

1 **Development of metrics and indices for assessing national progress on climate risk, adaptation and** 2 **dissonance based on observations, perceptions, and projections.**

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10 **Abstract**

11 The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) included the first Global Stocktake (GST) as part of the
12 implementation of the Paris Agreement. GST is a five-yearly assessment of the state and advancements
13 in global climate action and aims to help national governments keep track of their climate ambitions and
14 implementation progress. This paper contributes to the discussion through the analysis of harmonized
15 country level datasets of metrics and indicators relevant for loss and damage analysis, survey information
16 about people's perceptions on climate change, projections of economic damages due to climate change.
17 Indices are constructed to understand the association of the objective metrics of risk and vulnerability
18 and the subjective perceptions of people in different countries. The analysis allows us to evaluate
19 differences in vulnerability and countries where the dissonance between perceived and estimated climate
20 change risks are larger and institutional strength and socioeconomic development are lagging. Combining
21 the proposed indices, countries are ranked in terms of their current and future climate risk. An online tool
22 is provided to visualize and access the results presented in this paper.

23 **1. Introduction**

24 The world has already warmed about 1.3°C with respect to preindustrial times, with 2023 being the first
25 year to temporarily exceed the 1.5°C warming target established by the Paris Agreement for this
26 century(1–3). This warming has already induced large changes across the climate system like more intense
27 and frequent extreme events(4,5), changes in global atmospheric and oceanic circulation patterns(6,7),
28 changes in storm tracks(6,8). Moreover, a world exceeding 1.5°C warming can potentially trigger climate
29 tipping points(9) with serious implications for natural and human systems(10–13). Deviating from the
30 target of keeping global temperature increase below 1.5°C-2°C is expected to have severe socioeconomic
31 consequences worldwide(14–16).

32 During the latest Conference of the Parties (COP28) the first Global Stocktake (GST) took place with mixed
33 results(17,18). The GST is a mechanism to assess the global collective progress made to meet the goals of
34 the Paris Agreement, and it centers on long term mitigation goals, adaptation, and means for
35 implementation. It can also consider efforts concerning the socioeconomic consequences of response
36 measure and address loss and damage produced by climate change(19). This type of assessment is highly
37 dependent on the availability and quality of data, but also on how it is processed to increase its
38 accessibility and meaningfulness for decision-makers and stakeholders.

1 Recent efforts have focused on generating harmonized country-level datasets that combine data from
2 different sources and aspects, in a way that can be readily used(20). A methodological challenge for
3 transforming data into relevant information that can be used for guiding policy is to develop appropriate
4 methods and tools for integrating and summarizing large quantities of data into few metrics/indices that
5 are manageable and insightful. This is particularly challenging for topics as multidimensional,
6 interdisciplinary, and complex such as climate change and sustainability(21,22). There are several
7 indices/metrics available in the literature that have been designed to assist decision-making regarding
8 different aspects of climate change. Some of the most commonly used are briefly described in the next
9 lines. The Climate Action Tracker helps rating, tracking and classifying the mitigation ambition different
10 countries propose in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)(18), providing a benchmark for
11 countries self-assessment and cross-country comparison. This rating index considers two main categories
12 Targets and Policies which are subdivided into: Climate finance, NDC target rated against fair share, NDC
13 target rated against modelled pathways, and Policies and actions, also rated against fair shares and
14 modelling pathways. The INFORM Risk Index, produced by the European Commission, focuses on
15 supporting decision-making regarding prevention, preparedness and response to humanitarian crisis and
16 disasters, particularly those that can overwhelm national response capacity(23,24). It is composed of four
17 main categories of information: hazards, human exposure, societal vulnerability, and capacity to cope.
18 The Notre Dame Global Adaptation Initiative's (ND-GAIN) index provides a country level assessment of
19 the national current vulnerability to climate disruptions(25). ND-GAIN is composed of two aspects,
20 namely, vulnerability and readiness and combines about 40 core indicators.

21 A common strategy for defining an index is to select arbitrary weights (like uniform) for the components
22 that integrate it. This imposes a non-data driven structure to the index and part of the information
23 contained by the data, such as the relationships between variables and countries is not considered. Here
24 we use Rotated Principal Component/Factor Analysis to estimate from the data the appropriate weights
25 for combining the different variables included. The relationships between countries are analyzed using
26 hierarchical cluster analysis. The combination of these statistical multivariate methods allows us to extract
27 further insight from the data to improve the interpretation of indices and for ranking countries
28 accordingly. Moreover, as discussed in Scown et al.(20), evaluating the capacities, challenges and risks of
29 countries to climate change should, ideally, be as holistic as possible and account for a wide range of
30 contributing factors. Here we expand the common framework that includes hazard, exposure,
31 vulnerability, and response to also include people's beliefs and attitudes towards climate change(26).
32 Using these datasets and indices, we also propose dissonance metrics and a composite institution/social
33 challenge index that shows the level of correspondence between institutional7adaptation capacities,
34 climate change's perceptions and projected risks.

35 The remainder of this manuscript is structured as follows. Section 2 describes the methods and the data
36 used in this paper. The multivariate statistical methods are briefly described, and it is discussed how they
37 are connected in the analysis and how they are used to derive the metrics and indices. Section 3 presents
38 and discusses the indices and metrics that are proposed, as well as the ranking of countries that are
39 derived from them. This section also includes a link to the online tool that accompanies this paper which
40 allows the reader to explore, download and visualize the data, metrics, and indices in more depth. Section
41 4 summarizes the main results and concludes.

42 **2. Methods and data**

1 *Rotated principal component and cluster analysis.*

2 Principal component analysis (PCA) is a statistical technique commonly used for dimension reduction by
3 finding a limited number of linear combinations of the original variables that retain the maximum fraction
4 possible of the variance contained in the original dataset (27,28). These new variables, called principal
5 components (PC), can also provide easier interpretation of the information contained in the original
6 dataset, as well as to give insights about the relationships between variables, and patterns across
7 observations(29). which makes them particularly useful for constructing indices that may be related to
8 latent variables. Rotated principal component analysis (rPCA) can help increase the interpretability of PCs.
9 In the next paragraphs PCA and rPCA are briefly described and a thorough description of these technique
10 can be found in authoritative textbooks (28,30).

11 Principal components Y_i are the linear combinations $Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j}x_j$ where x_j are variables in the original
12 dataset $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_n\}$. PCs are constructed such that the first PC $Y_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1,j}x_j$ maximizes the
13 variance $var(a'_1X)$ subject to $a'_1a_1 = 1$. The maximization of quadratic forms on the unit sphere is
14 attained when a_1 is equal to the factor loadings associated to the largest eigenvalue. By convention, these
15 are called the first eigenvalue and eigenvector. The remaining PCs are calculated as the linear
16 combinations a'_jX such that they maximize $var(a'_jX)$ subject to $a'_1a_1 = 1$ and $cov(a'_jX, a'_kX) = 0$ for any
17 $j \neq k$. The product of an eigenvector and the squared root the corresponding eigenvalue are the factor
18 loadings (L), which are equal to the correlations of the PC and the original variables. The values of L
19 determine which are the variables that contribute the most to the corresponding PC. Rotation of principal
20 components can further help interpreting PCs(28,29,31). The rotated PCs (factors or factor scores) are
21 calculated as $F = BZ$, where Z are the normalized values of X , $B = L(L'L)^{-1}$ is the matrix factor score
22 coefficients(32). Although there are several rotation methods, in this paper normalized varimax rotation
23 is used.

24 *Hierarchical cluster analysis and the calculation of pseudo-factor loadings*

25 Hierarchical cluster analysis is applied to the first two PCs for grouping countries in terms of the similarities
26 expressed by these two main modes of variability. This clustering provides a space created by the two
27 main modes of variability of the dataset to analyze the remaining factors, and to enrich their
28 interpretation. Once the clusters are defined, the correlations between each factor and the most
29 important variables that constitute it (i.e., those with factor loadings $L \geq 0.6$) are calculated for each
30 cluster. These correlations constitute pseudo-factor loadings that allow to investigate the importance of
31 the contribution of each original variable to the factor and compare them to the true factor loadings
32 obtained for the full sample. By doing so, differences in the importance and dominance of some variables
33 across clusters allow for a more detailed and specific interpretation of the factors.

34 Cluster analysis is an unsupervised learning technique that classifies similar cases or variables into groups
35 based on the values of a data matrix X . Hierarchical clustering is the clustering method used in this paper
36 and it consist in initially considering every observation in the dataset as an individual cluster. Then, by
37 means of a distance measure and a linkage rule, individual observations are progressively aggregated into
38 clusters (30). For the results presented here, Euclidean distances and Ward's method are used as distance
39 measure and linkage rule, respectively.

40 *Dissonance measures for current and future institutional/adaptation capacities, perceptions and risks*

1 Social risk perceptions about climate change are highly heterogeneous among countries, and so are
2 institutional strength, as well as social, human, and economic exposure, climate hazards and climate
3 change impacts. The literature on impacts, adaptation and vulnerability has documented over the past
4 decades that less developed regions are likely to suffer the most from climate change, but that if
5 adaptation and risk reduction strategies are implemented, such damages can be severely abated. As such,
6 we consider that the distances between both adaptation capacities and people’s perceptions with respect
7 to current and projected damages are central to understand the social and institutional challenges a
8 country will face under current and future warming levels. Here we propose a procedure to assess the
9 dissonance between current social and institutional scores related to climate adaptation, and the
10 expected damages from climate change.

11 The procedure consists in calculating the differences in ranking for the same country in different
12 adaptation capacity and risk/damage indices and normalizing these differences. These individual metrics
13 can then be combined into a composite index that conveys which countries are best prepared for climate
14 change and which are characterized by higher dissonances between their current capacities/awareness
15 and present and future risk. The procedure is based on rank statistics, and it is implemented as follows.

