

Linking Climate Change Vulnerability and Risk Assessments and Asset Management

AMOntario Climate Change and Asset Management Conference

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Climate Risk Institute**

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Nipigon River Bridge
CBC News, 2018



Forest fire near Pikangikum First Nation
CBC News, 2019



Nipigon River Bridge Failure
Ministry of Transportation, 2016



Highway 607 in French River
CTV Northern Ontario, 2019

---Founded in May 2019 with 18 years of organizational experience

-----Non-profit corporation, academically affiliated

-----Mobilize knowledge, improve capacity, and enhance adaptation action and climate resiliency

-----Education and outreach, training, vuln and risk assessment, adaptation planning, policy evaluation



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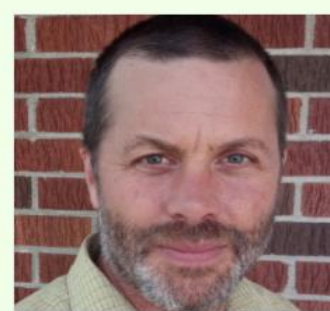
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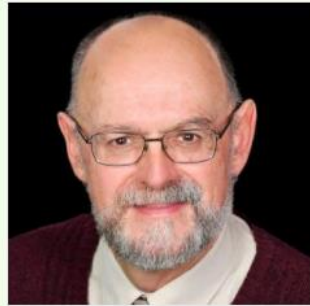
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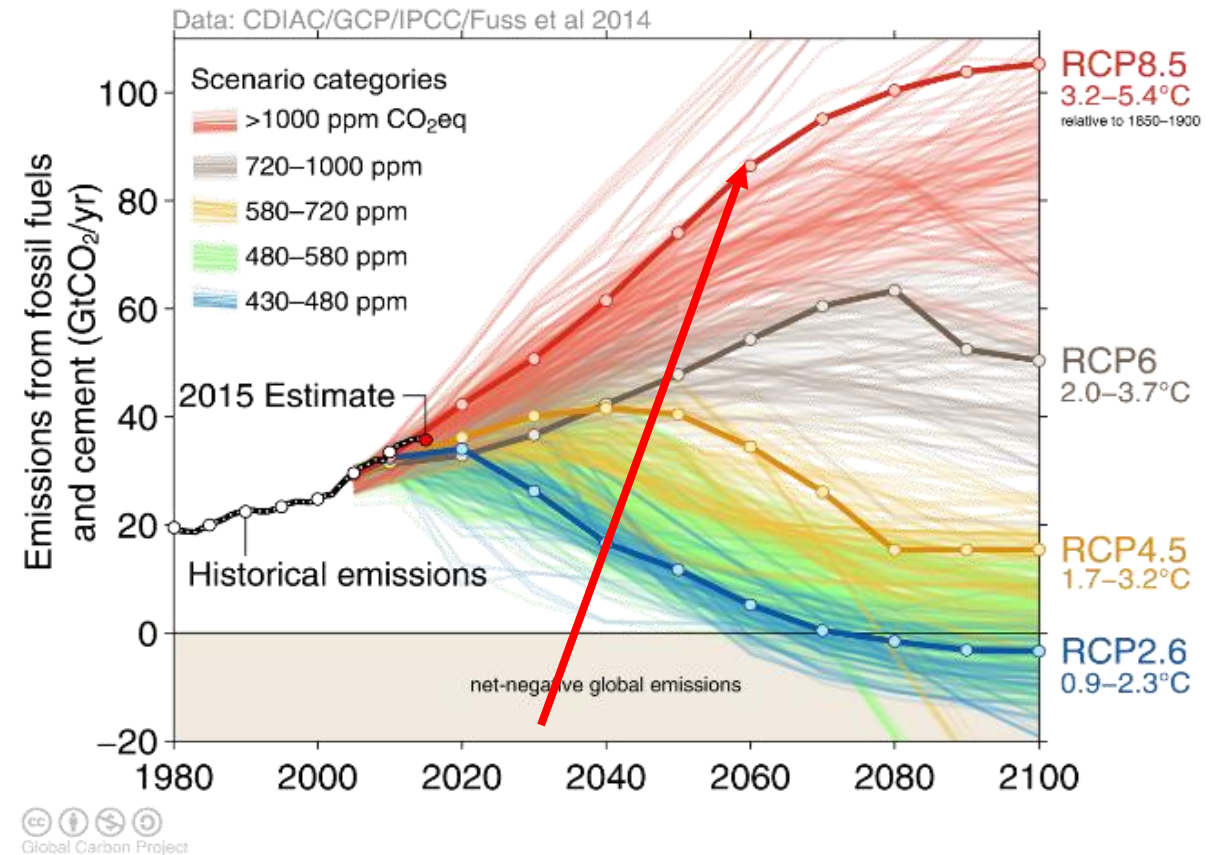


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Pathways

- Representative Concentration Pathways are “**representative**” of possible future greenhouse gas concentration scenarios.
- AR6 - Shared Socio-economic Pathways show how global society, demographics and economics might change over the next century



Impetus - Economics

- GDP could be **25-40% lower** by 2100
- Tipping points - damage on the current trajectory towards 3.7°C is calculated as **\$550t**
- Many risks may be **uninsurable**

Chief Risk Officers (CRO) Forum, 2019



Government-Level Cost-Benefit Ratios

Investing **\$1** in prevention results in avoided costs of...

\$4

from investments
in improved
resilience

Source: [Global
Commission on
Adaptation](#)

\$5

from governments'
climate resilience
investments

Source: [The
Economist](#)

\$6

from hazard
mitigation
investments

Source: [US National
Institute of Building
Sciences](#)

\$6

from disaster
mitigation
investments

Source:
[Federation of
Canadian
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related to the
(prevented!)
1997 Winnipeg
flood alone

Source:
[Government of
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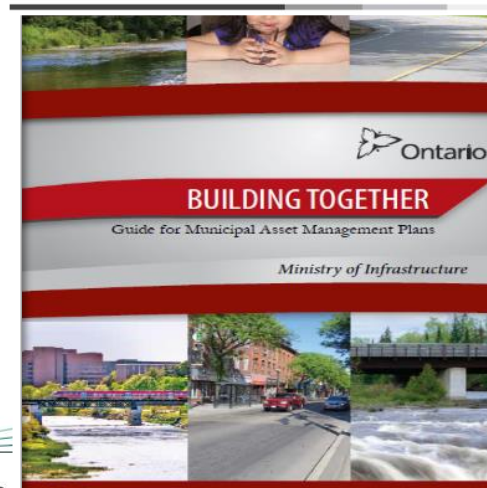
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Impetus – Policy and Regulations

