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APPENDIX 1: APPROACHES FOR DEVELOPING CLIMATIC SCENARIOS FROM GCM INFORMATION

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Some standard methods of scenario construction are outlined below. Most impact assessments relying on GCM outputs for scenarios have adopted one of the alternatives described. For further details, readers are referred to the examples cited. Useful reviews of climatic scenario development are provided by Giorgi and Mearns (1991) and Pittock (1993).

A1.1 Equilibrium changes

Two methods are commonly used for computing the change in climate between the modelled control and $2 \times \text{CO}_2$ conditions for each grid box: by calculating the difference or 'delta' (i.e., $2 \times \text{CO}_2$ minus control), or the ratio (i.e., $2 \times \text{CO}_2$ divided by control) between pairs of values. The former method is usually preferred for considering temperature changes and the latter for precipitation changes. Note that if ratios are applied to temperatures, data should be converted from the relative Celsius scale to the absolute Kelvin scale ($0^\circ\text{C} = 273.15\text{K}$).

A1.2 Scaling to the baseline

Since GCM outputs are not generally of a sufficient resolution or reliability to estimate regional climate even for the present-day (i.e., via the control run), it is usual for baseline observational data to be used to represent the present-day climate. These are then adjusted to represent the $2 \times \text{CO}_2$ climate, either by adding the deltas or multiplying the ratios described above (Box A1). The method implicitly assumes, therefore, that any systematic errors in the control run are also present in the experiment. A further note of caution concerns the application of precipitation ratios derived from GCM outputs to baseline precipitation in dry regions. If the GCM indicates that precipitation increases due to a shift in circulation, this increase expressed as a percentage has little effect when multiplied by the low baseline value, producing an unrealistic scenario. In such cases, the discretionary use of differences rather than ratios might be appropriate.

A1.3 Transient changes

The procedure for constructing transient scenarios is somewhat different. Firstly, the problem of drift in the control run (see Section 6.5.3) makes the selection of an averaging period problematic. Some workers use the full control period for averaging, others a period at the beginning, and still others a period in the control run corresponding to the equivalent period in the perturbation run.

Second, the requirements for scenario information from transient model outputs are either for discrete or continuous estimates. Discrete estimates provide values for time slices in the future (for example, decadal averages of change relative to the control). Continuous estimates refer to year-by-year values throughout the projection period. A simple method of scenario construction, developed for use in deliberations by IPCC Working Group II (TSU, 1994) is described in Box A2.

A1.4 Missing variables

In the absence of information on changes in certain climatic variables important for impact assessment, values of these variables are usually fixed at baseline levels. Given the sometimes strong corre-

lations between variables under present-day climate, this procedure should be adopted with caution. An alternative involves invoking these statistical relationships to adjust missing variables according to changes in predicted variables.

A1.5 Time resolution

It is usually assumed that monthly adjustments made to climatic variables can be applied equally to data at shorter, within-month time steps. In the absence of information about the year-to-year variability of climate, it is further assumed that this remains the same under the scenario climate as during the baseline period. Recently, methods have been reported that make use of the daily data that are available from a limited number of GCM simulations. The statistical properties of these data can be used to generate stochastic weather data sets suitable as inputs to impact models.

A1.6 Sub-grid-scale data

One of the major problems faced in applying GCM projections to regional impact assessments is the coarse spatial scale of the estimates. Typically, GCM data are available at a horizontal grid point resolution of, at best, some 200 kilometers. Several methods have been adopted for developing regional GCM-based scenarios at sub-grid scale:

(1) The study area baseline is combined with the scenario anomaly of the nearest centre of a grid box (e.g., Bultot *et al.*, 1988; Croley, 1990). This has the drawback that sites which are in close mutual proximity but fall in different grid boxes, while exhibiting very similar baseline climatic characteristics, may be assigned a quite different scenario climate.

(2) The scenario anomaly field is objectively interpolated, and the baseline value (at a site or interpolated) is combined with the interpolated scenario value (e.g., Parry and Carter, 1988; Cohen, 1991). This overcomes the problem in (1), but introduces a false precision to the estimates.

