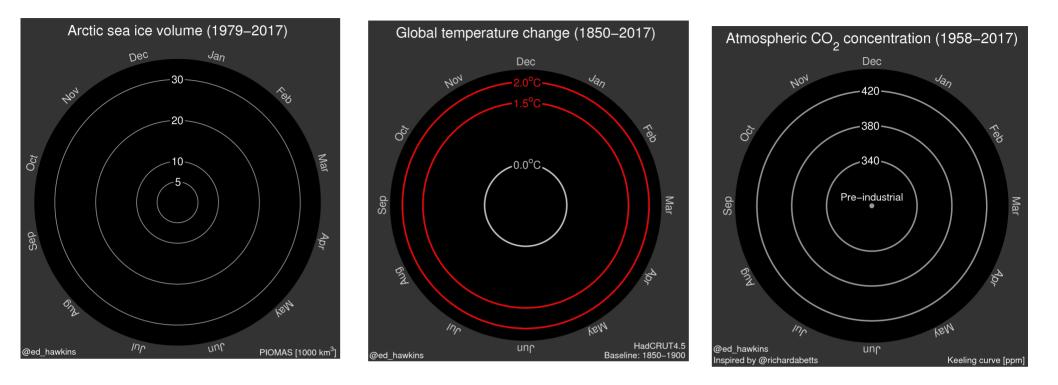
#### Signatures of change



### Change, the only thing that is constant

Based on Prof. B Hewitson talks

A central foundation to responding to climate change is relevant information and understanding of physical changes and baseline attributes of the regional climate system; without this knowledge all one can do is enhance resilience in anticipation of an unknown.

# Concepts about information on climate change

#### 1. Natural variability – there is always some form of change happening

#### 2. Change has different characteristics:

- Scales in space: local, regional, global
- Scales in time: when and how fast
- How it changes: average, extremes, combinations
- What changes: remote parts of the climate (e.g. ENSO) and local feature (e.g. sea level, thunderstorms)

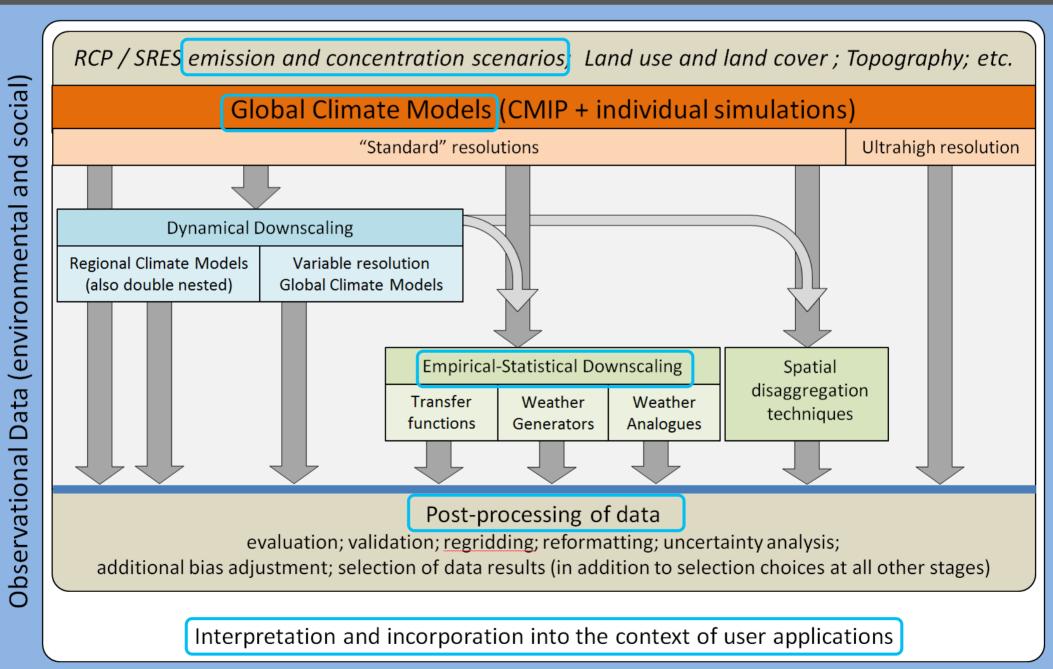
#### 3. More resolution is not equal to more information

#### 4. Sources of data

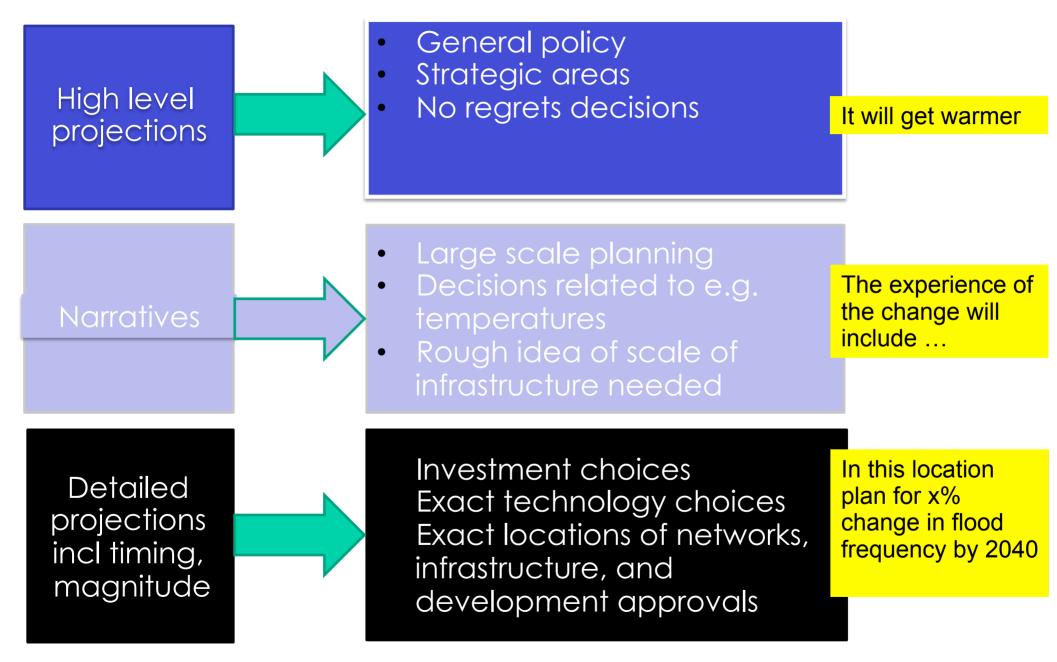
- History (which is not exact)
- Many simulations (how to talk about a future)
- 5. There are different processes for turning data into information
- 6. Evidence needs to be examined (Plausible, Defensible, Actionable)

## A typology of approaches to producing finer scale data ("information?")

#### From climate simulations to application information



### **Different levels of messages**



## WG I

Explore the opportunities to advance our knowledge on regional information to improve our understanding on the climate:

- Ways forward towards providing the required regional information at appropriate scales and
- User needs



# Tell me a story that has meaning in my context!