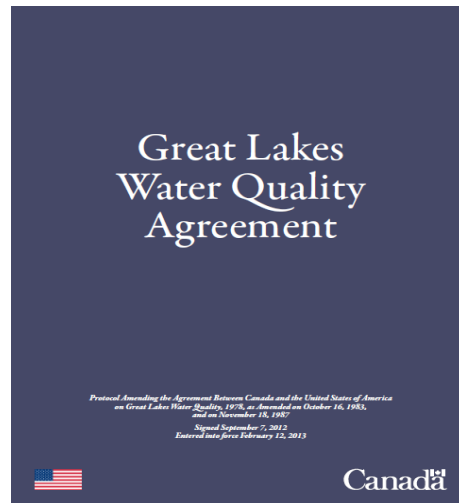
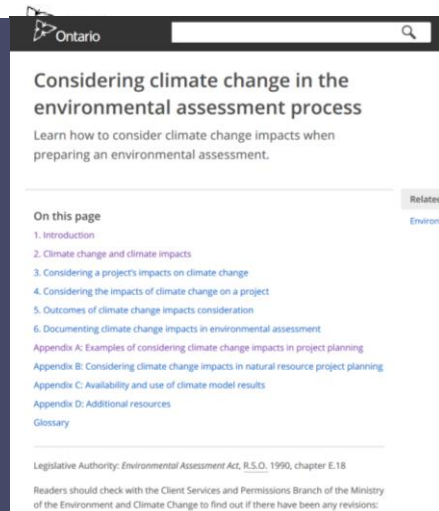
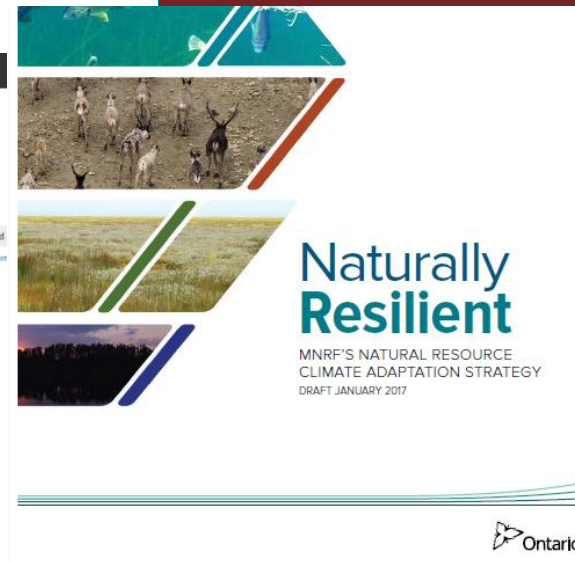
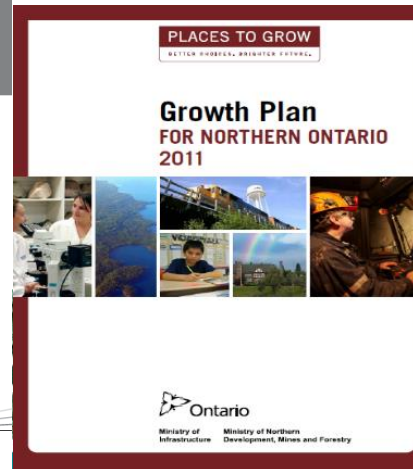
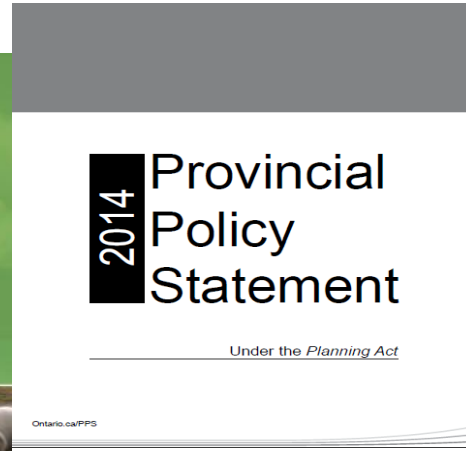
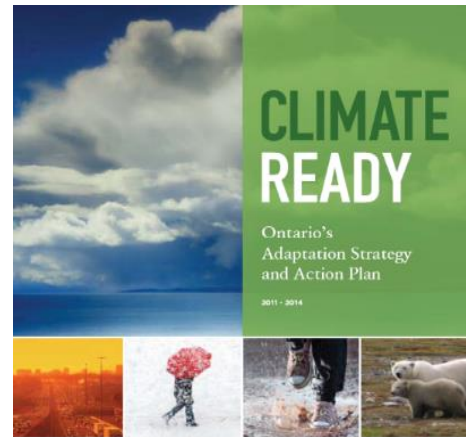


The Ministry of Infrastructure
Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation
(O. Reg. 588/17)

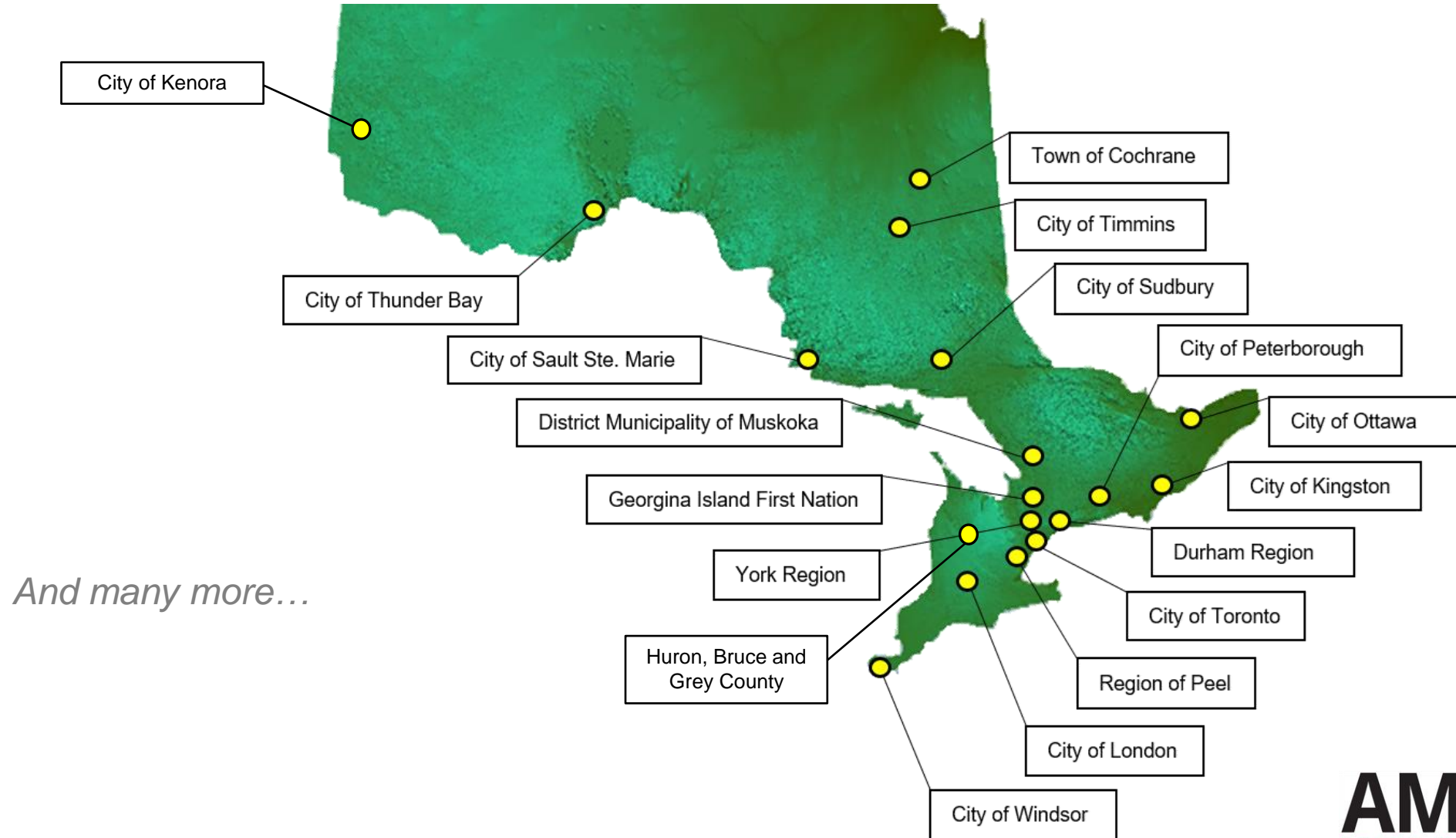
Climate Lens
General guidance
Version 1.1 - June 1, 2018