(3) Experiments are conducted with regional 'fine mesh' climate models, which use inputs from GCMs and are then run (nested) at a higher spatial resolution (e.g., see the review by McGregor *et al.*, 1993). This is a physically-based method of accounting for important local forcing factors such as surface type and elevation, which GCMs are unable to resolve. A number of model runs have been conducted for regions in Europe and North America (e.g., Giorgi *et al.*, 1992) and Australia (e.g., McGregor and Walsh, 1993), and at least one (agricultural) impact study has been reported based on the outputs from a nested model (Mearns and Rosenzweig, 1993).

(4) Statistical relationships are established between observed climate at local scale and at the scale of GCM grid boxes. These relationships are used to estimate local adjustments to the baseline climate from the GCM grid box values (e.g., Wilks, 1988; Karl *et al.*, 1990; Wigley *et al.*, 1990). A variant of this approach relates local climate to objective measures of historical circulation types and then determines a scenario climate on the basis of the circulation type computed from GCM predictions (e.g., Bardossy and Plate, 1992). A weakness of both of these methods is that they assume that the relationships between sub-grid scale and large-scale climate will not change under GHG forcing.

A1.6 Composite scenarios

A number of studies have combined the anomaly fields from several scenarios (e.g., GCMs, historical) into one scenario using either dynamical/empirical reasoning (e.g., Pearman, 1988; Ackerman and Cropper, 1988; Robock *et al.*, 1993) or averaging (e.g., Santer *et al.*, 1990). Composite scenarios of this type are not generally realistic at a global scale, as they are based on a range of source scenarios, each having different assumptions and regional parameterizations. However, they have become useful in impact assessment both because they are relatively simple to apply and because they can provide information on between-model uncertainty of projections (Viner and Hulme, 1992).

A1.7 Scaling GCM outputs to global projections

It has become common to use simple climate models rather than GCMs to estimate the effects on future global temperatures of alternative GHG emission scenarios (IPCC, 1990a, 1992a). Their attractiveness as policy tools makes it desirable to use these scenarios in impact studies. However, since only global estimates are provided they cannot be used directly in regional assessments. A method of overcoming this problem makes use of GCM information in conjunction with the global estimates, whereby the GCM estimates of regional changes are scaled according to the ratio between the GCM estimate of global temperature change and that provided in the simple scenario (for example, for a doubling of CO_2). An example of how this technique can be used in developing transient scenarios is shown in Box A2.

A1.8 Selecting models

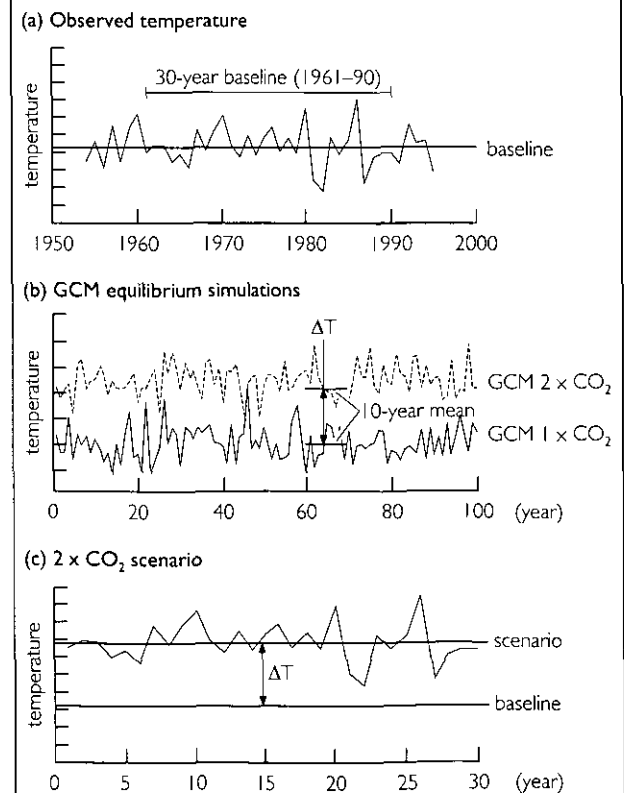
Many GCM simulations have been conducted in recent years, and it is not easy to choose suitable examples for use in impact assessments. In general, the more recent simulations are likely to be more reliable as they are based on recent knowledge, and they tend to be of a higher spatial resolution than earlier model runs. The IPCC has undertaken a GCM intercomparison exercise, which should provide useful information on model reliability and uncertainties (EPRI, 1994). It is strongly recommended that recent reviews of GCMs be consulted before selection. The National Center of Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado, USA has been acting as a clearing house for GCM data from different modelling groups. In addition, the Model Evaluation Consortium for Climate Assessment (MECCA) at Macquarie University, New South Wales, Australia has developed a prototype compact disc, MECCA CD, which contains data from GCMs and a protocol for their distribution and use.