16 The variable $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ can be mapped onto $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$ in such way that if y_i is the i -th
17 largest/smallest observation r_i is its rank, if ranked in descending/ascending order. After calculating the
18 variables ranks, the differences d between pairs of a selection of them are calculated and the results are
19 normalized using min-max normalization d^* :

$$d = R_Y - R_X$$
$$d_i^* = \frac{d_i - d^{min}}{d^{max} - d^{min}}$$

22 The d_i^* measures are defined in such a way that values close to zero denote low dissonance/risk, while
23 values close to 1 indicate high dissonance/risk. A composite index called Social and Institutional Challenge
24 Index is defined as the average score of the individual d_i^* dissonance measures, and provides a summary
25 measure of the present and future institutional and social challenges related to climate change, for each
26 country.

27 *Data description and sources*

28 This paper uses various sets of country-level datasets that include data of observed, projected, and social
29 perception related to different aspects of climate change. Observed data contains measurements about
30 losses and damages, exposure to climate-related hazards, event attribution, governance and climate
31 policies, vulnerability, and historic CO₂ emissions. Part of the data was harmonized and summarized at
32 the country level in a recent paper (Scown et al. 2022) to provide a global overview of loss and damage in
33 the context of the global stocktake. Projected data about economic damages from climate change comes
34 from numerical simulations using a large dimensional intertemporal computable general equilibrium
35 trade model that accounts for various effects of global warming (Kompas et al. 2018). This dataset
36 contains estimates of GDP losses by country for 1°, 2°, 3° and 4° global warming scenarios. The dataset
37 about social perceptions about different aspects of climate change was obtained from an international
38 survey that covered public climate change knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, policy preferences, and behavior
39 among Facebook users (Leiserowitz et al. 2022).

1 The data from different sources was processed to integrate all information in a single harmonized
2 database. Field names were renamed to ensure all field names had at most 10 characters so that the
3 integrated dataset was compatible with ESRI shapefile format for further geographical representations.
4 ISO 3-digit code was given for each country for datasets that lacked this code to enable merging the
5 different datasets. For the social beliefs survey (Leiserowitz et al. 2022), a summary score for each
6 question was calculated using a weighted linear combination (see Table A1 for more details). The resulting
7 database contains 103 countries, and 159 numerical fields plus the ISO code and the name of each
8 country.

9 **3. Results and discussion**

10 *Description of estimated factors*

11 The PCA analysis was performed on a dataset that combines a selection of metrics relevant for loss and
12 damage analysis and information about people's perceptions on climate change. Highly correlated
13 variables were excluded to avoid numerical problems in performing PCA. The variables that were retained
14 are shown in Table A2. The scree plot of the eigenvalues shows a relatively smooth decrease in explained
15 variance with a possible shelf occurring between components 4 and 5, which could be used as a cut-off
16 point for rotation (Figure A1). However, up to the first eight components the eigenvalues exceed unity
17 and discarding PCs 6-8 could lead to ignoring potentially important information (28,33). For this reason,
18 we decided to retain the first eight PCs as suggested by the Kaiser truncation rule (30). The retained PCs,
19 which account for 85.27% of the variance of the original dataset (Table A2), were rotated using the
20 varimax normalized rotation procedure (28). As discussed below, these PCs have clear and insightful
21 interpretations regarding the vulnerability to, and the people's perceptions of, climate change.

22 The first PC explains 25% of the total variance of the dataset. As shown in Table A2, the loadings of the
23 first factor (shown in parenthesis) indicate that the variables that contribute more to PC1 constitute can
24 be divided in:

- 25 1) metrics of institutional strength, development, and societal responsibility: Rule of law (0.954),
26 Governance effectiveness (0.947); Regulatory quality (0.941); Control of corruption (0.928);
27 Political stability and absence of violence (0.835); Human Development Index (0.819); Voice and
28 accountability (0.805);
- 29 2) measures of how much people are informed about climate change: how often do you hear about
30 climate change in your daily life (0.811); Climate awareness (0.796); Climate beliefs (0.738), and;
- 31 3) how much they think their own country should reduce emissions and fossil fuels consumption in
32 the future: Country responsibility (0.717); Fossil fuel (-0.647).

33 PC1 will be referred to as an institutional and societal development index (ISDI) in which positive values
34 indicate countries that have strong institutions, high human development, and an informed and
35 responsible society. Recent studies have shown how governance and institutions, education,
36 development and financial/human resources are crucial for addressing sustainable development issues
37 (34–36). This index is suggestive of the country's capacities for vulnerability reduction, the availability of
38 resources and capabilities for implementing adaptation and risk reduction strategies, as well as people's
39 willingness for GHG mitigation. Moreover, despite the methodological and data differences, the

1 correlation between ISDI and the ND-GAIN Country Index¹ is 89.5% and leads to similar country rankings.
2 The countries with higher scores in this index are mainly in northern Europe (Finland, Norway, Denmark)
3 and in Oceania (Australia and New Zealand), while the lowest scores are from countries in Africa and the
4 Middle East (Congo, Yemen, Libya, Iraq).

5 PC2 explains about 15% of the total variation of the dataset and constitutes a climate change social
6 concern index (CCSCI). It is mainly composed of variables that represent the perceptions of population
7 about how climate change could affect them: Climate worry (0.932); Climate change threat in the next 20
8 years (0.921); harm personally (0.912); government priority (0.841); Climate Importance (0.827); harm
9 future generations (0.742); climate change happening (0.704). The CCSCI provides a comprehensive
10 summary about the beliefs of people living in each country about the seriousness of climate change. It
11 combines immediate and future concerns about the consequences of climate change, one's own personal
12 and future's generation harm, and the level of priority they would like their government to assign to this
13 threat. Latin American countries have the highest scores in the CCSCI, with Mexico being the most worried
14 country, followed by Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. The ten least concerned
15 countries are mainly from the Arab World (Yemen, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Iraq, Lebanon, Kuwait) and a few
16 European countries (Norway, Czech Republic and the Netherlands).

17 The third most important component is PC5, which explains about 11.5% of the total variance of the
18 dataset. It is an index that associates economic losses from extreme events, historical responsibility for
19 current climate change and GDP size (ELCCG). This PC is composed of cumulative economic losses during
20 1990-2019 due to extreme events (0.953), historical cumulative CO2 emissions (0.951), GDP size in 2010
21 (0.942), as well as the total number of droughts, extreme temperature, flood, storm, and wildfire events
22 during 1990-2019 (0.786). Positive values on this index indicate countries that have experienced large
23 economic losses from frequent extreme events and that tend to show high economic development
24 historically based on fossil fuels. The countries with highest scores in PC5 can be divided into two types.
25 The first include those with large economies with large historical emissions such as the US, Japan, the UK,
26 Germany, France, Italy and Australia, and the second in which developing economies, significant
27 vulnerability to climate and weather extremes and large populations, such as Mexico, Philippines and
28 Vietnam.

29 PC3 can be interpreted as an index of population size and expected exposure to extremes (PSEI) and
30 explains 10% of the total variance of the dataset. The largest factor loadings of PC3 indicate that the
31 variables that contribute the most to it are: population count in 2010 (0.954); expected average annual
32 population exposed to droughts (0.924); total number of persons affected reported for droughts, extreme
33 temperature, flood, storm, and wildfire events (0.920); expected average annual population exposed to
34 fire events (0.786); expected average annual population exposed to floods (0.624). Positive values of PSEI
35 denote countries with large populations and high levels of population exposed each year to extreme
36 events. The countries with highest PSEI values are those in developing regions, particularly southeast Asia,
37 Latin America, and Africa, such as India, Brazil, Indonesia, Nigeria, Vietnam, Thailand, Bangladesh, Mexico,
38 Pakistan, and Iraq.

39 The fifth most important component (PC4) explains about 8% of the total variance and represents an
40 expected severity index (ESI). It is composed by the average (-0.925) and maximum (-0.894) annual

¹ <https://gain.nd.edu/our-work/country-index/>

1 economic damages (as a fraction of the country's GDP), combined with the average annual deaths per
2 capita (-0.836), all being caused by extreme events (droughts, extreme temperature, flood, storm, and
3 wildfire). In contrast with PC5, this index contains information about the economic losses relative to the
4 size of the economy, not the absolute expected and cumulative level of losses. Negative values of this
5 index indicate countries where more severe weather/climate damages occur relative to the size of their
6 GDP and population. The countries with high levels of vulnerability to extreme events have the lowest
7 scores in this index and they are located mainly in Latin America, southeast Asia, and the Middle East. The
8 countries with the ten highest scores are Honduras, Haiti, Bangladesh, Laos, Nicaragua, Vietnam,
9 Cambodia, Thailand, Yemen and North Macedonia.

10 PC6 accounts for 7% of the dataset's total variance and it combines the maximum (0.719) and average
11 (0.714) number of people per capita affected by extreme events (droughts, extreme temperature, flood,
12 storm, and wildfire) during the period 1990-2019 and the people's belief about the economic impact of
13 addressing climate change (-0.701). This PC can be interpreted as an index of how experiencing extreme
14 weather events modifies beliefs about how costly climate action is (EECB). It suggests that in countries
15 where more people are affected by weather events, people tend to believe actions to mitigate climate
16 change will not have a negative economic impact and will not reduce jobs. On the contrary, people in such
17 countries believe these actions will benefit the economy. The countries with the highest values in this index
18 are mainly in Africa such as Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Burkina Faso and Ghana, as well as
19 countries like Australia, Haiti and Philippines.

20 The two remaining components (PC7 and PC8) explain about 4-5% each of the total variance. The main
21 variable in PC7 represents the people's belief about who is the most responsible entity in their country
22 for reducing the pollution that causes climate change (0.736). Higher values on this responsibility index
23 (RI) denote countries in which people believe the government to be the most responsible and lower values
24 suggest progressively that business, individuals are responsible, and the lowest values indicates that
25 nobody is responsible. Among the countries with lowest values in RI are those associated with fossil fuels'
26 production, such as Vietnam, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Indonesia, as
27 well as some with large shares of fossil fuels for power generation such as Japan, Hong Kong. PC8 mainly
28 represents the total deaths (0.780) from drought, extreme temperature, flood, storm, wildfire during the
29 1990-2019 period, and the expected annual number of people affected by floods. This index suggests
30 floods are associated with a higher number of deaths than other events. The highest values in this total
31 death and flood index (TDFI) occur in Bangladesh, Philippines, and Japan. An interactive platform that
32 allows for visualizing the data and these indices is available at the following link:
33 http://multidash.apps.lancis.ecologia.unam.mx/paper_cc/.