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Municipal Adaptation is Happening in Ontario



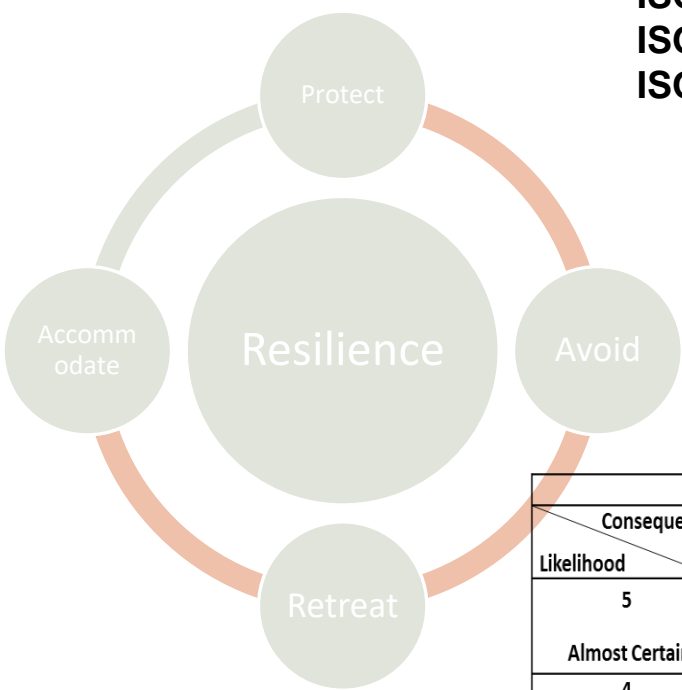


ADAPTATION: actions that increase built, social, or natural capacities to better withstand the impacts of climate change.

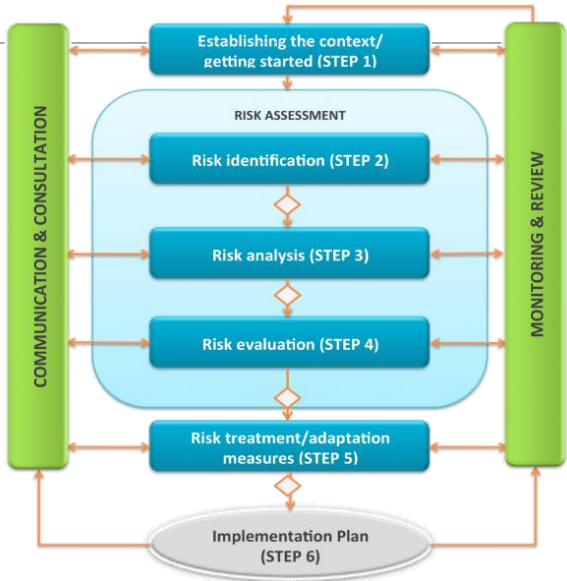


Process to Assess Risk – Tools and Frameworks

PARA for flood risk

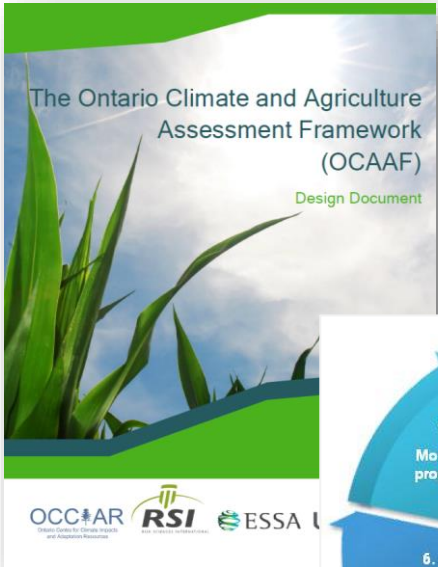


ISO 31000:2018
ISO 14090:2019
ISO 14091



Event Risk Rating					
Consequence	1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood	Minor	Low	Medium	High	Major
5 Almost Certain	Medium (5)	Significant (10)	Significant (15)	High (20)	High (25)
4 Likely	Medium (4)	Medium (8)	Significant (12)	High (16)	High (20)
3 Possible	Low (3)	Medium (6)	Significant (9)	Significant (12)	High (15)
2 Unlikely	Low (2)	Low (4)	Medium (6)	Significant (8)	Significant (10)
1 Rare	Low (1)	Low (2)	Medium (3)	Medium (4)	Significant (5)

