

How can we mainstream robust, flexible approaches to uncertainty in water management?

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Climatic, demographic, economic, and ecological variability and trends — future uncertainties — are difficult to predict, prioritize and act upon. That's why the emergence of so-called bottom-up approaches for risk assessment and robust and flexible decision making has been a powerful trend in water management. Collaborative Risk Informed Decision Analysis (CRIDA) is an approach that implements both decision scaling and adaptation pathways. It guides technical decision makers to develop effective solutions, even in complex stakeholder contexts and it aligns the technical analysis to the decision needs.

CRIDA operationalizes and integrates decision scaling and adaptation pathways into a modular, stepwise format. These approaches can be mainstreamed into existing planning practice, even with capacity and data limitations. Ultimately, CRIDA is designed to deliver resilient solutions with consistent, replicable and accessible outcomes.

CRIDA represents a globally relevant approach that can be assimilated across a wide range of institutions and decision-making processes. The methodology is designed to be applied and adopted gradually if necessary and customized to particular management contexts. At its core, CRIDA reflects widespread water resources management decision making processes, inserting state of the art insights into risk assessment and reduction within those existing steps.

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