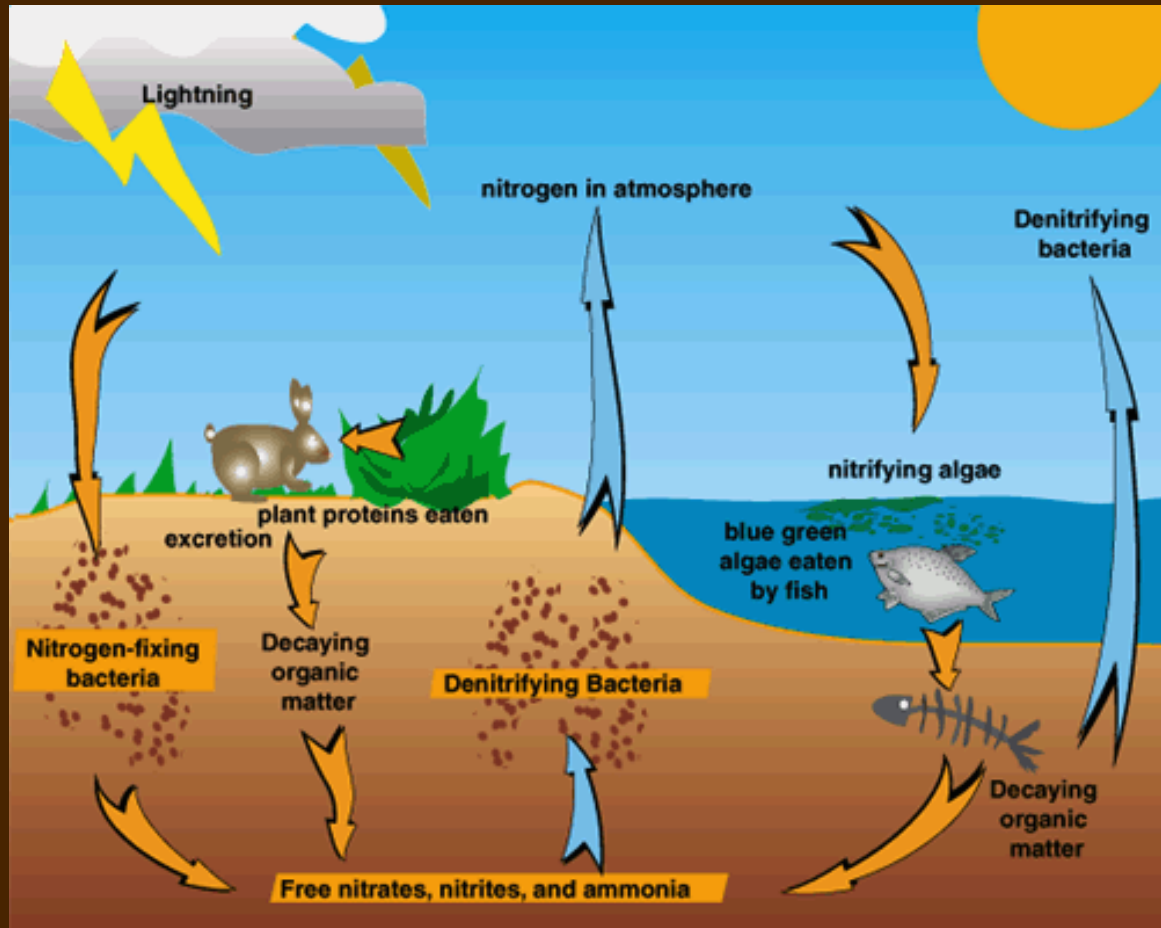
History (2)

- ‘Bellagio Framework’ working paper – March 2009
- Review and revision – March 2009-present
- New Name – NAC: National Adaptive Capacity Framework
- Review meeting, Bangkok, Oct. 2009
- Pilot assessments - Upcoming



The NAC Approach: Adaptation Functions

- Think of your country as having a 'system' for adaptation.



Source: Regents of the University of California (2008)

A National Adaptation System

- System elements include government, business, academia, communities, and other institutions.
- What functions will that system need to perform?
- What capacities must be built to perform those functions?