34 *An analysis of the estimated indices to characterize countries according to risk and vulnerability.*

35 ISDI and CCSCI jointly explain about 40% of the total variance of the original dataset. In contrast to other
36 of the obtained indices, which represent damages associated with extreme events, ISDI and CCSCI
37 characterize the countries institutional strength, their adaptation capacities, and the beliefs of people
38 regarding the climate change threat. Jointly, these two indices provide a space to analyze the other
39 principal components from a perspective of the countries' capacities to respond to climate change. In the
40 following paragraphs we describe the space defined by ISDI and CCSCI, how countries can be clustered in
41 it, and then we illustrate how projecting the ISDI/CCSCI space onto other indices can provide further
42 insight on how to interpret them from the perspective of adaptation capacities and risk perception.

1 Figure 1 shows the biplot (scatter plot) of these two indices, divided into its four quadrants. The first
2 quadrant (QI) contains countries with positive values in both the ISDI and CCSCI. Countries in this quadrant
3 are expected to be less vulnerable to climate change as strong institutions are likely to act on the social
4 concerns expressed by their citizens, and have the technical, economic, and political capacities to
5 implement the required adaptation and risk reduction strategies. Quadrant II (QII) includes countries in
6 which the populations express concern about climate change (positive CCSCI) but in which institutions
7 and development are lagging in comparison with QI, which can translate into a mismatch between
8 implemented climate policy and citizens' assessment of risk. Moreover, lower levels of development and
9 institutional strength can imply that policies are not guided by the best available knowledge (37,38) and
10 that support for science and technology is likely not among government priorities (39–41). The third
11 quadrant (QIII) contains the countries in which both ISDI and CCSCI are negative, meaning that these
12 countries' institutions and social development are weak, and people show low levels of concern (or not
13 at all) about climate change. Countries in QIII are likely those with highest levels of vulnerability as they
14 may fall short of institutional, economic, technical, and political resources to design and implement
15 adaptation strategies to address climate change's challenges and their citizens are likely not to press their
16 governments on this issue. Moreover, the low level of concern shown by populations in these countries
17 is likely associated with lack of information about climate change science (also supported by their low
18 scores in ISDI), and likely ignore this phenomenon's current and projected impacts. Quadrant IV (QIV)
19 contains countries that are characterized by positive scores of institutional strength and development and
20 low scores of climate change concern. These countries likely possess the institutional, technical,
21 economic, and political capacities to respond to climate change. However, they risk overconfidence
22 regarding their vulnerabilities and risks regarding this phenomenon.

23 A hierarchical cluster analysis was applied to group countries according to their scores in the ISDI and
24 CCSCI indices. A linkage distance of 10 was chosen, which lead to defining six clusters of countries (Figure
25 A2). Table A3 lists the countries that belong to each of the defined clusters. QI in Figure 1 is mainly
26 composed of countries grouped in two clusters. The dominant cluster in QI is represented by blue circles
27 with no fill (*Cluster1* in Figure1) and, for values of $ISDI > 0.5$, includes European countries such as Spain,
28 France, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Poland and Cyprus, and Japan, South Korea, and Uruguay. For scores
29 of $ISDI < 0.5$ countries like Italy, Greece, Botswana, India, and Jamaica are included. For values of $CCSCI > 1$
30 another cluster of countries is defined (*Cluster3*, gray filled circles) in which the level of climate change
31 concern is high. Only three countries in this cluster show positive scores in the ISDI index (Portugal, Chile,
32 and Costa Rica), the rest of the cluster extends over QII and is characterized by countries with considerably
33 lower levels of ISDI and high scores of climate change concern. These are mainly Latin American countries
34 and a few African and southeast Asian countries. The countries in this cluster with moderately low levels
35 of ISDI ($ISDI > -0.5$) are Sri Lanka, Malawi, Panama, Brazil, Philippines, Peru, and Colombia. With a
36 considerably lower level of ISDI El Salvador, México, Nicaragua and Bolivia are found. QII is dominated by
37 *Cluster5* with countries that show substantially lower scores of CCSCI and tend to have lower ISDI scores
38 (green filled circles). The countries in this cluster are mainly in Africa (e.g., Zambia, Angola, Côte d'Ivoire,
39 Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mozambique, Cameroon, Ghana), but also Latin America (Honduras, Guatemala.
40 Paraguay, Dominican Republic), and Cambodia, Turkey, and Nepal. Part of this cluster continues into QIII,
41 where lower scores of CCSCI and even more negative ISDI are found. It includes Congo, which is the
42 country with the lowest ISDI score of all countries, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tanzania, Benin, Bangladesh, and
43 Senegal. QIII is composed of two additional clusters. The cluster of countries that combine the lowest
44 scores of ISDI and CCSCI (*Cluster2*, yellow-green filled triangles) is, apart from Haiti, exclusively composed

1 of Arab countries. Yemen, Libya and Iraq show the most extreme combination of scores, followed by Haiti,
2 Algeria, Egypt and Lebanon, Kuwait, and Jordan with more moderate combination of values. Cluster6 (blue
3 unfilled squares) shows slightly lower CCSCI scores than the previous cluster but more moderate ISDI
4 scores with countries such as (ISDI<-0.3) Indonesia, Azerbaijan, Tunisia, Armenia, Saudi Arabia, Morocco,
5 and (ISDI>-0.3) Bosnia and Herzegovina, Laos, Albania, Serbia, and Thailand. This cluster extends to QIV
6 and is characterized by moderate positive values of ISDI and moderate negative values of CCSCI. It includes
7 countries such as the United Arab Emirates, the US, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Malaysia, Qatar, Rumania,
8 and Oman. The remainder cluster in QIV (Cluster4, gray filled rhomboids) contains the countries with the
9 highest scores in ISDI and, with the exception of the Arab countries cluster, the lowest scores of concerns
10 regarding climate change. Northern European countries show the most extreme combinations of scores
11 (Norway, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, and Denmark). This cluster also includes Australia, New Zealand,
12 Switzerland, England, Germany, Belgium, Lithuania, Hong Kong, Israel, and the Czech Republic. Table A4
13 shows for each cluster its corresponding median, as well as the upper and lower quartiles.

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15 **Figure 1. Biplot of ISDI and CCSCI with hierarchical clustering.** Cluster1 is denoted by blue circles with no
16 fill, while Cluster2 is shown in yellow-green filled triangles, Cluster3 in gray filled circles, Cluster4 in gray
17 filled rhomboids, Cluster5 in green filled circles, and Cluster6 in blue unfilled squares.

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19 Using the clusters defined above in terms of the ISDI/CCSCI space, the other factors can be further
20 analyzed, and new insights can be obtained for what they represent for different groups of countries.

21 The first grouped bars in Figure 2 (first row of Table A5) present the correlations of the ELCCG with the
22 variables to which it is more associated (i.e., economic losses from extreme events, historical
23 responsibility cumulative CO2 emissions and GDP in 2010, the number of attribution studies and of those
24 that find a positive result). Note that these correlations correspond exactly to the factor loadings in Table
25 A2 and are to be interpreted as described in the previous section. The remaining rows of the table show
26 the same correlations calculated for each of the clusters produced using the ISDI/CCSCI space. These
27 correlations denote, for each cluster of countries, which are the variables better represented in the index.
28 Some new insights on how to interpret the index for the different clusters become apparent. For instance,
29 the correlations between ELCCG with GDP and historical CO2 responsibility are less homogeneous across
30 the clusters of countries and are only relevant for clusters that have the highest average levels of HDI,
31 GDP and historical CO2 emissions (clusters 1, 4 and 6). In the case of clusters 2, 3 and 5 the correlations
32 of ELCCG with these variables are considerably lower than the factor loadings (correlations) obtained for
33 the full sample and are not statistically significant. These clusters have the lowest average values of HDI,
34 GDP and historical CO2 emissions, with cluster 5 showing the minimum value in all of them. Moreover,
35 cluster 5 shows almost no correlation with most of the variables that compose ELCCG. It shows only
36 slightly higher correlations between ELCCG and the variables related to attribution studies, but these are
37 low. Cluster 5 is not well represented by ELCCG, and this index provides limited information for such a
38 group of countries. Clusters 2 and 3 (mainly Arab and Latin American countries, respectively) are only
39 correlated to ELCCG through the number of recorded extreme events and their damages. In the case of
40 clusters 2 and 3 the correlation coefficients associated with damages are smaller than those calculated
41 for the whole sample, but in the case of cluster 3 the correlation with the number of events is considerably
42 higher. In the case of cluster 1, which is mainly composed of central and southern European countries,

1 the correlation coefficients in Figure 2 (see Table A5) suggest that for this cluster there is almost no effect
2 from the number of recorded extreme events in this index. Both damages and historical CO2 responsibility
3 are important variables but have considerably smaller effects than those of the full sample of countries,
4 while the variable with the highest effect is their GDP size. In the case of cluster 4, ELCCG is highly
5 correlated with all the variables included in the index, and correlations are particularly high for the
6 attribution studies variables in comparison to the full sample estimates. This cluster has the largest
7 average number of attribution studies and the second highest maximum value of such studies only after
8 cluster 6. The lowest correlation occurs for the number of recorded extreme events, which indicates that
9 this variable is the least represented by the index. Cluster 6 is characterized by having the largest
10 correlations between ELCCG and all the variables that compose this index. These correlations are higher
11 than those obtained for the full sample and, in most cases, close to unity. There are no clearly dominant
12 variables in this cluster and all variables are almost equally well represented by it.

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14 **Figure 2. Correlation coefficients between ELCCG and the most important variables that compose it for**
15 **different clusters of countries.** +,- denote positive/negative median score values in the corresponding
16 index,+/- denotes that the first and third quartiles include zero, while * indicates that the cluster contains
17 the maximum or minimum score value of the index.

