



Bridging the Gap: experiences of communicating climate information for decision- making

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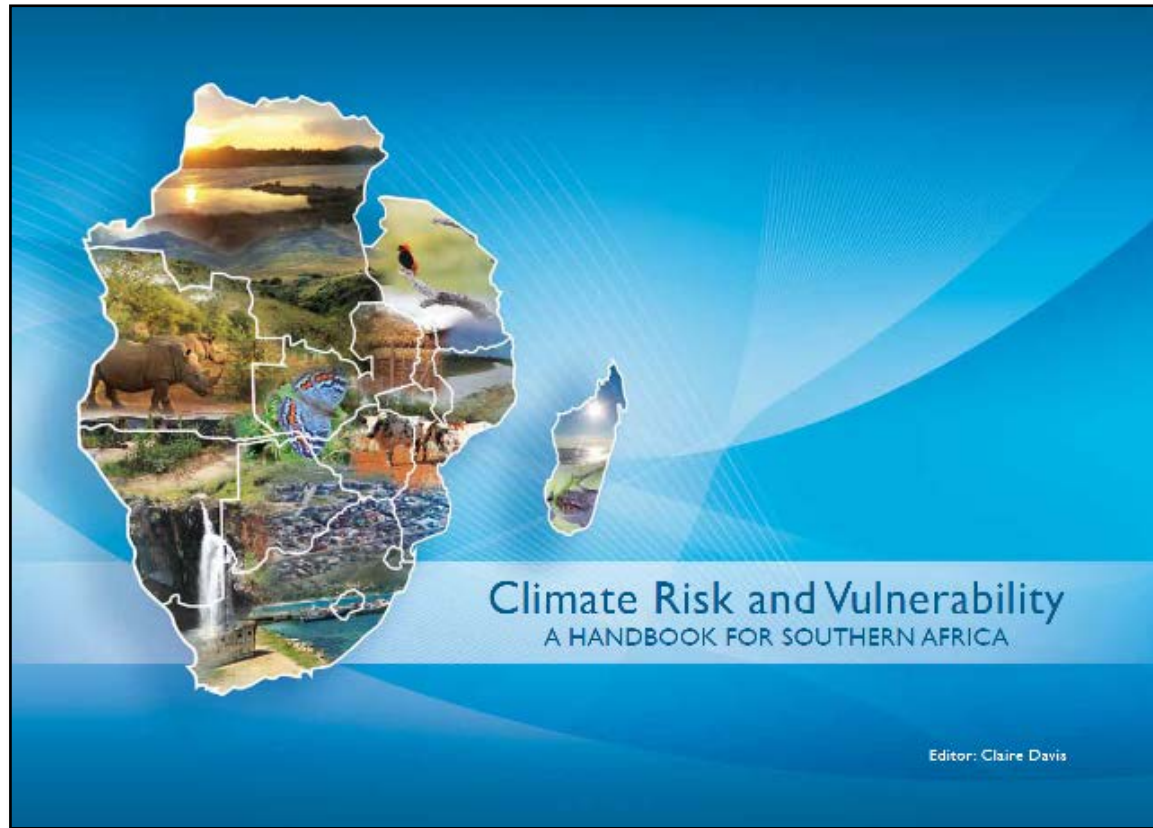