BOX A1 SCENARIOS FROM EQUILIBRIUM GCM OUTPUTS

To illustrate how equilibrium GCM outputs are commonly used to develop climatic scenarios, let us consider that the climatic variable of interest is June surface air temperature at a site, S. A long time series of mean June temperatures is available from a meteorological station at the site (Figure (a)). GCM estimates of monthly mean temperature for a model grid point adjacent to or interpolated to site S have been obtained for an equilibrium $2 \times \text{CO}_2$ simulation, accompanied by estimates for a control simulation assuming present-day atmospheric greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations (Figure (b)).

The climatological baseline is selected as the most recent standard 30-year averaging period for which observations are available (1961–1990; Figure (a)). Note that this period encompasses notable extreme events and some cyclicity at a decadal time scale.

The GCM estimates for the control and equilibrium $2 \times \text{CO}_2$ simulations are shown in Figure (b) as annual values of mean June temperature. Climate modellers usually provide model results only for a period during which the global mean annual temperature approximates equilibrium (often a 10-year period). A similar period is also selected from late in the control run, as it often takes several decades for the modelled $1 \times \text{CO}_2$ atmosphere to equilibrate. The difference between the mean equilibrium control and mean equilibrium $2 \times \text{CO}_2$ temperature is then computed, and this is applied as an adjustment to each annual baseline value of June temperature at site S (Figure (c)).



BOX A2

SCENARIOS FROM TRANSIENT GCM OUTPUTS

A simple method of constructing scenarios based on transient GCM outputs has been developed at the Climatic Research Unit, UK for use in the IPCC WG II Second Assessment (TSU, 1994). The method is adapted from ideas originally proposed by Santer *et al.* (1990), and links information on the regional pattern of climate change from transient GCM simulations with output from a set of simple models which determine the global temperature response to given assumptions about future greenhouse gas emissions and concentrations (MAGICC).

MAGICC is described elsewhere in this report (Box 3). In order to obtain time dependent regional scenarios from the global mean temperature changes estimated by MAGICC, information is required from transient runs with GCMs. Results from three coupled ocean-atmosphere GCM experiments have been used in this exercise: the UK Hadley Centre model (UKTR; Murphy, 1994, Murphy and Mitchell, 1994), the Max Planck Institute, Hamburg model (ECHAM1-A; Cubasch *et al.*, 1992) and the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton model (GFDL89; Manabe *et al.*, 1991, 1992). Each model has been run over different time horizons and with slightly different assumptions about GHG concentrations.

All models are affected by the cold start problem (cf. Section 6.5.3), making it difficult to assign dates to the transient climate changes projected with these models. To overcome this, the time development of mean annual global temperature change was obtained using MAGICC, which starts with a pre-industrial climate and accounts for the GHG and sulphate aerosol forcing up to 1990. The model was run for the IS92a emissions scenario (including sulphates) assuming the mid-range climate sensitivity (2.5°C). The mean annual global temperature change was computed for the years 2020 and 2050 as 0.53°C and 1.16°C, respectively. These values have been used to identify the decades in three transient GCM runs where the global mean annual temperature changes are equivalent (see Table I). In addition to overcoming the cold start problem, this method also harmonizes the different radiative forcing scenarios used in each experiment.

To construct the scenarios, differences (or ratios) have been computed between the mean climate during the identified decades and equivalent decades in the control run simulation. These differences (ratios) can then be used as adjustments to the climatological baseline following the methods described in Appendix 1, Section A1.2.

