Needs

- Problem-oriented/connecting supply and demand for information/on-going interaction
- Enabling technologies
- Evaluation versus Lessons Learned
 - » Assessments
 - » Operational decisions
- Social science/economics/humanities (The stuff versus the people defining the problem)
- Business practices/sustained partnerships/innovation

Current Knowledge

- Uncertainty many other dimensions
- Types of research will depend on problem being addressed and use: setting priorities in science agencies?
- Multiple approaches/multiple "products" – known versus unknown degrees of freedom

Communications: Realities of Developing Partnerships

- Requires a large investment of time and effort; development of trust
- Commitment to sustained communication and follow-up to meet user expectations
- Websites; newsletters; briefings; engagement; education; access and query-based tools; translators; regular workshops
- Transition to operational distribution of climate products allows researchers to move on to working on next project/partnership

Capacity

- Expansion decision-support engagement
 » RISA/Assessments/Other
- Early adapters *new entrepreneurs*
- Appropriateness of CCSP activities: *public need/value* (societal benefit versus individual benefit versus aggregated individual benefit)
- CCSP NIDIS
- Federally funded to Federally seeded: resources/sustaining activities; investing in solutions – return on that investment