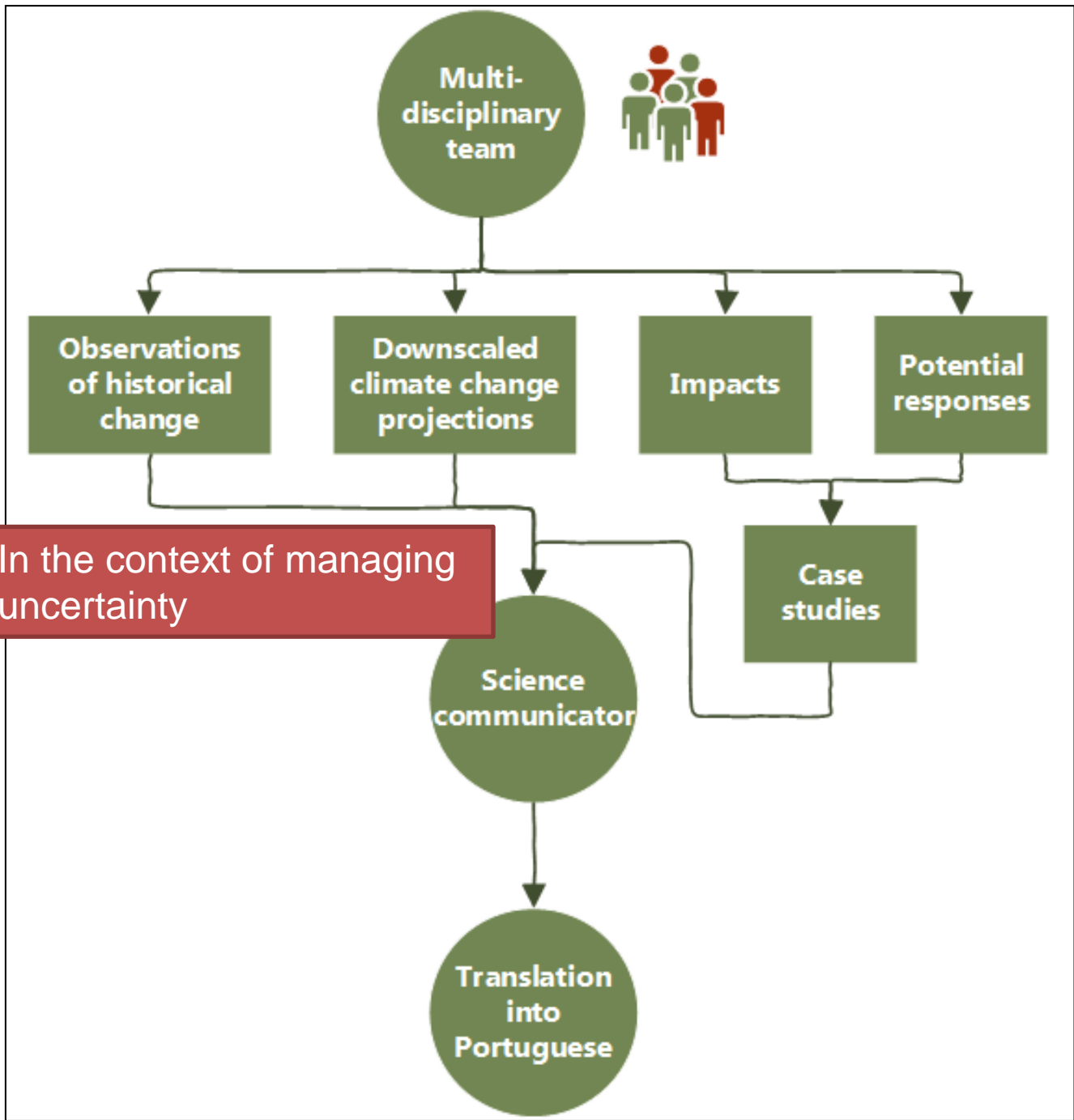
The Gap

- Need to effectively communicate climate change information to end users to ensure climate resilient development
- **SADC Secretariat:**
 - Improved planning under climate change
 - Access to climate change information in a format that is appropriate to their decision-making
- **ACC2013 Statement:**
 - “Improved and more effective communication between climate science and policy”

Handbook



“Equipping decision makers in southern Africa with up-to-date information, appropriate for country-level planning, on the impact and risk of climate change and variability”