18 Table A6 contains a ranking of countries according to ELCCG and grouped using the clusters defined in the
19 ISDI/CCSCI space, which reflects their adaptation capacities and the people's perceptions about the
20 seriousness of the climate change threat. For the clusters characterized by low adaptation capacities
21 (clusters 2 and 3), the ranking in this index mainly refers to their risk about the number of events and their
22 cumulative economic losses. The five countries with higher ranking in cluster 2 are Haiti, Algeria, Yemen,
23 Libya and Iraq, while in cluster 3 Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, Portugal and Bolivia are ranked with the
24 highest risk levels. Despite cluster 5 is also characterized by low adaptation capacity (ISDI), it is not
25 discussed here as ELCCG contains little information for this group of countries. For cluster 1, ELCCG is
26 more related to GDP size, historical CO2 contribution and the size of cumulative economic losses from
27 recorded extreme events. This cluster is characterized by high adaptation capacities and population
28 concern for climate change. The countries with highest rank are Japan, France, Italy, Vietnam, and Spain.
29 In the case of Cluster 4, which has the highest ISDI score values of all clusters, ELCCG dominantly
30 represents GDP size and historical contribution to global CO2 emissions, and the size of cumulative
31 economic losses from extreme events. The countries with highest ranking in this cluster are United
32 Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Canada, and Netherlands. As discussed above, ELCCG in cluster 6 is very
33 highly correlated with all the variables in the index, with no dominant contribution from any particular of
34 them. This cluster is characterized by mixed levels of adaptation capacity, and low concern about climate
35 change. The countries with higher ranking within this cluster are United States of America, Indonesia,
36 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, and Serbia.

37 Figure 3 (Table A7) shows the correlation coefficients between ESI and the annual average deaths per
38 capita, the average and maximum annual damages as a fraction of national GDP for the full sample and
39 each of the defined clusters. It is revealing that for all clusters in which the ISDI scores are not negative
40 (or at least mixed as in the case of cluster 6), the correlation coefficients between ESI and the annual
41 average deaths per capita are much lower in comparison with the full sample estimate and with those
42 from clusters that have negative ISDI scores. This suggests that high adaptation capacities significantly

1 reduce the number of deaths per capita, even if they may not have such a strong effect on economic
2 damages probably because of increasing exposure associated with economic growth. Moreover, clusters
3 2 and 5, which have negative or near zero scores in both ISDI and CCSCI, show correlation values close to
4 unity between ESI and the per capita death and damage variables. Cluster 1, which is the only group of
5 countries that has positive score values in both ISDI and CCSCI, has only a weak correlation between the
6 maximum annual damages and ESI and the second smallest correlation between ESI and the annual
7 average damages. The highest ISDI scores correspond to Cluster 4 and this group shows the lowest
8 correlation of all clusters between ESI and average annual damages and the second lowest correlation
9 with maximum annual damages. It is notable that cluster 6 shows the highest correlations between ESI
10 and annual economic damages of all clusters that correspond to more developed countries (clusters 1 and
11 4).

12 ESI for cluster 1 is related to average annual economic damage (as a fraction of national GDP), and the
13 countries with highest levels of risk are Vietnam, Jamaica, France, Spain, and Italy (Table A8). This index
14 for clusters 2 and 5 is strongly associated with annual per capita deaths and annual economic losses. In
15 cluster 2, the countries with higher risk are Haiti, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt, while in cluster 5
16 these are Honduras, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, and Guatemala. Cluster 3 shows similar
17 correlations to those obtained with the full sample with a slightly larger correlation with deaths per capita.
18 The countries at higher risk in this cluster are Nicaragua, El Salvador, Malawi, Bolivia, and Costa Rica.
19 Cluster 4 shows the lowest correlation between annual deaths and ESI, which can be better interpreted
20 as an economic severity risk index for this group. Czech Republic, Australia, Belgium, Lithuania, and
21 Netherlands are the countries in this cluster at higher risk. Similarly, cluster 6 shows a low correlation
22 between annual deaths and ESI, but correlations close to unity for annual economic damage variables.
23 The countries in this cluster at higher risk of economic losses (as a fraction of GDP) are Laos, Thailand,
24 North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia.

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26 **Figure 3. Correlation coefficients between ESI and the most important variables that compose it for**
27 **different clusters of countries.** +/- denote positive/negative median score values in the corresponding
28 index, +/- denotes that the first and third quartiles include zero, while * indicates that the cluster contains
29 the maximum or minimum score value of the index.

30 The PSEI provides a measure of population size and expected exposure to extremes and, like with the
31 other indices, separating into clusters allows further interpretation. In the case of Cluster 1, all variables
32 in the index are highly correlated with PSEI (values close to 1; Figure 4 and Table A9). This index represents
33 all variables almost equally well. However, this cluster shows particularly higher associations with the
34 expected number of people exposed to flooding and fire than the estimates for the full sample. Clusters
35 3 and 5 have a similar pattern of correlations between PSEI and the expected number of people to
36 drought, fire and population counts. The total number of people affected, and the expected number of
37 people affected by floods are weakly correlated with PSEI, particularly for cluster 3. As implied by their
38 correlation values, the PSEI for clusters 3 and 5 represents mostly the risk associated to the number of
39 people exposed to fire (cluster 3) and to drought (cluster 5). PSEI for cluster 2 represents a risk index
40 associated to the expected number of people exposed to fire and, to a lesser extent, flooding. In the case
41 of cluster 4, none of the variables are strongly correlated to PSEI, with only the expected annual number
42 of people affected by fire being statistically significant but only moderately correlated (0.52). This suggests

1 that the high levels of adaptation capacities and risk reduction strategies that would be expected from
2 their ISDI score, may contributed to make this index not relevant. Except for the total number of people
3 affected by extreme events, cluster 6 shows from moderate to high correlations with the other variables
4 that compose the index. Cluster 6 is highly correlated with the expected annual number of people affected
5 by fire, and very highly correlated with the expected annual number of people affected by flooding. In
6 fact, this correlation is much higher than that obtained for the full sample.

7 The countries in cluster 1 that show higher risk in terms of PSEI are India, Vietnam, South Africa, France,
8 and Argentina (Table A10). PSEI in cluster 2 represents the risk related to exposure to fire and floods and
9 Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, Algeria, and Lebanon rank the highest. Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Malawi, and Chile
10 rank as the countries with highest scores in PSEI, and can be interpreted as those with higher fire and
11 drought risk in cluster 3. The countries in cluster 5 with higher drought and fire risks according to their
12 scores in PSEI are Nigeria, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Congo, and Kenya.

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14 **Figure 4. Correlation coefficients between PSEI and the most important variables that compose it for**
15 **different clusters of countries.** +/- denote positive/negative median score values in the corresponding
16 index, +/- denotes that the first and third quartiles include zero, while * indicates that the cluster contains
17 the maximum or minimum score value of the index.

18 EECB hints at how experiencing extreme weather events may modify the people's beliefs about how costly
19 climate action is, as it combines the maximum and average number of people affected per capita by
20 extreme events and the people's belief about the economic impact of addressing climate change (Figure
21 5, Table A11). Across clusters, there is a strong inverse association between the correlations obtained
22 between EECB and the maximum number of people affected per capita and those between EECB and
23 people's beliefs about the economic impact of addressing climate change. That is, among clusters, large
24 correlations in the maximum number of people affected per capita and EECB tends to correspond to larger
25 (in absolute value) correlations between EECB and the perception about how costly is addressing climate
26 change (correlation of -0.71). This suggests that extreme events with large social consequences may
27 influence people's perception about addressing climate change. The highest correlations between the
28 index and people's beliefs about the costs of addressing climate change occur in the clusters that are
29 characterized by positive scores of CCSCI (clusters 1 and 3). The countries in cluster 1 that rank highest
30 (high number of affected people, and of people that consider addressing climate change is costly) in this
31 index are Botswana, South Africa, India, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago (Table A12). In the clusters
32 with low ISDI the countries with higher scores are: Haiti, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, and Algeria (cluster 2);
33 Malawi, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Costa Rica, and Portugal (cluster 3); Kenya, Cambodia, Zambia,
34 Mozambique, Burkina Faso (cluster 5). The countries that rank first in cluster 4 are Australia, Hong Kong,
35 Israel, New Zealand, and Canada, while in cluster 6 are Laos, Thailand, North Macedonia, the US, and
36 Oman.

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38 **Figure 5. Correlation coefficients between EECB and the most important variables that compose it for**
39 **different clusters of countries.** +/- denote positive/negative median score values in the corresponding
40 index, +/- denotes that the first and third quartiles include zero, while * indicates that the cluster contains
41 the maximum or minimum score value of the index.

1 TDFI combines the total deaths from extreme events, and the expected annual number of people affected
2 by floods. An inspection of Table A13 (Figure 6) shows that, across the clusters of countries, the correlation
3 values that correspond to the total number of deaths and the expected number of people affected by
4 floods with TDFI show a strong positive association. This suggests that the higher the expected number of
5 people affected by floods, the higher the number of deaths would be. The coefficients in Figure 6 show
6 that the total number of deaths show only strong correlations with TDFI in the case of the clusters of
7 countries that are characterized by low scores in ISDI (clusters 2, 3 and 5). Moreover, the expected annual
8 number of people affected by floods is only clearly represented in TDFI for clusters 3 and 5, suggesting
9 that it is in these clusters of countries where flooding is of more relevance. In cluster 2 the sign of the
10 correlation coefficients is the opposite to those that are obtained for the full sample. In this case, large
11 values in the TDFI tend to correspond to smaller values in the total number of deaths and in the expected
12 number of people exposed to flooding. As such, contrary to other clusters, smaller values in this index for
13 cluster 2 represent higher risk. Clusters of countries with non-negative values of ISDI have weak
14 associations between TDFI and the variables that compose this index, suggesting that adaptation and risk
15 reduction measures associated with higher levels of development strongly mitigate this risk.