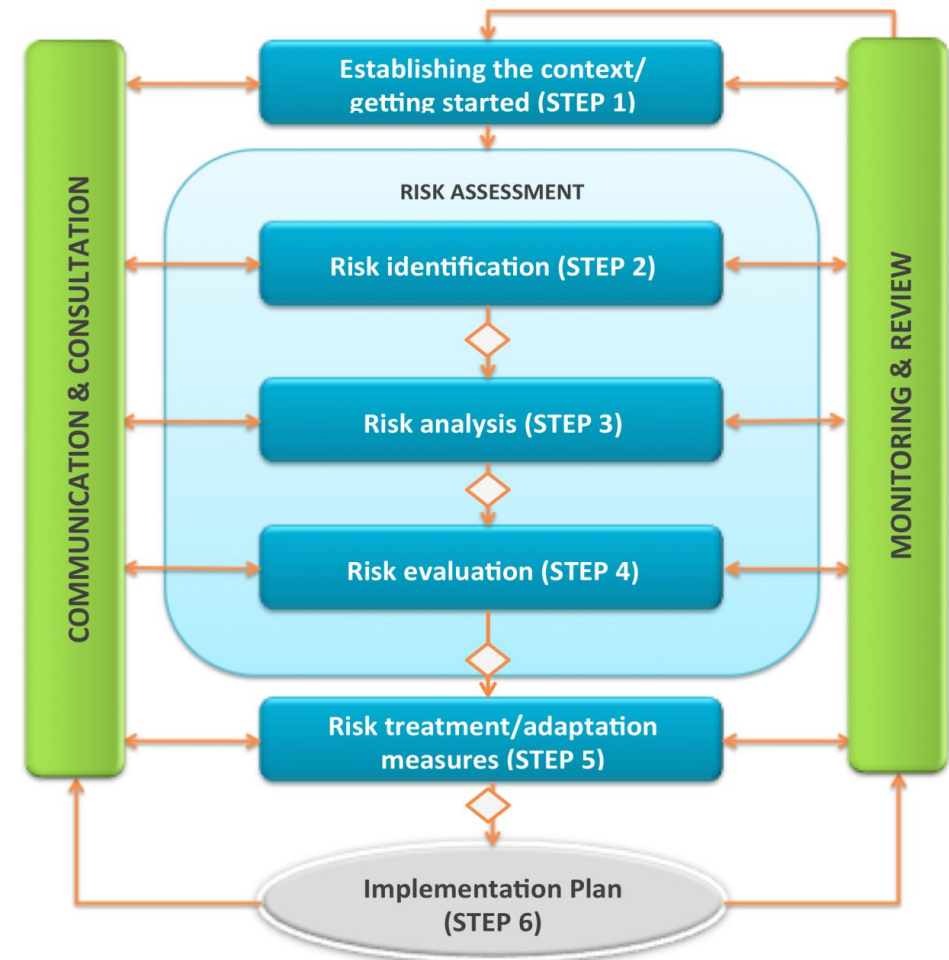
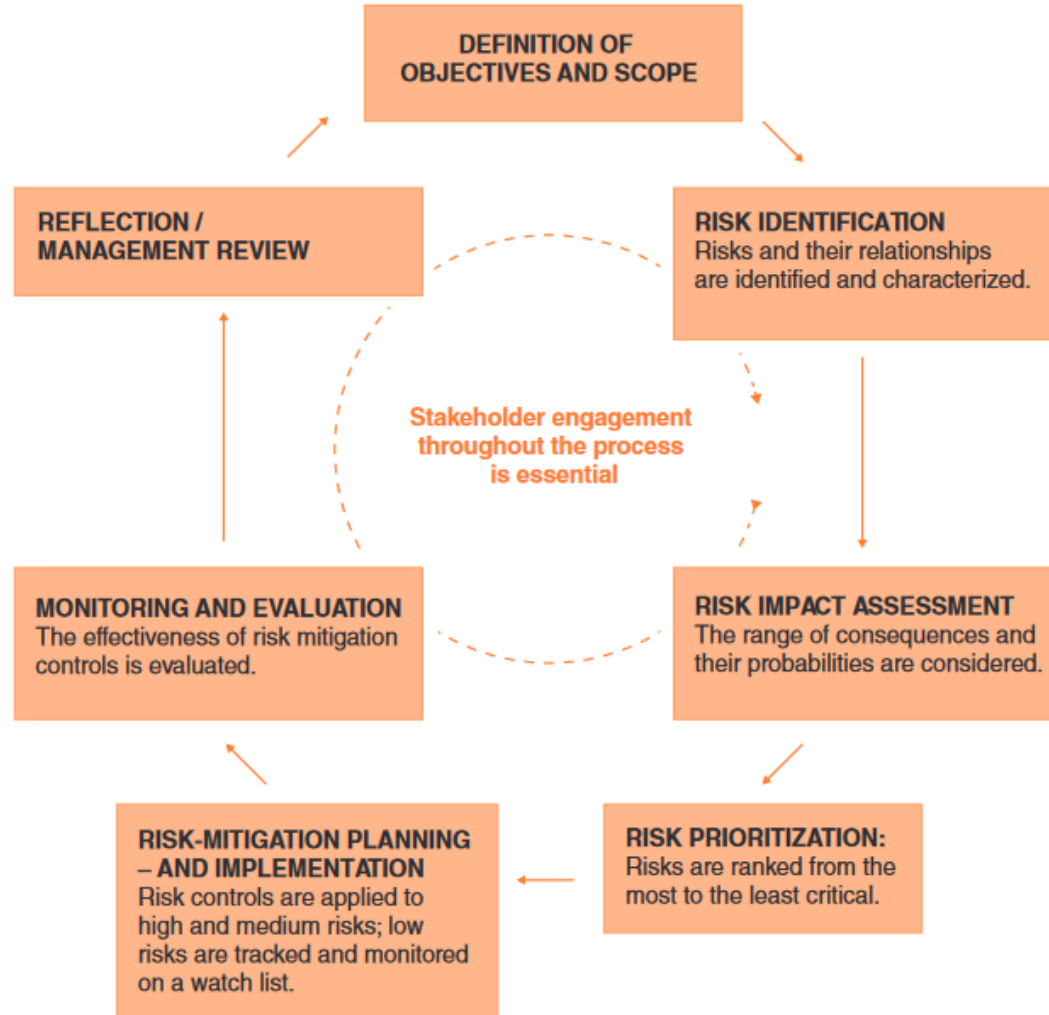
Risk to agriculture



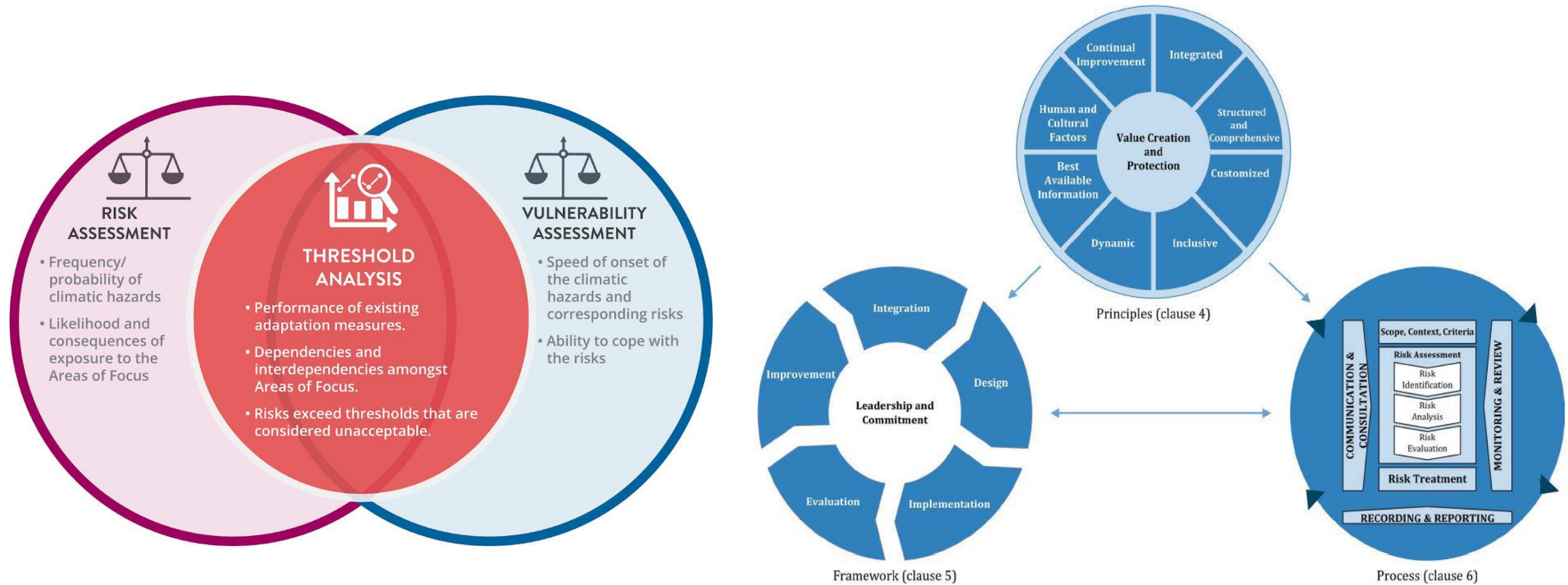
Indigenous Communities

Risk-Management Cycles

Compare with ISO31000 Framework...



