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Framing Climate Change Adaptation in Policy and Practice

This is the first working paper produced from the VCCCAR project: 'Framing multi-level and multi-actor adaptation responses in the Victorian context'. It describes what 'adapting' to climate change means by clarifying commonly used terminology and how these different concepts are used in policy development in Australia, and other parts of the world. The paper highlights key questions for researchers, policy developers and decision-makers regarding the framing of adaptation processes at conceptual and operational levels.

[Framing Climate Change Adaptation in Policy and Practice \(VCCCAR Project: Framing Adaptation in the Victorian Context\)](#), Hartmut Fünfgeld and Darryn McEvoy, Working Paper 1, Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation (VCCCAR), Melbourne, Australia, April 2011 [747 KB, PDF]

Spending Adaptation Money Wisely

The discussions about adaptation finance have mostly been about process: how money should be raised and how adaptation spending should be governed and monitored. This paper seeks to move the focus of the debate back towards the substance of adaptation by asking what “good adaptation” in developing countries would look like. It argues that the best use of funds in the short term may be for “soft”, or less tangible developmental activities that increase adaptive capacity.

[Spending Adaptation Money Wisely](#), Samuel Fankhauser and Ian Burton, Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy, and Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment. January 2011 [361 KB, PDF]

Vulnerability, Social Justice, and Climate Change Adaptation

This report introduces the concept of vulnerability to climate change within the context of social justice. It examines two case studies of adaptation in the south-west of England: the implementation of the national Heatwave Plan; and the trend towards differential water pricing based on usage. The report highlights the need for a more systematic consideration of current and future vulnerabilities in local, sectoral and national adaptation planning.

[Vulnerability to Heatwaves and Drought: Case Studies of Adaptation to Climate Change in South-West England](#), Magnus Benzie et al., The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF), February 2011 [1.44 MB, PDF]

Global Climate Change and Children’s Health

The paper summarises children’s vulnerability to climate-related environmental hazards, such as: increased temperatures; increasing frequency and severity of weather extremes; and sea level rise. It emphasizes that the disproportionate impacts will exacerbate existing issues of environmental justice. The paper argues that the climate change preparedness strategies need to be incorporated into the public health programmes.

[Global Climate Change and Children’s Health: Threats and Strategies for Prevention](#), Perry E. Sheffield and Philip J. Landrigan, Environmental Health Perspectives, vol. 119, issue 3, March 2011 [324 KB, PDF]

UGEC Viewpoints: Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainability

The UGEC project targets the generation of new knowledge on the bi-directional interactions and feedback loops between urban areas and global environmental change at local, regional and global levels. The 5th issue of UGEC Viewpoints offers a selection of articles reflecting the diversity of research presented and discussed at the UGEC conference in October 2010. Many of the articles speak to the ideas of convergence and transdisciplinarity, and argue that the knowledge required to

deal with intractable problems (such as climate change and biodiversity loss) cannot be found within the neatly organized walls of a single scientific discipline.

[UGEC Viewpoints: Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainability in an Urbanizing World: Selections from the 2010UGEC Conference](#), Urbanization and Global Environmental Change: An IHDP Core Project, Arizona State University, USA, vol. 5, April 2011 [22.3 MB, PDF]

Invitation to Comment on Emergency Management NARP

NCCARF (National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility) is revising its Emergency Management National Climate Change Adaptation Research Plan (NARP). The revised plan will outline how research into climate change adaptation for the 'emergency management' theme will be commissioned in Australia. The consultation period for this revision closes on 13 May 2011.

[Invitation to Comment on Emergency Management NARP](#), National Climate Change Adaptation Research Plan: Emergency Management, Australian National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF), Queensland, Australia, May 2011

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