16 For clusters 5 and 3, the countries with higher ranking in this risk index are (Table A14): Bangladesh, Nepal,
17 Ghana, Pakistan, and Tanzania (cluster 5); Philippines, Portugal, Chile, Panama, and Sri Lanka. In the case
18 of cluster 2 the countries at higher risk are Algeria, Kuwait, Libya, Iraq, and Jordan.

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20 **Figure 6. Correlation coefficients between TDFI and the most important variables that compose it for**
21 **different clusters of countries.** +,- denote positive/negative median score values in the corresponding
22 index,+/- denotes that the first and third quartiles include zero, while * indicates that the cluster contains
23 the maximum or minimum score value of the index.

24 *Assessing dissonances between perceptions, risk and vulnerability*

25 As documented by the indices in the previous section, there is large heterogeneity across countries with
26 respect to their scores in vulnerability and adaptation capacities, perceptions about the seriousness of
27 climate change and the risk measures represented by the remaining factors. This section centers in
28 assessing the dissonances between these indices and the economic losses that are projected for different
29 countries for current warming (i.e., 1°C warming in global average air surface temperature) and those
30 projected for severe warming later in this century.

31 Figure 7 illustrates how institutional/adaptation capacities, as well as social concern about climate change,
32 may not correspond to the projected damages this phenomenon can imply at the country level. The upper
33 panel of Figure 7 shows a scatterplot of ISDI and the projected economic losses for a 4°C warming
34 scenario, divided into terciles for each variable. It illustrates that higher institutional/adaptation capacities
35 tend to correspond to countries facing lower economic damages for future and current warming (Figure
36 A3). On the contrary, those countries for which the largest damages are projected tend to be characterized
37 by lower adaptation capacities. The lower panel of Figure 7 shows that some countries are characterized
38 by low levels of concern and high expected impacts from climate change (dark-gray areas in Figure 7). In
39 both cases, countries of the Middle East, Africa, South Asia, and Latin America are found in these high risk
40 terciles, in which risk perceptions and institutional/adaptation capacities are at odds with the projected
41 future and current damages.

1 **Figure 7. Scatterplots of ISDI and CCSCI indices and projected damages for 1°C warming.** The upper panel
2 shows the scatterplot between ISDI and D1, while the lower panel shows the scatterplot between CCSCI
3 and D1. Black lines show the terciles that correspond to each variable and the darker gray fill denotes
4 areas in which the correspondence between adaptation capacities (ISDI) or social concern (CCSCI) are
5 considerably lower than the projected damage levels.

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7 For assessing these dissonances, countries' rankings in ISDI and CCSCI are compared to the rankings
8 obtained for their corresponding projected economic losses. Ideally, to minimize damages, the countries
9 with larger expected losses would be those which would need to have the strongest adaptation and
10 vulnerability reduction capacities. The differences in their rankings in these variables are normalized to
11 range between 0 and 1 and are proposed as a measure of the distance or dissonance between their risks,
12 adaptation capacities, and perceptions. The average score is called Social and Institutional Challenge Index
13 (SICI) and provides a measure of the dissonance (distance) between the rankings of impacts of climate
14 change and those of the institutional/adaptation capacities and of the social perception about the
15 challenges climate change entails.

16 The proposed dissonance metrics are:

- 17 • $g(\text{ISDI-CCSCI})$: represents the extent to which adaptation and institutional capacities reflect social
18 concern about climate change. It is calculated as the difference in ranking of each country in the
19 ISDI and CCSCI, where negative values denote that the social concern is better ranked than the
20 country's adaptation and institutional capacities, in comparison with other countries. Positive
21 values denote that the country has a better ranking in adaptation and institutional capacities with
22 respect to its social concern about climate change. As with all the measures in this section, $g(\text{ISDI-}$
23 $\text{CCSCI})$ is normalized such that its range is $[0,1]$, where 1 denotes maximum dissonance, i.e., the
24 adaptation/institutional capacities are not in correspondence with the social concern about
25 climate change. A value of 0 denotes minimal dissonance between adaptation and institutional
26 capacities and social concern.
- 27 • $g(\text{ISDI-D1})$: provides a measure of dissonance between the institutional/adaptation capacities and
28 the expected economic impacts for 1°C warming with respect to preindustrial climate. These
29 impacts are those that are expected for current levels of warming. The range of $g(\text{ISDI-D1})$ is $[0,1]$,
30 where 1 denotes maximum dissonance, i.e., the institutional/adaptation capacities are not in
31 correspondence with expected economic impacts of climate change.
- 32 • $g(\text{ISDI-D4})$: constitutes a measure of dissonance between the institutional/adaptation capacities
33 and the expected economic impacts for 4°C warming with respect to preindustrial climate. These
34 impacts are those that would be expected at the end of this century for a high global emissions
35 scenario.
- 36 • $g(\text{CCSCI-D1})$: it is a measure of dissonance between social concern about climate change and the
37 expected impacts for a 1°C warming. The range of $g(\text{CCSCI-D1})$ is $[0,1]$, where 1 denotes maximum
38 dissonance, i.e., the social concern is not in correspondence with expected economic impacts of
39 climate change.
- 40 • $g(\text{CCSCI-D4})$: provides a measure of dissonance between social concern about climate change and
41 the expected impacts for a 4°C warming. The range of $g(\text{CCSCI-D1})$ is $[0,1]$, where 1 denotes

1 maximum dissonance, i.e., the social concern is not in correspondence with expected economic
 2 impacts of climate change.

- 3 • SICI: this index is computed as the average of the previously defined measures and provides a
 4 composite measure of the present and future institutional and social challenges related to climate
 5 change, for each country.

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7 **Table 1. Dissonance metrics and SICI scores for countries with highest and lowest ranking.**

Rank	g(ISDI-CCSCI)	g(ISDI-D1)	g(ISDI-D4)	g(CCSCI-D1)	g(CCSCI-D4)	SICI
1	Angola (1.000)	Nigeria (1.000)	Nigeria (1.000)	Laos (1.000)	Haiti (1.000)	Nigeria (0.928)
2	Mexico (0.99)	Cote d'Ivoire (0.99)	Cote d'Ivoire (0.99)	Indonesia (0.99)	Indonesia (0.99)	Benin (0.885)
3	Ecuador (0.98)	Burkina Faso (0.98)	Haiti (0.98)	Nigeria (0.98)	Laos (0.98)	Haiti (0.869)
4	El Salvador (0.971)	Congo, DR (0.966)	Burkina Faso (0.966)	Thailand (0.971)	Nigeria (0.971)	Indonesia (0.86)
5	Nicaragua (0.956)	Benin (0.966)	Cameroon (0.966)	Haiti (0.961)	Thailand (0.961)	Cote d'Ivoire (0.857)
6	Bolivia (0.956)	Cameroon (0.951)	Congo, DR (0.951)	Egypt (0.951)	Benin (0.951)	Congo, DR (0.854)
7	Cote d'Ivoire (0.941)	Mozambique (0.941)	Benin (0.941)	Kuwait (0.941)	Egypt (0.936)	Burkina Faso (0.852)
8	Guatemala (0.931)	Nicaragua (0.926)	Indonesia (0.931)	Benin (0.922)	Yemen (0.936)	Senegal (0.834)
9	Colombia (0.922)	Indonesia (0.926)	Mozambique (0.917)	Saudi Arabia (0.922)	Malaysia (0.922)	Cameroon (0.833)
10	Nepal (0.912)	Pakistan (0.907)	Nicaragua (0.917)	Jordan (0.922)	Kuwait (0.907)	Ghana (0.819)
Rank	g(ISDI-CCSCI)	g(ISDI-D1)	g(ISDI-D4)	g(CCSCI-D1)	g(CCSCI-D4)	SICI
94	Israel (0.088)	Norway (0.088)	Austria (0.088)	France (0.093)	Peru (0.088)	Sweden (0.188)
95	New Zealand (0.078)	Austria (0.078)	Lithuania (0.078)	Brazil (0.074)	Canada (0.074)	Germany (0.186)
96	Denmark (0.069)	Germany (0.064)	United Kingdom (0.069)	Hungary (0.074)	Mexico (0.074)	Slovakia (0.186)
97	Hong Kong (0.059)	New Zealand (0.064)	Netherlands (0.059)	Croatia (0.059)	Italy (0.059)	Finland (0.185)
98	Australia (0.049)	Denmark (0.049)	Germany (0.049)	Italy (0.049)	France (0.049)	United Kingdom (0.165)
99	Czech Republic (0.039)	Netherlands (0.039)	Denmark (0.039)	Spain (0.039)	Greece (0.039)	Portugal (0.161)
100	Sweden (0.029)	Canada (0.029)	Sweden (0.025)	Mexico (0.029)	Spain (0.029)	Austria (0.156)
101	Netherlands	Sweden	Switzerland	Chile	Hungary	France

	(0.020)	(0.020)	(0.025)	(0.020)	(0.020)	(0.139)
102	Finland (0.010)	Switzerland (0.010)	Canada (0.010)	Greece (0.010)	Chile (0.010)	Switzerland (0.102)
103	Norway (0.000)	Finland (0.000)	Finland (0.000)	Portugal (0.000)	Portugal (0.000)	Canada (0.091)

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3 Table A15 shows the scores of the dissonance metrics described above and those of the SICI index for
4 each country, while Table 1 presents a selection of the ten countries with the highest and lowest scores.
5 The largest dissonances between the scores of institutional/adaptation capacities and of people’s concern
6 about climate change, $g(\text{ISDI-CCSCI})$, occur mainly in Latin America and African countries, with Angola and
7 Mexico at the top of the ranking. In the case of dissonance between ISDI and economic impact (D1, D4)
8 African countries show particularly large scores, with Nigeria and Cote d’Ivoire reaching the highest
9 values. Latin American, as well as southeast Asian countries such as Haiti, Nicaragua, Indonesia, and
10 Pakistan show particularly large levels of dissonance between their ISDI and D1/D4 scores. The highest
11 levels of dissonance between the projected impacts and people’s concern about climate change are
12 typically observed in southeast Asia, Arab Countries and Haiti. SICI provides an overall score for each
13 country considering all other dissonance metrics and reveals that the countries facing greater challenges
14 for adaptation and social awareness are Nigeria, Benin, and Haiti. In contrast, the countries with lesser
15 adaptation and social awareness challenges are Canada, Switzerland, and France.