ISO 31000:2018 Guidelines for Risk Management and ISO 14090: 2019-6 Adaptation to Climate Change - Principles, Requirements and Guidelines



Transparent, Systematic, Consistent

Defining Metrics for Risk Assessment Components

WHAT IS THE FREQUENCY/PROBABILITY OF THE CLIMATIC HAZARD?		
Score	Category	Definition(s) – Design with the Ministry
16	Frequent	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For quantifiable hazards such as floods, annual frequency (or Return Period) for a specific magnitude event will be utilized (i.e., 1:100 year flood, 1:500 year flood). Climatic hazards, such as growing season, may change over time, so a relative means of measuring the "change" based on confidence levels will likely be utilized.
8	Probable	
4	Occasional	
2	Remote	
1	Improbable	

WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD THE AREA OF FOCUS WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE CLIMATIC HAZARD?		
Score	Category	Definition(s) – Design with the Ministry
16	Very High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can be measured objectively, as a % chance if there is sufficient certainty with the analysis? Alternatively, professional judgement and experience can be used to measure this based on answering questions such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has it happened here before? Can/could it happen here? Has it happened before anywhere?
8	High	
4	Medium	
2	Low	
1	Very Low	

CAN THE AREA OF FOCUS ADAPT? IS THERE SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO COPE?		
Score	Category	Definition(s) – Design with the Ministry
16	Always Effective	As the score goes up, it reflects an increase in effectiveness of the adaptation measures, whether they are existing or proposed.
8	Highly Effective	
4	Moderate Effectiveness	
2	Minimal Effectiveness	
1	Not Effective	

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE IMPACT TO THE AREA OF FOCUS?		
Score	Category	Definition(s) – Design with the Ministry
16	Very High	Human Health and Public Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take into consideration the ways in which traditional lifestyles and culture will be impacted and subsequent physical and mental health is altered. Potential Environmental Damage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take into consideration the full range of impacts from short term impacts (full recovery) to irreparable damage/ecosystems cannot regenerate. Disruption to Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take into consideration how long the climatic hazard will disrupt public services, use of a specific asset type or subcomponent of an Area of Focus (i.e., duration of a flood event within a community). Potential for Financial Losses (or gains) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take into consideration both capital and operational losses (or gains), usually represented in \$.
8	High	
4	Medium	
2	Low	
1	Very Low	

Determining the Risk Level

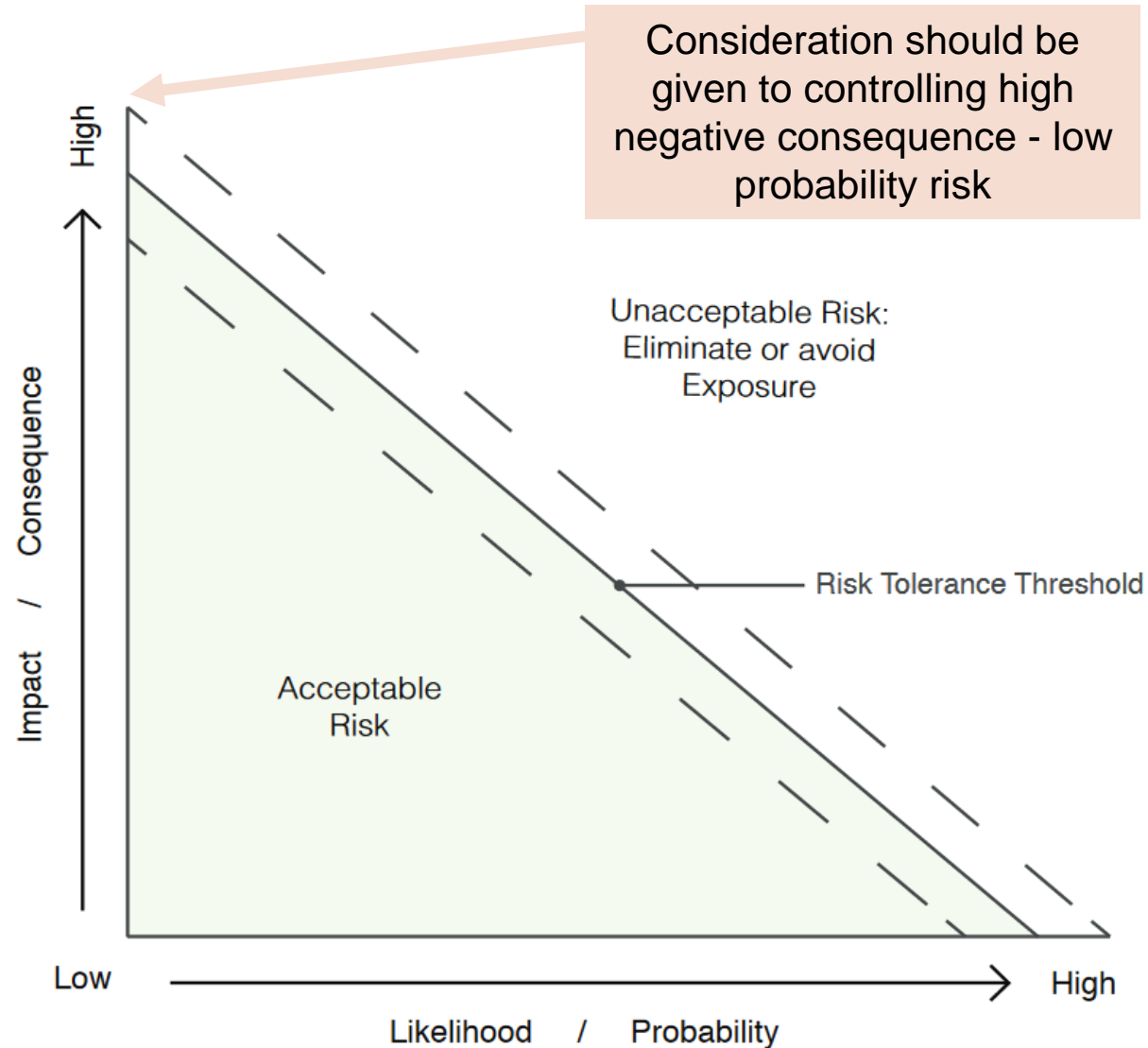
Risk Matrix for Dam Failure Impact Assessment

Consequence severity →		Low	Significant	High	Very High	Extreme
Failure Likelihood ↓		1	3	5	7	9
Certain	11	11	33	55	77	99
Likely	7	7	21	35	49	63
Potential	5	5	15	25	35	45
Unlikely	3	3	9	15	21	27
Rare	1	1	3	5	7	9

Risk Rating		Response
Alert	>32	- Immediate attention required
Caution	21 to 31	- Enhanced monitoring, early DSR, emergency planning required until required repairs completed
Stable	9 to 20	- Regular inspections per CDA, may audit on increased frequency, operations per updated OMS
No concerns	<9	- Regular inspections per CDA to identify any changes

- Determine the consequence of failure and the failure likelihood.
- The matrix helps determine which sites need attention and helps to create a **priority** list.