It should be stressed that the levels of warming shown in Table I are mean annual global averages and represent only the mid-range climate sensitivity as determined by MAGICC. They are illustrative of the differences in seasonal and geographical pattern of climate change between the three GCMs, and are not intended to embrace the range of uncertainties attributable to different climate sensitivities, to alter-

native GHG emissions scenarios or to less tangible sources of error. For example, for a high emissions scenario (e.g., IS92f) combined with high climate sensitivity (4.5°C) the corresponding values of global warming for 2020 and 2050 are 0.81°C and 1.91°C, respectively. For a low emissions scenario (e.g., IS92c) and low climate sensitivity (1.5°C), the respective values are 0.34°C and 0.65°C. Therefore, the adoption of alternative assumptions would yield quite different regional scenarios.

An additional limitation of the approach is that the pattern of change derived from the GCMs does not reflect the likely pattern attributable to sulphate forcing (sulphates are treated only at a global scale by MAGICC). Transient experiments with GCMs which include both GHG and sulphate forcing have only recently been completed (Taylor and Penner, 1994).

Notwithstanding their limited range of representativeness, the scenarios described above still exhibit large inter-regional and between-model differences. To illustrate this, three locations have been arbitrarily selected to represent temperate (Beijing), semi-arid (Bulawayo) and oceanic (Havana) environments. Table II shows winter and summer temperature and precipitation changes estimated by the three GCMs for 2020 and 2050 at the nearest GCM grid boxes to these locations.

Table I. Ten-year periods in the three transient GCM simulations assumed to be equivalent to the decades centred around 2020 and 2050 in the MAGICC model simulations (with increase in global mean surface air temperature of 0.53°C and 1.16°C, respectively, relative to 1990). Source: TSU (1994).

| YEAR | Equivalent years in GCM | | |
|------|-------------------------|----------|-------|
| | GFDL89 | ECHAM1-A | UKTR |
| 2020 | 18–27 | 35–44 | 24–33 |
| 2050 | 36–45 | 48–57 | 49–58 |

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Table II. Model-simulated changes in seasonal (December to February–DJF; June to August–JJA) temperature and precipitation at grid boxes representing three contrasting sites: Beijing, Bulawayo and Havana. Values are from transient GCM simulations and represent mean climate in 2020 and 2050 following procedures described in the text. Source of data: TSU (1994).

| GCM | Change in climate by 2020 | | | | Change in climate by 2050 | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| | Temperature (°C) | | Precipitation (%) | | Temperature (°C) | | Precipitation (%) | |
| | DJF | JJA | DJF | JJA | DJF | JJA | DJF | JJA |
| <i>Beijing, China (39.93°N, 116.28°E)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| GFDL89 | 0.4 | 0.5 | -18 | +9 | 2.8 | 1.1 | -5 | 0 |
| UKTR | 1.5 | 1.0 | +82 | +20 | 2.5 | 1.5 | +70 | +28 |
| ECHAM1-A | 0.7 | 0.4 | -20 | +15 | 1.0 | 1.5 | +5 | -13 |
| <i>Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (20.15°S, 28.62°E)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| GFDL89 | -0.1 | 0.2 | +1 | +6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | -7 | +32 |
| UKTR | 0.3 | 0.1 | +34 | +84 | 2.0 | 2.0 | +27 | +77 |
| ECHAM1-A | 0.6 | 0.9 | -1 | -21 | 1.0 | 2.1 | +14 | -45 |
| <i>Havana, Cuba (23.17°N, 82.35°W)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| GFDL89 | 0.7 | 0.7 | +11 | +17 | 0.9 | 0.9 | +7 | -8 |
| UKTR | 0.8 | 0.7 | +28 | +14 | 1.0 | 1.2 | -10 | -12 |
| ECHAM1-A | 0.7 | 0.5 | -13 | -3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | +10 | -19 |

APPENDIX 2: A SELECTION OF CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, SHOWING THE STUDY REGION, SECTORS CONSIDERED, CLIMATIC SCENARIOS ADOPTED AND ANALYTICAL METHODS EMPLOYED