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17 **4. Conclusions**

18 This paper presents an analysis of a composite of datasets aimed to characterize different aspects relevant
19 for better understanding the capacities, challenges and risks that climate change implies for an extensive
20 number of countries. These include economic and human development measures, institutional and
21 adaptation capacities, recorded number of extreme events and their consequences in economic and
22 death terms, people’s beliefs about different aspects of climate change ranging from its existence, origins,
23 consequences and responsibilities, as well as projections of the economic damages the phenomenon
24 would generate for current and future conditions. One of the challenges for decision-making in this era is
25 to construct methods and tools for transforming data into relevant information that can be used for
26 guiding policy. This is particularly challenging for topics as multidimensional, interdisciplinary, and
27 complex such as climate change and other problems related to sustainability. The analysis presented here
28 focus on producing a limited number of indices and measures that can summarize the data contained in
29 the composite database and that can be of help for describing advantages, risks and challenges different
30 countries face with climate change. Moreover, an online tool is provided to visualize, explore, and analyze
31 both the datasets and the proposed indices and measures.

32 By applying multivariate statistical models eight factors are defined which can be interpreted in a
33 meaningful manner and summarize about 85% of the total variance of the dataset. ISDI and CCSCI (factors
34 1 and 2) represent key indices for deriving insights about the countries’ capacities to address climate
35 change and the people’s perceptions of climate change. ISDI characterizes the institutional/adaptation
36 capacities of the different countries and is in good agreement with other commonly used adaptation index

1 (ND-GAIN). Given that these two adaptation indices are independent, both in methodological and data
2 source terms, they provide complementary information that can enrich adaptation assessments. CCSCI
3 summarizes the social concern people in different countries shows and in conjunction with ISDI provides
4 a space to explore and better understand the different countries social and institutional stance in climate
5 change. Cluster analysis is used to define groups of countries in terms of their similarities in the ISDI-CCSCI
6 space, which helps not only to better understand their geographical, economic, cultural, and social
7 affinities, but also for deriving further insights from the other proposed indices related to climate change's
8 challenges. Rankings for all the analyzed countries and for all indices are provided and cluster-specific
9 interpretation of the proposed indices are provided. Moreover, dissonance metrics between
10 institutional/adaptation capacities, as well as social climate concern, and projected impacts for current
11 and possible future climate are defined, and a composite index (SICI) that represents the institutional and
12 social challenges these dissonances suggest is defined.

13 This paper provides a multidimensional assessment of the readiness countries show to address climate
14 change and of the different types of risks and challenges this phenomenon implies. Countries' scores and
15 rankings on the proposed indices and metrics are expected to be useful for global, regional and country
16 level assessments in the context of the first global stocktake carried out in COP28. The analysis and the
17 online tools aim to facilitate identifying areas of opportunity for country level climate policy.

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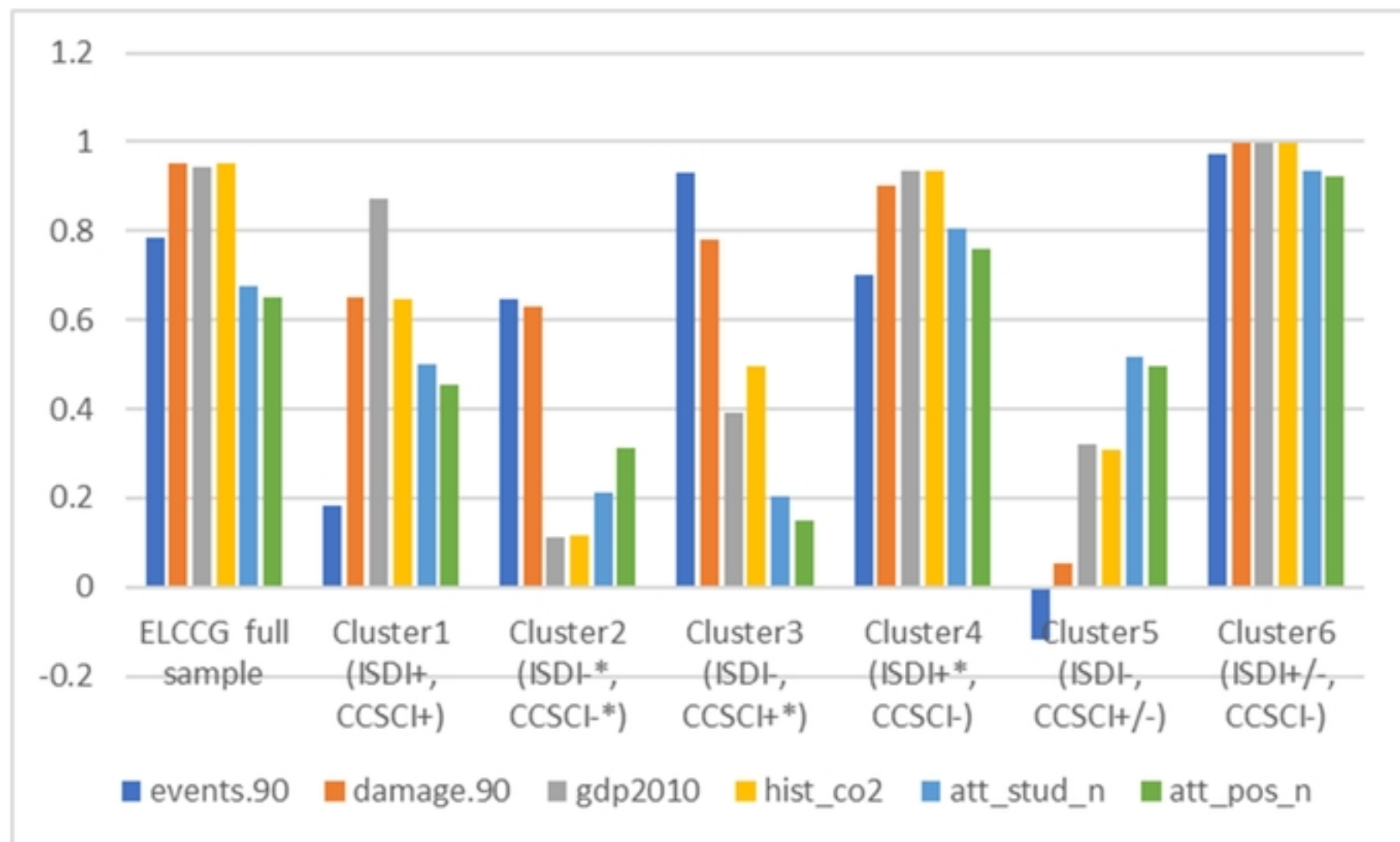


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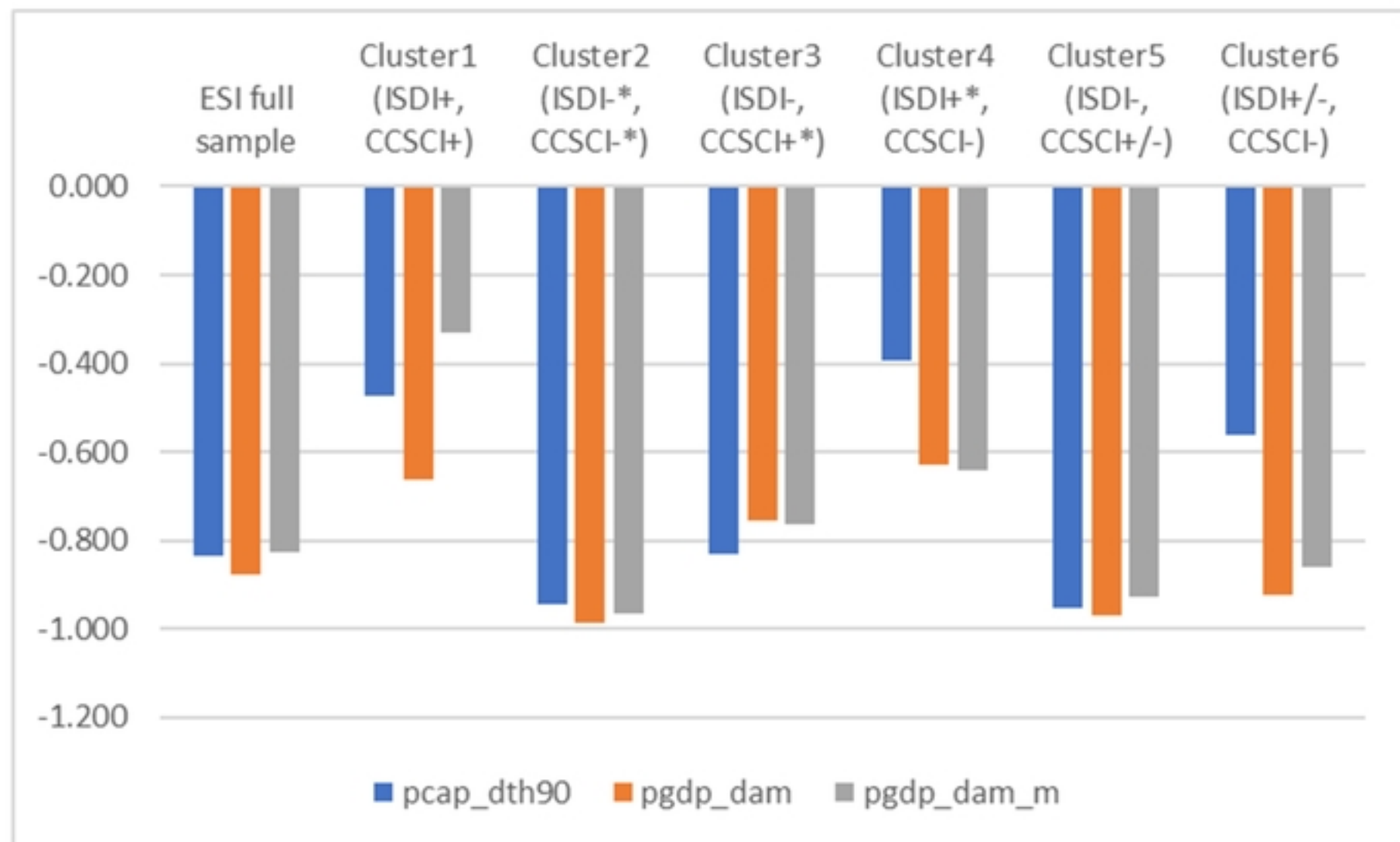


