

The Institutional Adaptations to Climate Change (IACC) Project

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The IACC Project

The IACC project is a collaborative, multidisciplinary research initiative that integrates a group of approximate 30 scientists in the research process.

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The relevance of the project

- Climate change is one of the most significant global changes faced by humanity and the efforts to reduce this change have been limited.
- It is necessary to organize ourselves to manage the risks and opportunities of climate change.



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The goal of the IACC Project

To develop an understanding of the abilities of institutions to create and implement effective adaptation strategies in the face of the expected climate change risks in the South Saskatchewan River Basin (Canada) and the Elqui River Basin (Chile).



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In this perspective our focus has been on.....

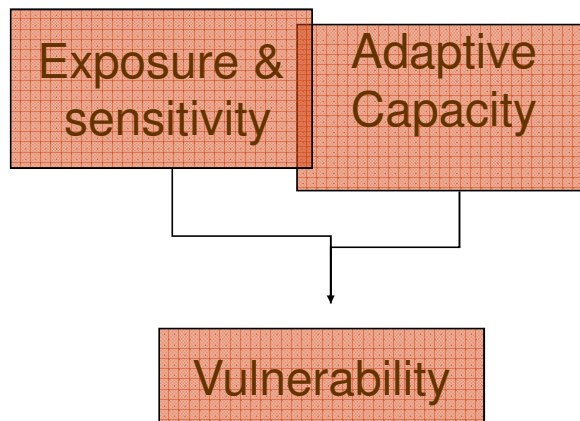
- The processes that define the present and past adaptive capacity of rural communities
- The governance processes that could help to increase that adaptive capacity in the context of the future climate changes



from the perspective of vulnerability.....

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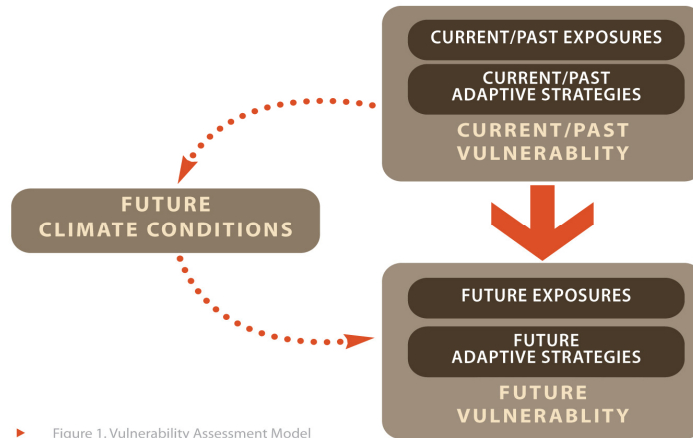
The perspective of vulnerability



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IPCC, 2001;; Smit and Wandel, 2006; Wall et al, 2007

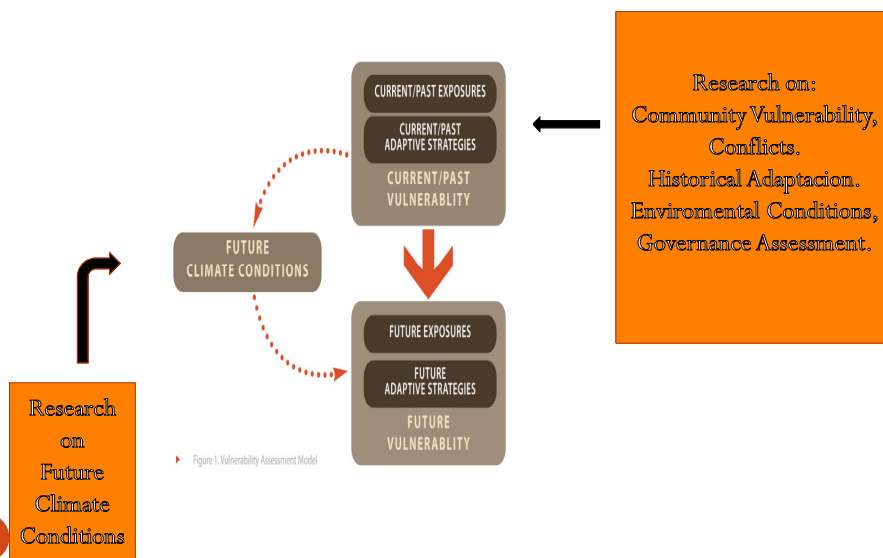
The vulnerability approach



▶ Figure 1. Vulnerability Assessment Model

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How have we organized the project?



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