Risk Mapping



Management's risk appetite (risk tolerance) needs to be understood to control risks to within tolerance levels.

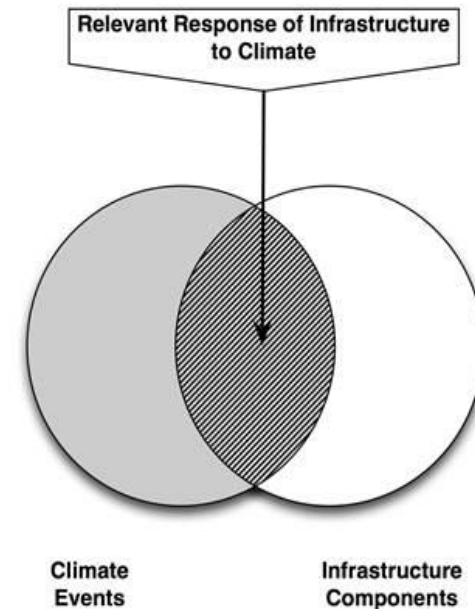
Risks need not be eliminated unless the tolerance level is zero.

PIEVC Engineering Protocol - A Risk Screening Tool

- Five step evaluation process
- A tool derived from standard risk management methodologies
- Intended for use by qualified engineering professionals
- Requires contributions from those with pertinent local knowledge and experience
- Focused on the principles of vulnerability and resiliency



The Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (PIEVC) Protocol was developed by Engineers Canada, with support from Natural Resources Canada, to assist engineers in factoring climate change impacts into plans for design, operation and maintenance of public infrastructure.



Climate Change Risk Assessment and Asset Management

Concept/Component	CCRA	AM
Standardized process	ISO 31000; 14090	ISO 5500, 55001, 55002
Assessment of Impact	Driven by climate hazards	Life cycle, level of service
Economics	Return on Adaptation Investment	Capital and operating; ROI
Dynamic environment	Socioeconomics, mitigation, thresholds	Thresholds, population growth, service expectations
Data and information	Climate change data, critical thresholds,	GIS mapping, inventory, cost
Solutions/Implementation	Adaptation plans and measures	Upgrades, O&M, service
Iterative/Adaptive	New science, risk tolerance and perceptions	Ongoing over time with new assets added
Scalability	Municipality, region, watershed	Interconnectedness, classes
Communications	Public, stakeholders, thematic experts, multi-disciplinary	Interdepartmental, multiple disciplines