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| REGION | SECTORS | CLIMATIC SCENARIOS | APPROACH | STUDY METHODS | REFERENCE |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Globe | Agr, For, Wat, Ene | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ | Parallel sectoral assessments | Modelling | Strzepek and Smith (in press) |
| Globe | Agr, For, Eco, Ene | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ | Integrated | Modelling | Alcamo, 1994 |
| Globe | Hea | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ | Sectoral | Modelling | Martens et al., 1994 |
| Brazil | Agr, Ene, Ind, Hea, Urb, Wat | Temporal analogue | Parallel sectoral assessments | Modelling; qualitative | Magalhães and Neto, 1989 |
| China | Sea, Eco, Agr, Ene | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ (Composite) | Parallel sectoral assessments | Modelling | Hulme et al., 1992 |
| Iceland, Finland, Canada, N. USSR, Japan | Agr | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ ; temporal analogue | Sectoral | Modelling | Parry et al., 1988a |
| Indonesia, Malaysia & Thailand | Sea, Wat, Agr, Coa, Fis | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ | Parallel sectoral assessments | Modelling | Parry et al., 1992 |
| Ireland | Agr, For, Eco, Wat, Sea, Fis | Expert judgement | Parallel sectoral assessments | Expert judgement; modelling | McWilliams, 1991 |
| Japan | Wat, Agr, For, Fis, Eco, Coa, Ene, Urb, Hea | Various | Parallel sectoral assessments | Expert judgement; modelling | Nishioka et al., 1993 |
| Kenya, Brazil, Ecuador, India, S. USSR, Australia | Agr | Temporal analogue | Sectoral | Modelling; empirical survey | Parry et al., 1988b |
| Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, USA (MINK) | Agr, For, Ene | Temporal analogue | Integrated | Modelling | Rosenberg, 1993 |
| UK | Sea, Eco, Agr, For, Coa, Wat, Ene, Ind, Tra, Fin, Rec | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ (Composite) | Parallel sectoral assessments | Expert judgement; modelling | Department of the Environment, 1991 |
| USA | Sea, Agr, For, Wat | GCM Equilibrium 2 x CO ₂ | Parallel sectoral assessments | Modelling | Smith and Tirpak, 1990 |
| Vietnam | Agr, Hea, Ene, For, Fis | Expert judgement, temporal analogue?? | Parallel sectoral assessments | Modelling; qualitative | Ninh et al., 1991 |
| Zimbabwe, Kenya, Senegal, Chile | Agr | Expert judgement | Sectoral | Modelling | Downing, 1992 |

Agr: agriculture For: forestry Ene: energy supply and demand Wat: water resources Sea: sea level rise Coa: coastal zone Eco: natural ecosystems Fis: fisheries Ind: industry Urb: urban areas Fin: financial sector Hea: human health Tra: transport Rec: recreation and tourism

APPENDIX 3: ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS AND CHEMICAL FORMULAE

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| | | | |
|-----------------|---|------------------|---|
| AIM | Asia-Pacific Integrated Model | NCAR | National Center of Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Co, USA |
| ASLR | Accelerated Sea Level Rise | NIDU | National Defence University |
| BaU | Business-as-Usual | NOAA | National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer |
| BGMV | Bean Golden Mosaic Virus | AVHRR | |
| CO ₂ | Carbon Dioxide | N ₂ O | Nitrous Oxide |
| CEC | Commission of the European Communities | OECD | Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development |
| CEOS-IDN | Commission on Earth Observing System-International Data Network | ppmv | parts per million by volume |
| CETA | Carbon Emissions Trajectory Assessment Model | SCOPE | Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment |
| CFC | Chlorofluorocarbon | TSU | Technical Support Unit (IPCC Working Group II) |
| CGE | Computable General Equilibrium (models) | UKTR | United Kingdom Meteorological Office Transient Model |
| CH ₄ | Methane | UNEP | United Nations Environment Programme |
| CRU | Climate Research Unit | UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| CSIRO | Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia) | VBD | Vector Borne Disease |
| DICE | Dynamic Integrated Climate Economy | WMO | World Meteorological Organization |
| DMI | Dynamic Macroeconomic Interindustry (models) | WCP | World Climate Programme |
| ECHAM 1-A | Max Planck Institute for Meteorology ECMWF Hamburg model Version 1-a | WCIRP | World Climate Impact Assessment and Response Strategies Studies Programme |
| EPIC | Erosion-Productivity Impact Calculator | WRI | World Resources Institute |
| ESCAPE | Evaluation Strategies to Address Climate Change by Adapting to and Preventing Emissions | | |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization | | |
| GCAM | Global Change Assessment Model | | |
| GCM | General Circulation Model | | |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product | | |
| GEMS | Global Environmental Monitoring System (UNEP) | | |
| GFDL | Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory | | |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gas | | |
| GIS | Geographical Information Systems | | |
| GNP | Gross National Product | | |
| GRID | Global Resource Information Database (UNEP) | | |
| HDP | Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Programme | | |
| HEM | Harmonization of Environmental Monitoring | | |
| IBSNAT | International Benchmark Sites Network for Agrotechnology Transfer | | |
| ICSU | International Council of Scientific Unions | | |
| IGBP | International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme | | |
| IIASA | International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis | | |
| IMAGE | Integrated Model to Assess the Greenhouse Effect | | |
| IPCC | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change | | |
| IRIA | Integrated Regional Impact Assessment | | |
| ISRIC | International Soil Reference and Information Center | | |
| ISSC | International Social Science Council | | |
| LDC | Less Developed Country | | |
| MAGICC | Model for the Assessment of Greenhouse-Gas Induced Climate Change | | |
| MERGE | Model for Evaluating Regional and Global Effects of GHG reduction policies | | |
| MINK | Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas study on the US Corn Belt | | |
| NATO | North Atlantic Treaty Organization | | |