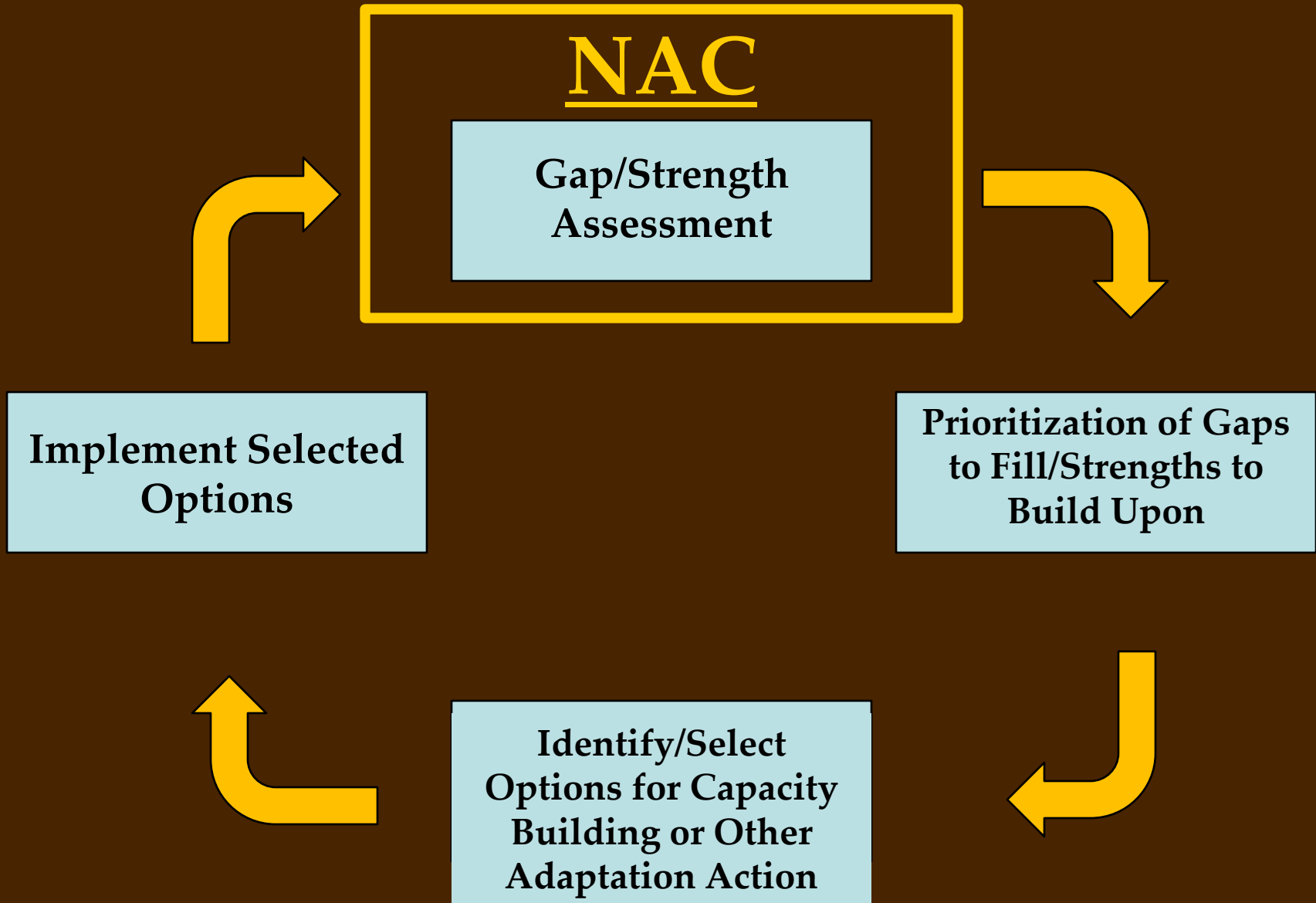
NAC System Functions

Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Assessment•Prioritization
Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Coordination•Aligning Incentives•Information Management
Service Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Infrastructure•Natural Resources•Social Safety Nets

Using NAC for Planning

- How well is our 'system' performing key adaptation functions?
- Are there strengths we can easily build upon?
- Where do we need improvements?