Framework and Process

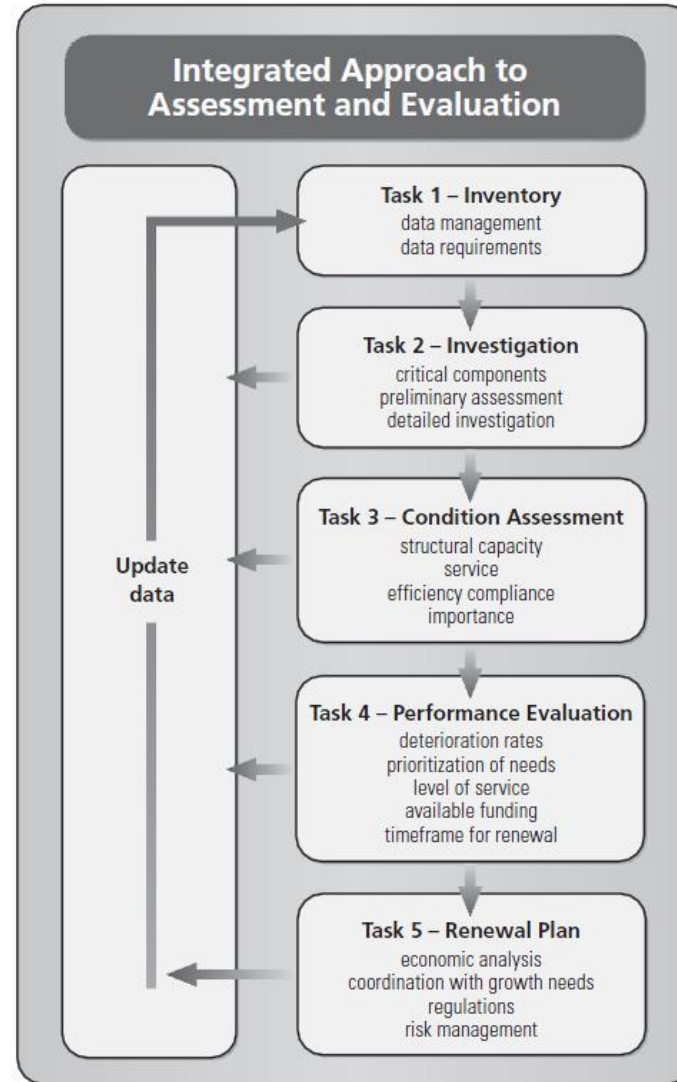
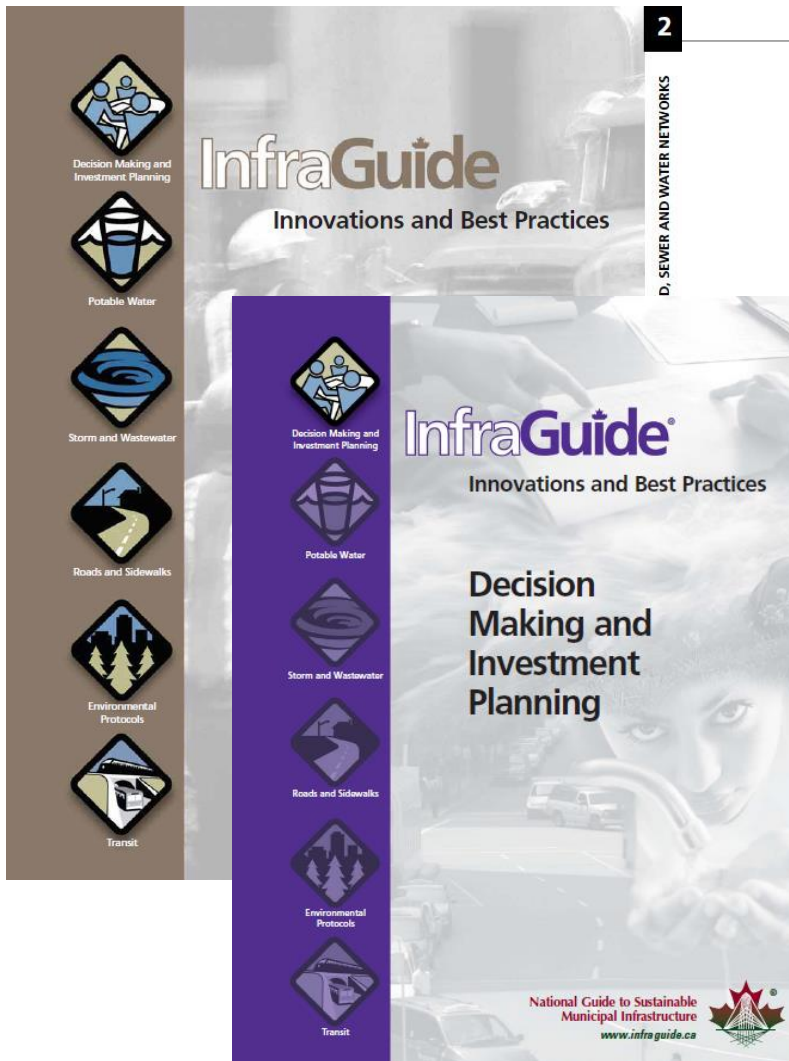
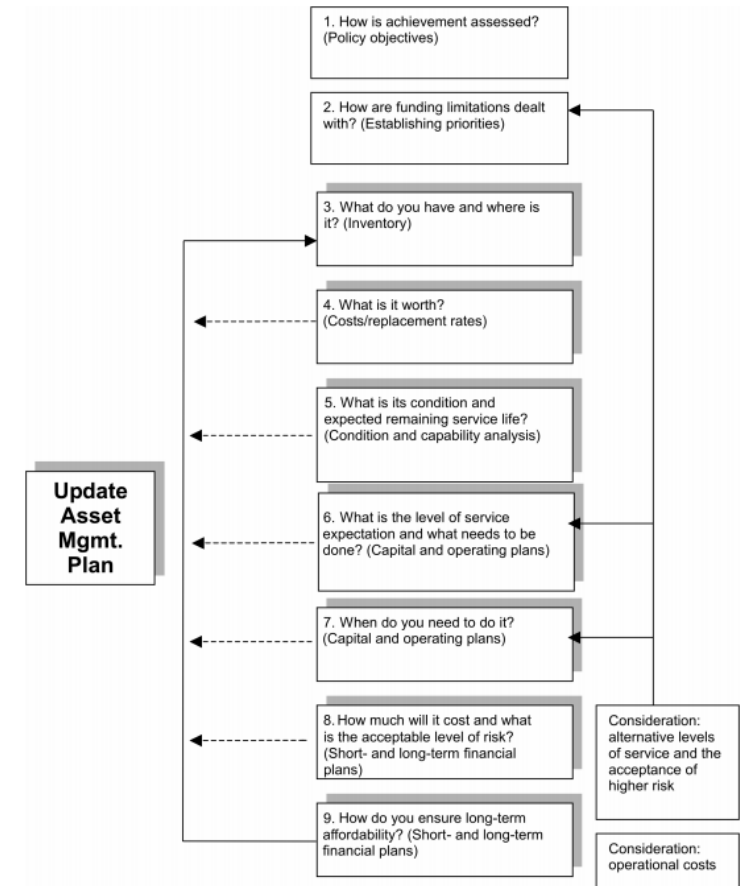
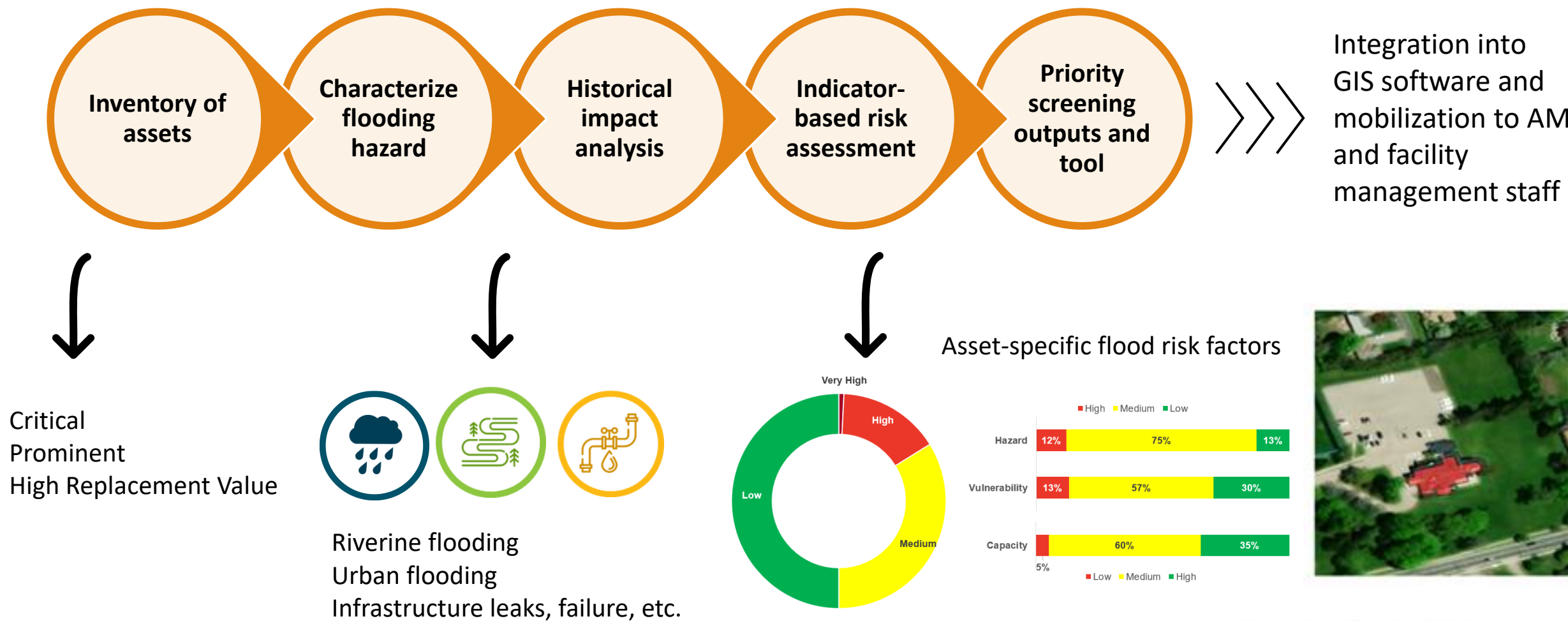


Figure 3-1: Asset Management Planning Framework



Example: Ontario Flood Risk Assessment Outputs for AM



Infrastructure Resiliency Professional - IRP

Course – Asset Management and Climate Resiliency

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NEW course starting March 8, 2021!