APPENDIX 4: SOME INTERNATIONAL DATA SOURCES OF INTEREST IN CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDIES

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Table I: Data Sources

| Type of data | Source | Spatial/temporal resolution | Content |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Projections | | | |
| Population | IPCC ¹ | 7 regions and global/ totals in 2100 | Total population (various projections) |
| Economic development | IPCC ¹ | 4 regions and global/trends 1990-2100 | GNP (average annual rate-various projections) |
| Gas and aerosol emissions | IPCC ¹ | Global/annual rates 1990, 2025 and 2100 | IS92a-f scenarios: CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, CFCs, Halocarbons, SO _x |
| Radiative forcing | Wigley/Raper ² | Global/annual up to 2100 | IS92a-f scenarios and various assumptions |
| Climate change | NCAR ³ | Gridded (various resolutions)/ daily, monthly and seasonal (time series or time slice up to 2100) | Equilibrium GCM (various models); Transient GCM (various models); Temperature, precipitation and other variables |
| " | CRU ⁴ | Gridded (various resolutions) and globally averaged/monthly, seasonal and annual (time series or time slice up to 2100) | Equilibrium GCM (various models, inc. composite); Transient GCM (various models); 1-dimensional model (MAGICC); Temperature, precipitation and other variables |
| Sea level rise | CRU ⁵ | Global/annual up to 2100 | MAGICC (for any given emissions scenario) |
| Agriculture, forestry and fisheries | FAO ⁶ | Regional, global/ totals in 2100 | Area, production, trade, consumption and other data |
| Current baseline | | | |
| Population | UN ⁷ | National/annual | Total population/urban population (various projections) |
| Economic growth | World Bank ⁸ | National/annual | GNP, GDP |
| Climate | CDIAC ⁹ | Global stations/ monthly (historical time series) | Temperature, precipitation, cloudiness atmospheric pressure |
| " | UNEP/GRID ¹⁰ | Global 0.5° lat/lon grid/ 1931-1960 period monthly means | Temperature, precipitation, |
| " | CRU ¹¹ | Global 5° lat/lon grid/ 1961-1990 period monthly means Europe 0.5° lat/lon grid/ 1961-1990 period monthly means | Temperature, precipitation Temperature(max, min), precipitation, sunshine, windspeed, vapour pressure, rain days, frost days |
| " | ECMWF/WCRP ¹² | Global 2.5°, 1.125°, 0.5° lat/lon grid/ daily, monthly for individual years | Temperature, precipitation, atmospheric pressure |
| Land use/cover | UNEP/GRID ¹³ | Global 0.5° lat/lon grid/recent | Major ecosystem complexes based on maps and observations |
| " | UNEP/GRID ¹⁴ | Global 1° lat/lon grid/ 1960-1979 | Predominant vegetation types, cultivation intensity and seasonal albedo based on maps |
| " | UNEP/GRID ¹⁵ | Global 1° lat/lon grid | Wetlands (derived) |
| Agriculture, forestry and fisheries | FAO ⁵ | National, regional, global/ 1970, 1980, 1990 | Area, production, trade, food supply and other data |
| General environment | UNEP ¹⁶ | National | Water, air, health and other environmental measures |
| Soil | UNEP/GRID ¹⁷ | Global 2 minute grid | FAO/UNESCO Soil Map of the World |
| " | UNEP/GRID ¹⁸ | Global 1° grid | Zobler soil type (based on UNESCO/FAO maps), soil texture, surface slope and other properties |
| Soil degradation | ISRIC ¹⁹ | Global | UNEP World Atlas of Desertification |
| Global vegetation index | UNEP/GRID ²⁰ | 75°N-55°S on 8.6 minute grid/ 1982-1991 | NOAA AVHRR Monthly Global Vegetation Index based on satellite data |
| Natural resources | WRI ²¹ | National/annual | Energy, raw materials, agriculture, forestry and many others |
| Human health | WHO ²² | National/annual | Distribution of and mortality from major diseases |
| Other data | | | |
| Elevation/Bathymetry | UNEP/GRID ²³ | Global 5 minute grid | Integrated database derived from map information |
| Boundaries | UNEP/GRID ²⁴ | Global (vector format) | World Databank II: Coastlines, islands, lakes, reefs, ice shelves, glaciers, rivers, canals, railways, administrative boundaries |