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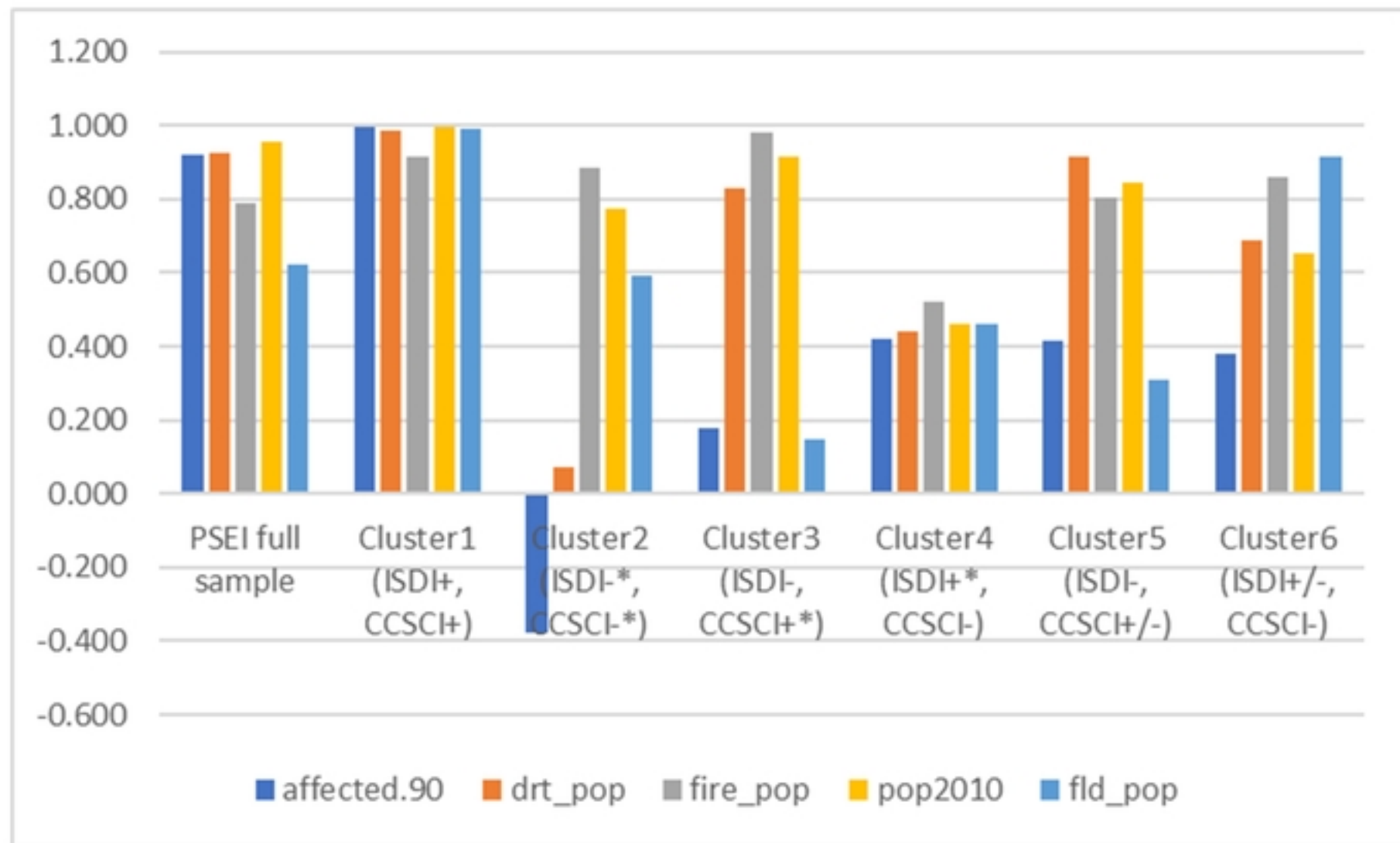


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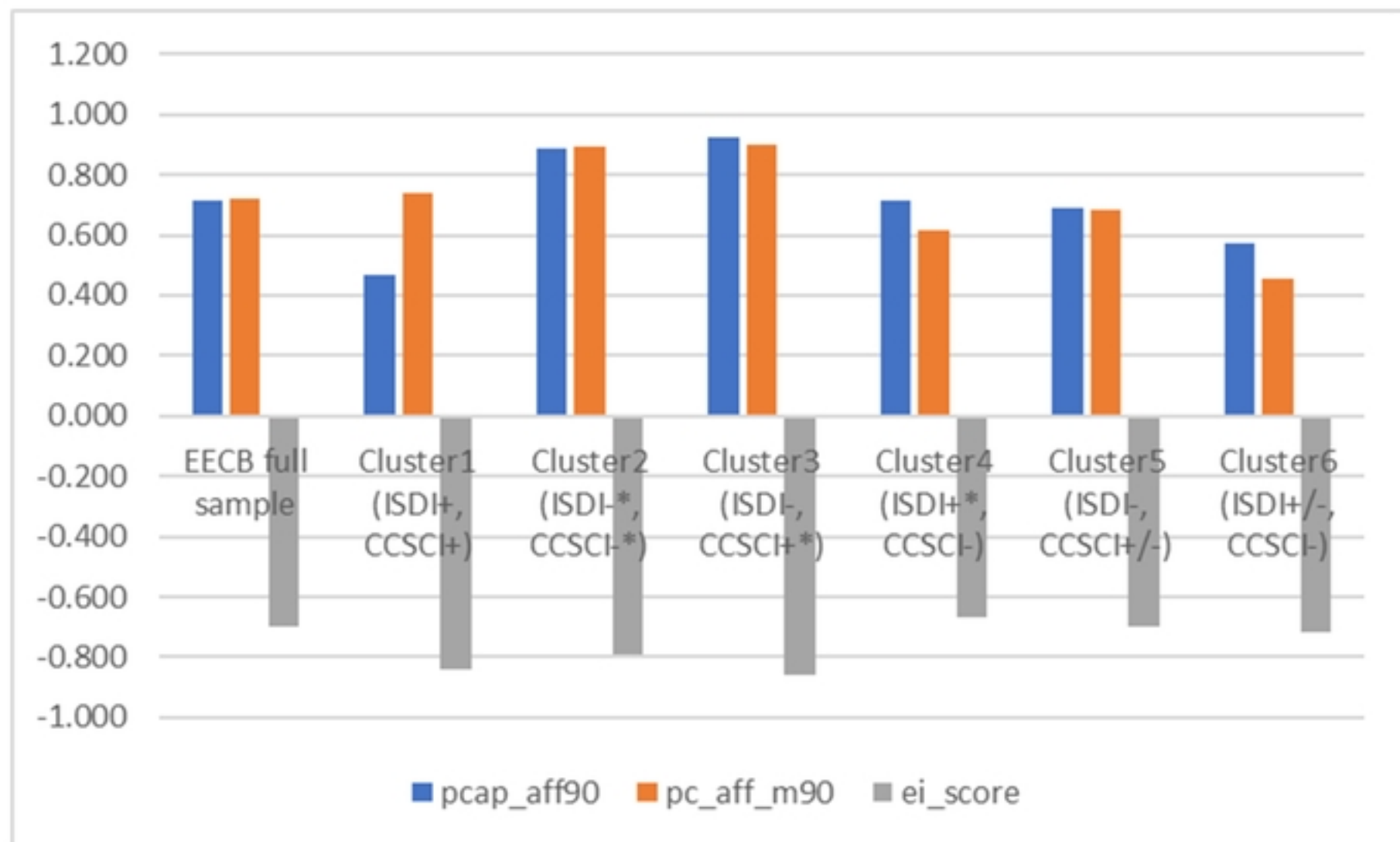