The online **Asset Management and Climate Resiliency** course will begin on March 8, 2021.

The course **consists of seven* (7) two-hour sessions delivered through an online video-enabled webinar platform.** *Session 7 will be three and a half-hours in length.

It was designed to fulfill one of the knowledge requirements of the **Infrastructure Resilience Professional (IRP) Credentialling Program**, but it can also be taken as a stand-alone course for professional development credits

Course Fee:

- \$625 plus HST (if pursuing the IRP credential)
- \$475 plus HST (if for professional development only)

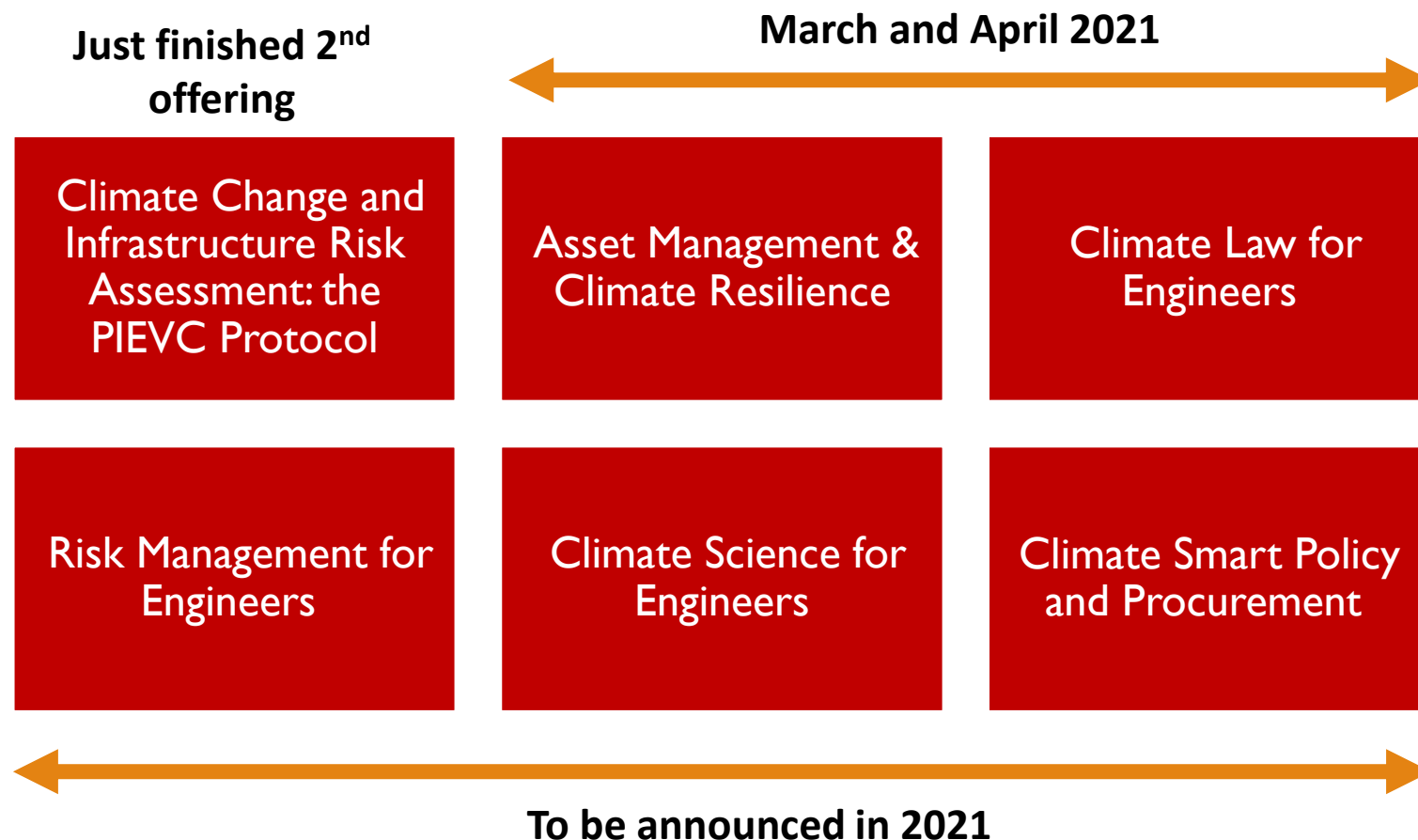
Fees cover course instruction and presentation materials in pdf format. Participants will be provided access to course materials one week prior to the beginning of the Course. This training is intended for individual instruction, not for groups under a single

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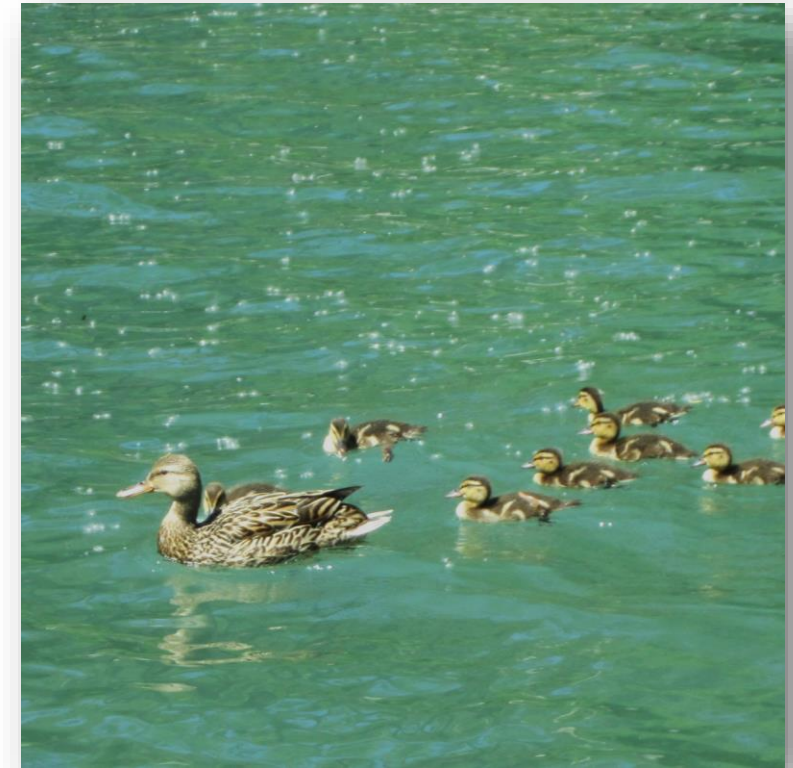
Infrastructure Resilience Professional (IRP) Credentialling Program

Designed to help infrastructure practitioners strengthen the **knowledge** and **competencies** they require to advance more **climate-resilient approaches** for the planning, design and management of infrastructure.



Parting Messages

- Enhanced and continued risk from climate change requires continued planning and action
- Methodical process to assess and manage climate risks occurring
- Synergies between asset management planning and climate change risk assessment
- Iterative in an ever-changing environment



Thank You



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