Notes for Table I:

- 1) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (Leggett *et al.*, 1992)
- 2) Wigley and Raper (1992)
- 3) National Center of Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado, USA (information from R. Jenne and D. Joseph)
- 4) Climatic Research Unit, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK (Viner and Hulme, 1994)
- 5) As 4 (Wigley and Raper, 1992; Warrick *et al.*, 1993)
- 6) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO, 1992b; 1993)
- 7) United Nations (1991; 1992)
- 8) World Bank (1991)
- 9) Carbon Dioxide Information and Analysis Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA (Burtis, 1992)
- 10) United Nations Environment Programme/Global Resource Information Database (GRID—Geneva, 6, rue de la Gabelle, CH-1227 Carouge, Geneva, Switzerland). Climate data—Leemans and Cramer (1990)
- 11) As 4 (Jones *et al.*, 1986a,b; Hulme, 1994; Hulme *et al.*, 1995b, in press)
- 12) European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Reading, UK/World Climate Research Programme (ECMWF, 1993)
- 13) As 10 (Olson *et al.*, 1985)
- 14) As 10 (Matthews, 1983; 1985)
- 15) As 10 (Matthews and Fung, 1987)
- 16) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP, 1987)
- 17) As 10 (FAO/UNESCO, various dates)
- 18) As 10 (Zobler, 1986)
- 19) International Soil Reference and Information Center (UNEP, 1992)
- 20) As 10 (Tarpley, 1991)
- 21) World Resources Institute (WRI, 1992)
- 22) World Health Organization (WHO, 1990)
- 23) As 10 (Haxby *et al.*, 1983)
- 24) As 10 (CIA, 1972)

Table II: Information About Data Sources

| Name (and media) | Source | Contents |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| ACCIS (Hardcopy) | UNEP ¹ | Information services and computerized database |
| HEM (Hardcopy, Disk) | UNEP/GEMS ² | Data banks; inventory of international research organizations and programmes; directory of environmental monitoring |
| INFOTERRA (Disk, Hardcopy) | UNEP ³ | Directory of information sources |
| Master Directory (Network) | NASA ⁴ | Scientific data information service |
| CEOS-IDN (Network) | MECCA/NASA/ NASDA/ESA ⁵ | Directory of remotely sensed data |

Notes for Table II:

- 1) ACCIS (1990)
- 2) Harmonization of Environmental Monitoring (UNEP/Global Environmental Monitoring System), Fritz (1990); Hicks (1993)
- 3) International Referral System for Sources of Environmental Information (UNEP, 1987)
- 4) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Beier, 1991)
- 5) Commission on Earth Observing System—International Data Network (NASA/National Aeronautics and Space Development Agency/European Space Agency)