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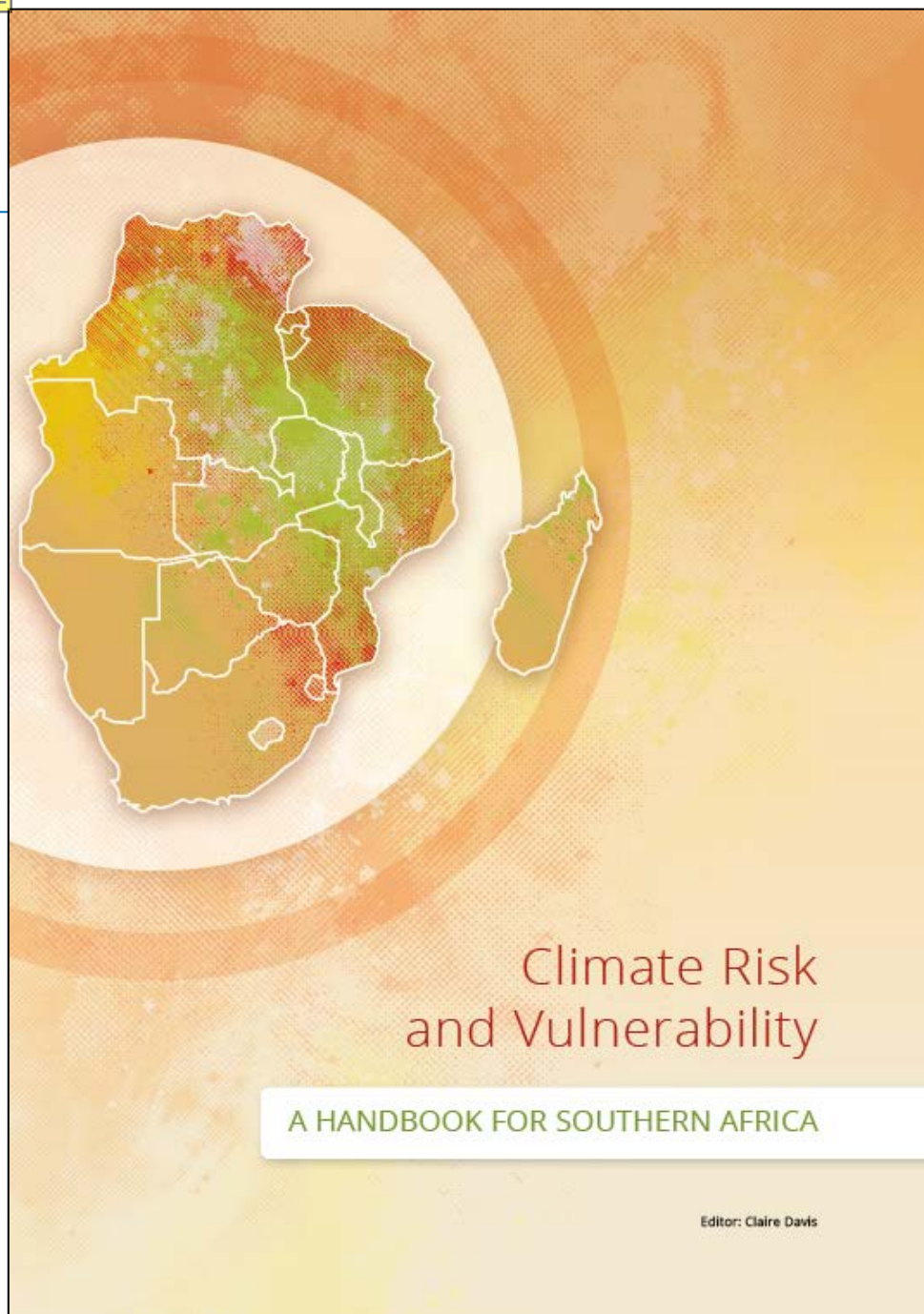
- Helped support SADC level engagement:
 - SADC Climate Change Think Tank in early 2012
 - SADC Climate Change Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Response Framework (drafted 2011; currently in finalization)
- Information provided in training courses has begun to assist long-term planning in the region



Lessons Learnt

- Effective response to climate change requires:
 - Reliable, understandable, and timely climate-related information tailored to user needs
 - Good information systems and services
- Understanding that most decision makers will need to make choices in the context of other responsibilities, competing priorities, and resource constraints
- Workshop fatigue in SADC
 - Substantial challenges to overcome in order to successfully engage stakeholders

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