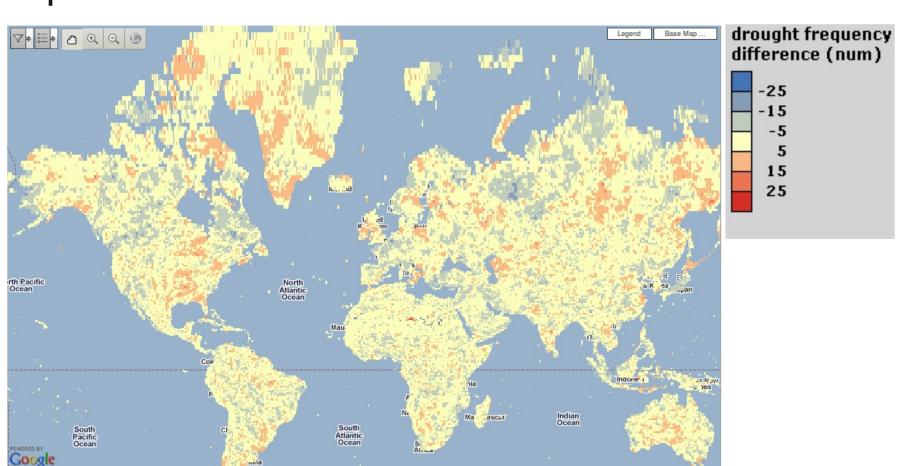


Communication of climate change induced natural hazards with a web platform

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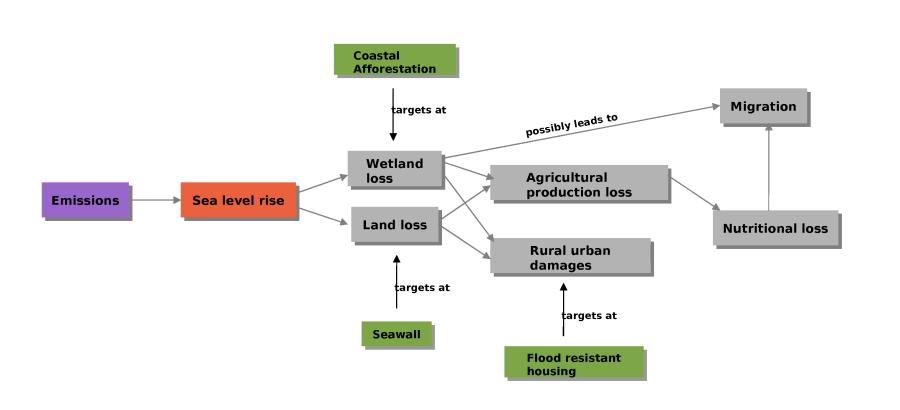
Climate Change Information

- Climate change induces changes in the frequency and severity of weater related hazards.
- These changes will require societies to adapt their systems to the experienced and anticipated climate stimuli.
- Clear communication of possible climate impacts and the related uncertainties are of importance for adaptation processes.