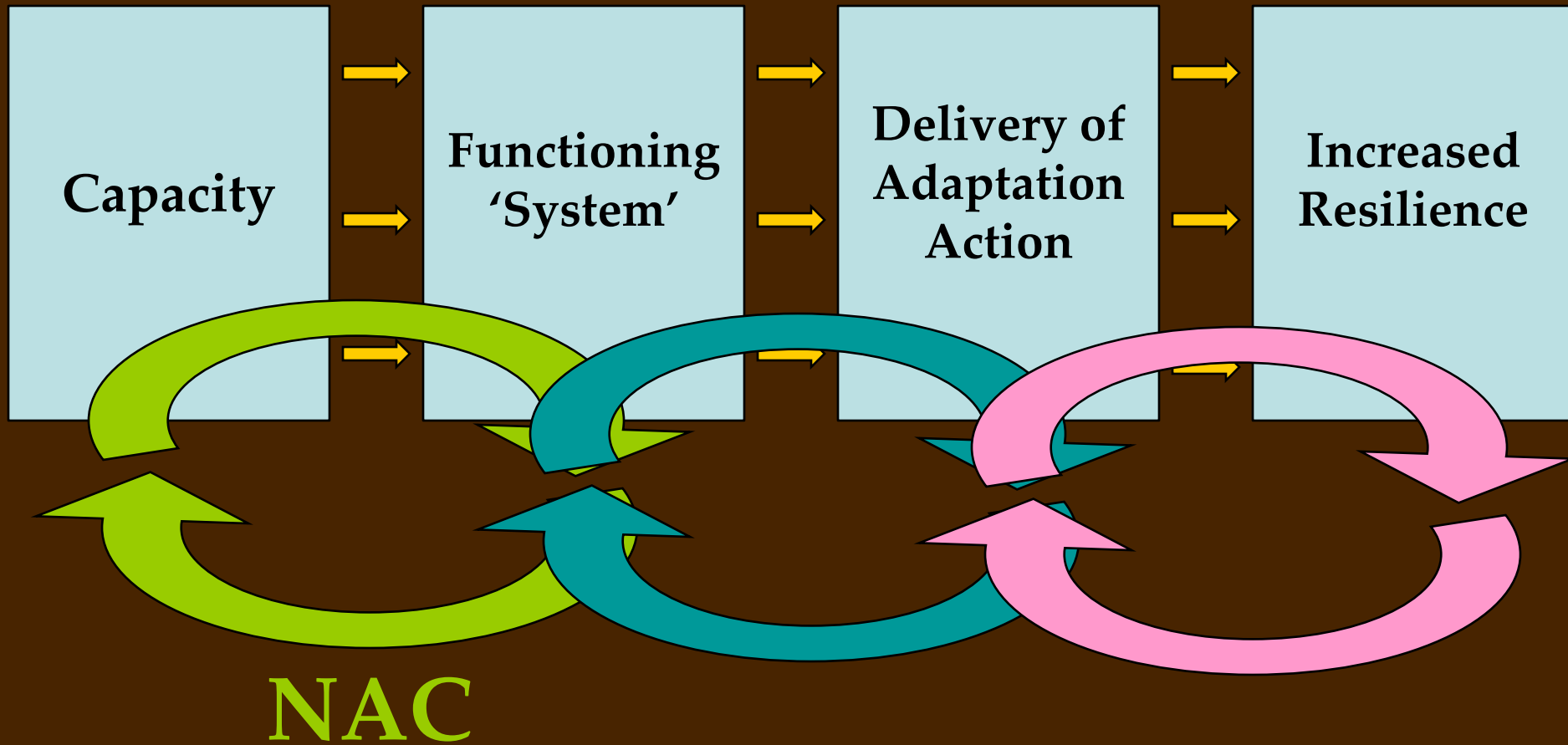
Capacity Assessment in Adaptive Planning



How NAC Works

- Assessment questions for each key function
- Guidance for research and scoring
- Findings provide a 'menu' from which decision-makers select adaptation priorities to work on
- For future development:
 - Guidance on crafting country-specific indicators and targets

From Capacity to Outcomes





Thank you!

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