

Climate Change Adaptation in the Caribbean – Enhancing Water Resources Management

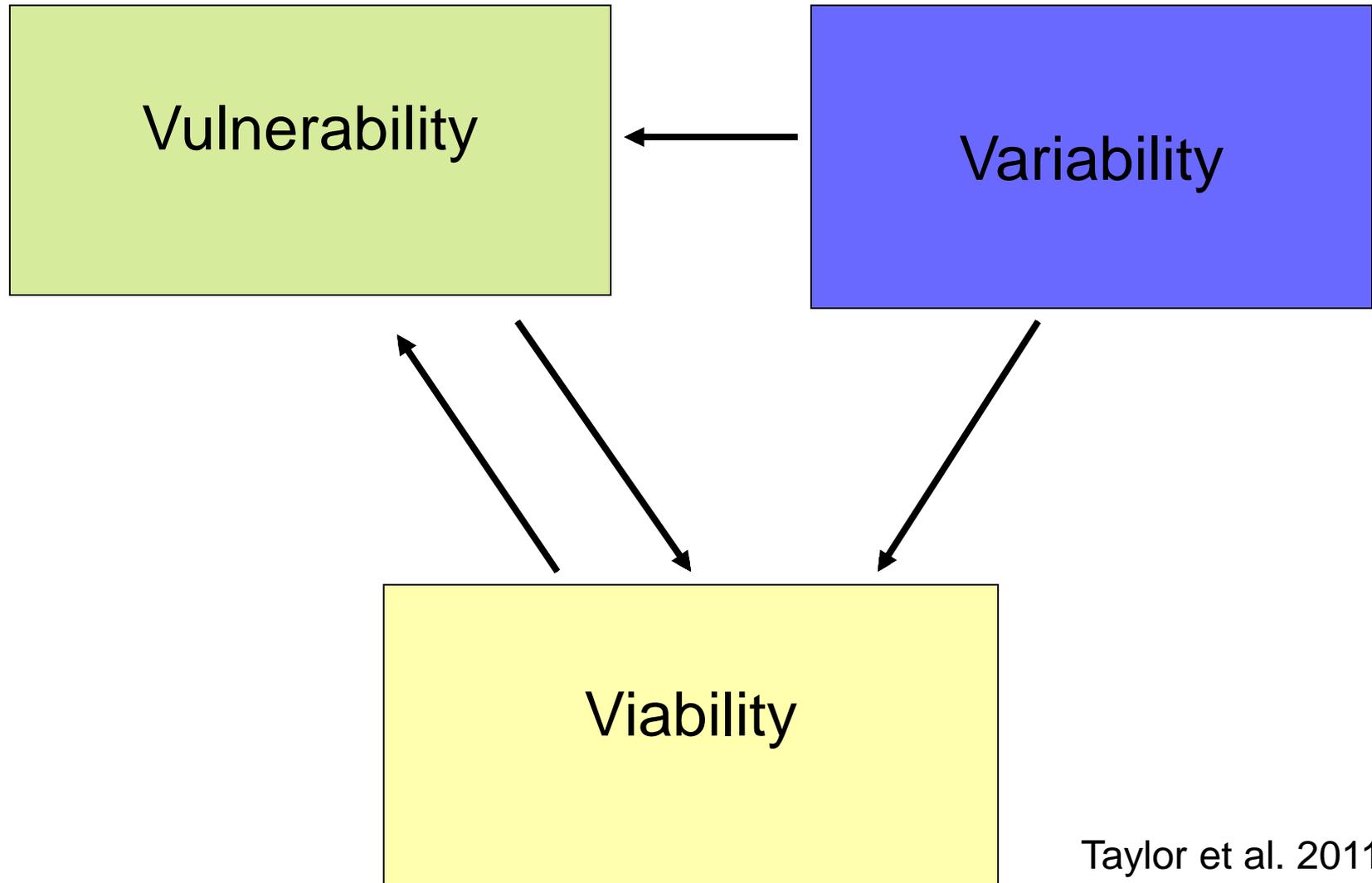
Policy Recommendations THE WHY

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Why?

The Formulation of the
persuasive policy argument

Overarching Framework



Considerations

1. Urgency
2. Contextualizing issues
3. Mainstreaming climate variability and change in development issues
4. Cost of Inaction/ Opportunities from Action

1. Conveying the urgency of the message

- Using historical and present experiences
 - Show where development impacted by water related disasters (flooding/ drought)
 - Speak to the economic values of disasters
 - Link disasters to other development issues
 - Identify specific threats
- Need to show how inaction now can exacerbate issues in the future
 - Using scenarios to describe future impacts
 - Using examples to show changes in the changing scale and frequency of problems

2. Contextualizing Issues

- Addressing policy-makers/ politicians in the relevant context
 - Short terms 4-5 years = Variability
 - Impacts on their constituents
 - Linking experiences/ impacts to development frameworks
- Recognize vulnerable groups in society
 - Convey how climate variability and change adds another layer which could increase vulnerability

3. Mainstreaming into development issues

- Framing the message is important
 - Making the issue more than climate var. and change and tacking onto development issues
 - Identify opportunities and take advantage of funds from CC pools which can be used for development

4. Cost of Inaction/ Opportunities from action

- What are the real costs of inaction?
 - Left behind the pack, becoming disadvantaged as a result
 - Present these using scenarios (examples available)
- Explore opportunities from action
 - International accreditation
 - Meeting MDGs
 - Food security- reducing food import bill