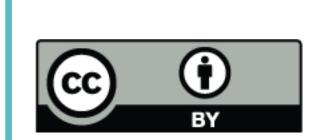
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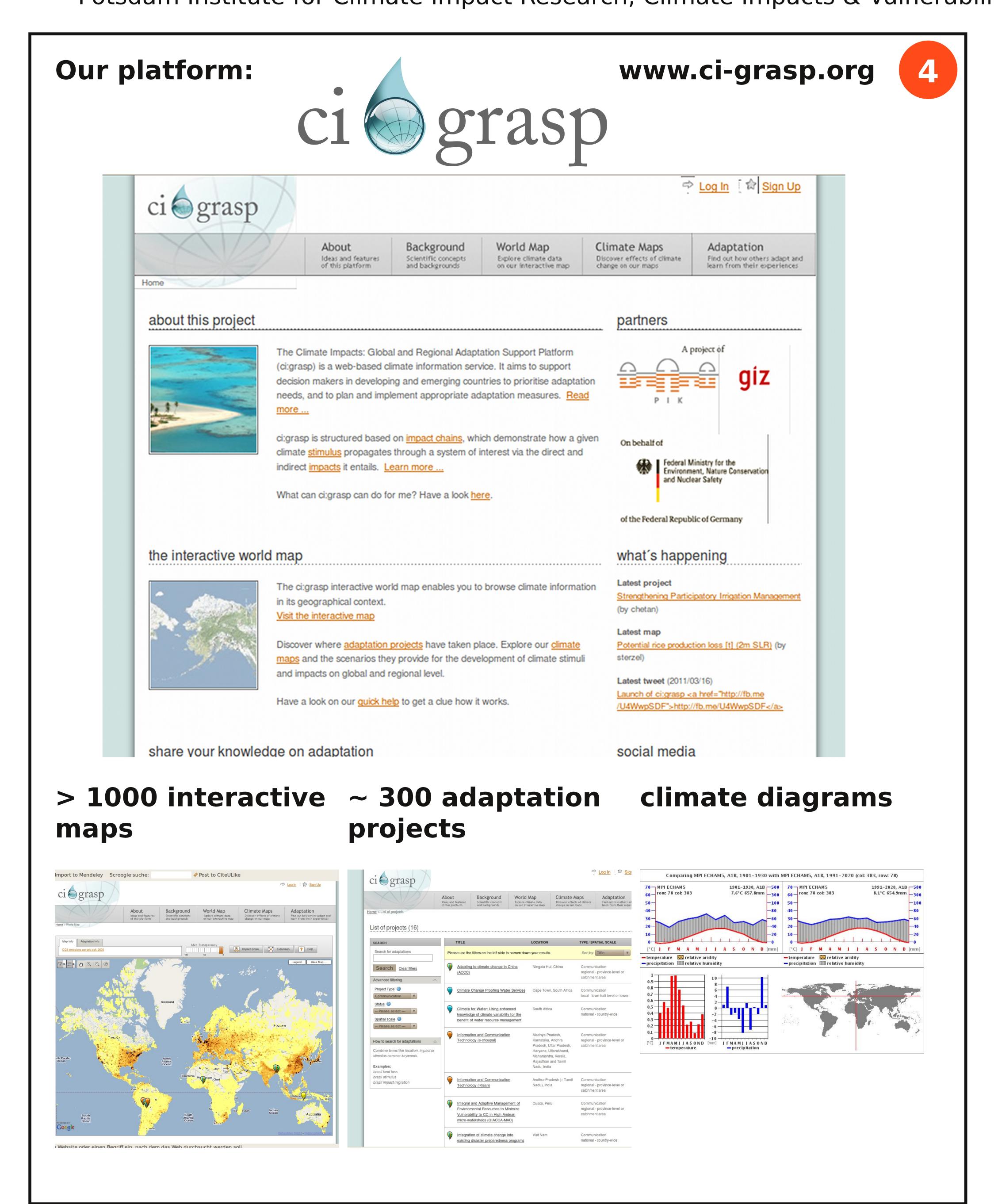




- Drivers possibly lead to a stimulus
- Impacts are triggered by climate stimuli
- Impacts possibly lead to other impacts
- Adaptation measures target at impacts

Broad context on global scale: may need adjustments for specific cases





Challenges to meet

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- 1. Users of web-enabled platforms that provide access to climate change related information are confronted with a considerable degree of external inconsistency concerning user interfaces.
- 2. Existing adaptation platforms differ in how they integrate climate change background information and in how they structure adaptation related information.
- 3. Links between stimuli, impacts and adaptation are often not made explicit, while making this link visible is expected to be useful.
- 4. User participation in the preimplementation phase is the best predictor for usefulness.
- 5. Appropirate communication of climate change and adaptation uncertainties.

User involvement

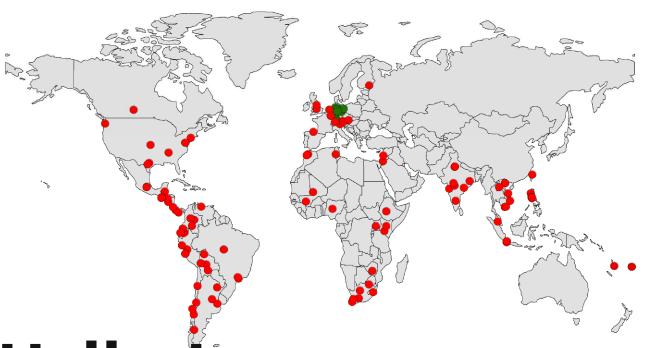


Workshops about climate impacts on developing projects layed the foundation and resulted in a list of specific user requirements.

The platform was **beta-tested** prior to the launch:

About 70% of the testers stated interest to use the platform for their future work. >90% find the content useful.

Distribution of test users worldwide



Conttribute

- Present your adaptation project after registering
- Interesting hazard maps to show on ci:grasp? Get in touch! reusser@pik-potsdam.de