Workshop on Water and Climate Hanna, Alberta

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Our goal is to have a better understanding of......

- the vulnerability of rural communities to climate induced water problems,
- the roles played by governance institutions in ameliorating the vulnerability of rural communities.

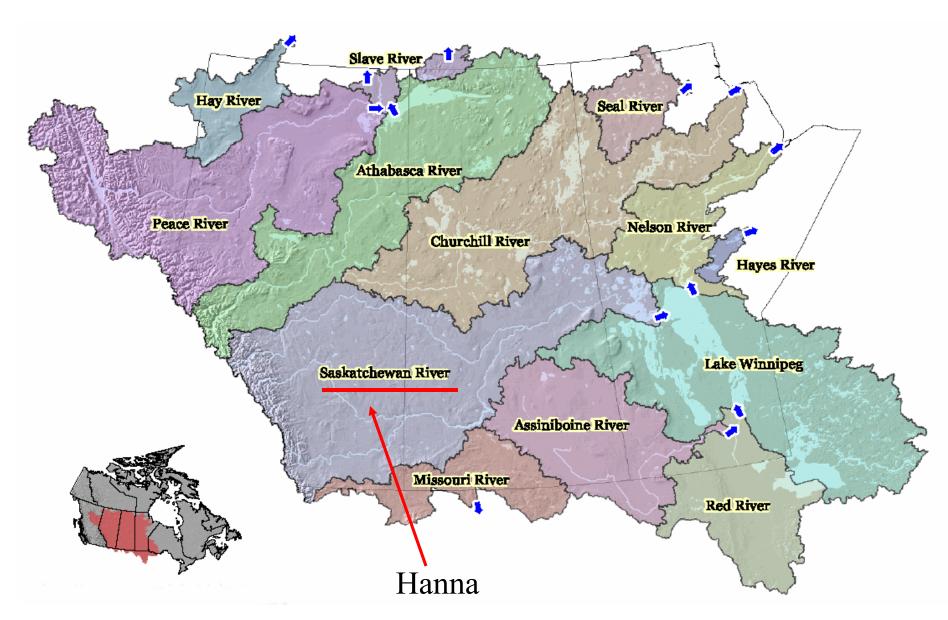
The Institutional Adaptation Project (IACC)

A comparative study of adaptation to climate change in two river basins:

The Elqui Basin, Coquimbo Region, Chile (9,600 km²)

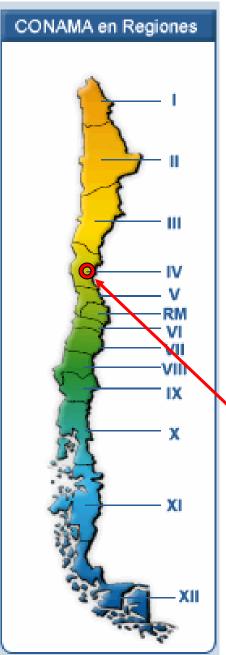
and

The South Saskatchewan River Basin, Canada (420,000 sq. km.)



Source: Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA)





Region IV



Elqui River Basin

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The IACC Project

- A five year (2004-2008) research project supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.
- An interdisciplinary team composed by 30 researchers and research assistants.
- With the partnership of five Canadian universities (Regina, Saskatchewan, Guelph, British Columbia, y Athabasca), a Chilean university (the Universidad de La Serena) and a large number of public and private agencies in Canada and Chile, such as PFRA in Canada and the CONAMA in Chile.

Research Objectives

- 1.To identify the current and past social and physical vulnerabilities of rural communities related to climate problems and water resource scarcity in the two basins (2004 2007);
- 2.To identify future climate change scenarios (2005-2007); and
- 3.To assess the current and past vulnerabilities of communities in the context of future climate change conditions (2008).

The purpose of the workshop

- 1. To consult with water stakeholders about climateinduced water issues, with some discussion of future scenarios
- 2. To ask for guidance from stakeholders on assessing the challenges and needs that face water institutions, today and with future scenarios
- 3. To provide information to stakeholders about the Institutional Adaptation to Climate Change project

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