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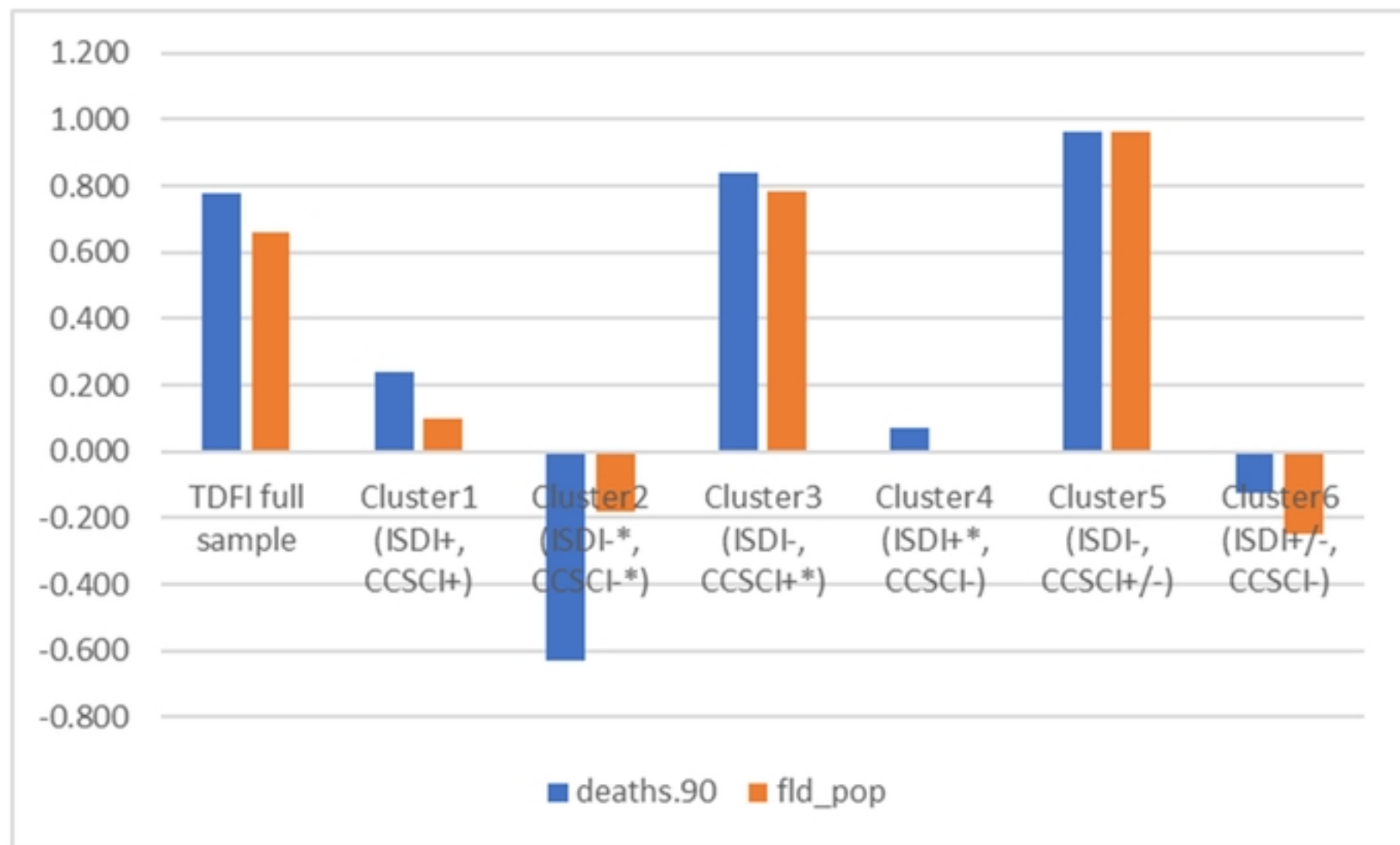


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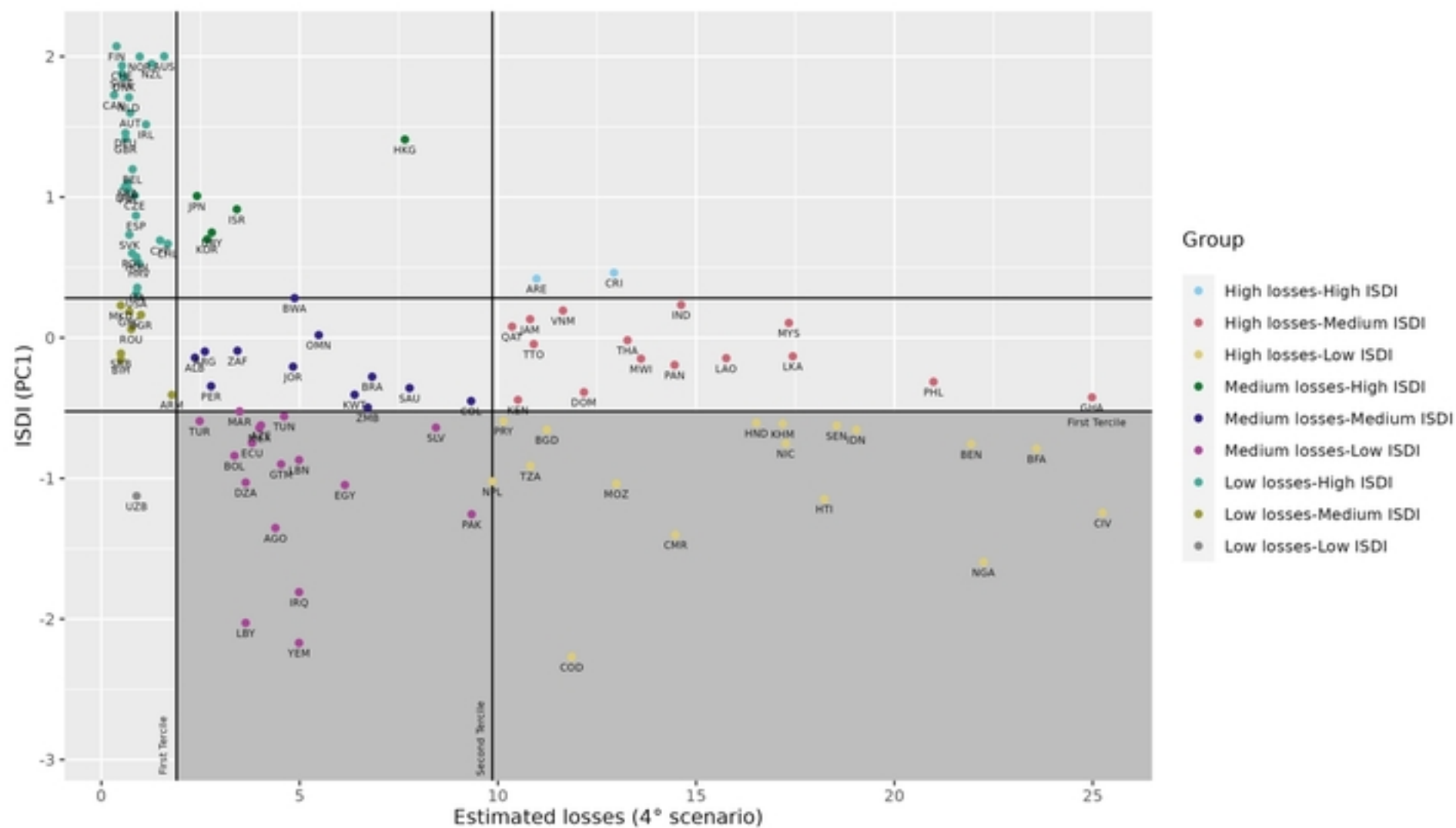


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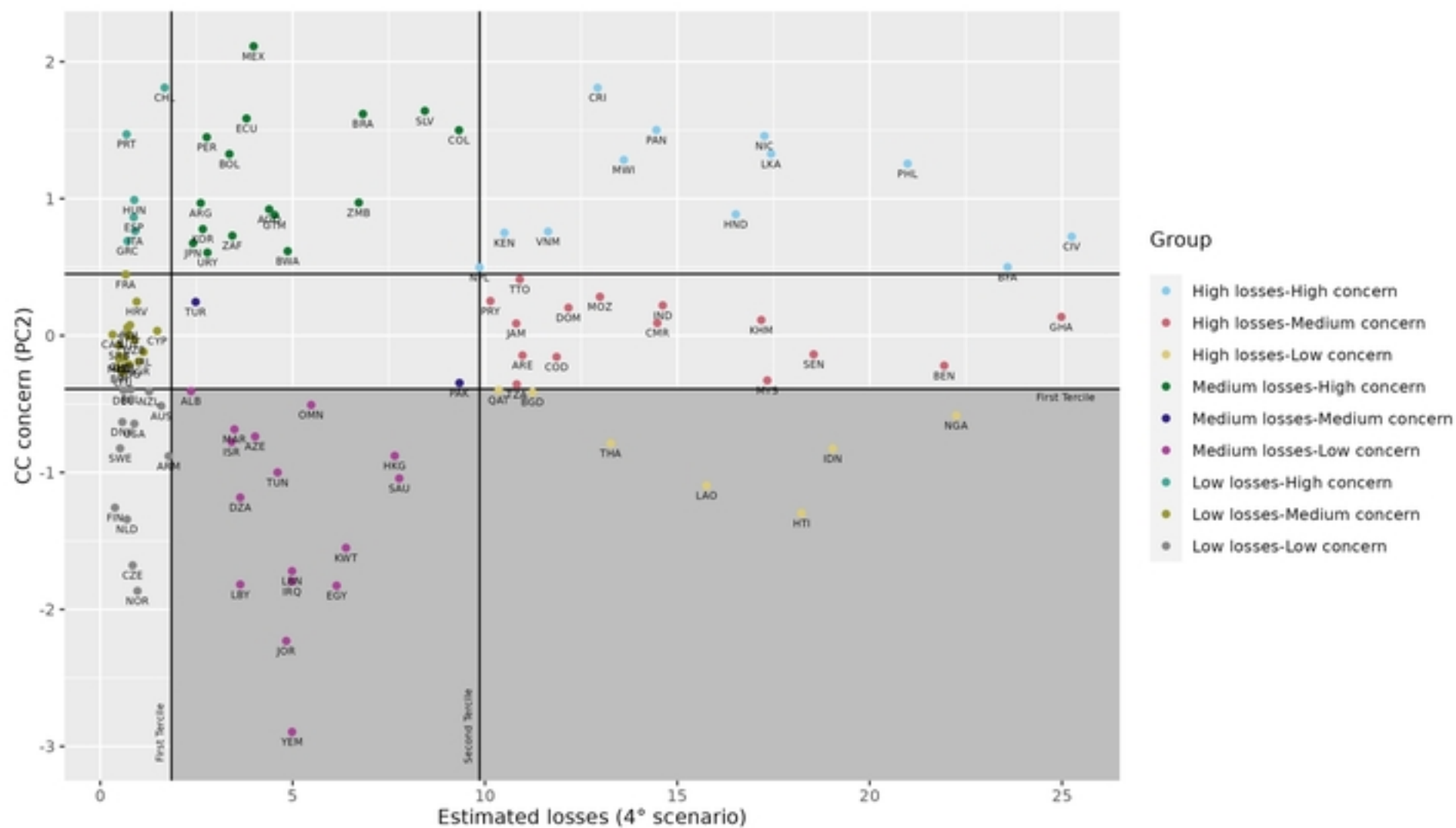


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