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Physical and Institutional Climate Adaptation Pathways

The report investigates institutional response to changing patterns of extreme weather, specifically storm surge inundation. It considers both the economic costs and benefits of adaptation (as well as institutional factors that may enable or constrain adaptation) across a range of case studies of Queensland coastal communities. The report simulates likely storm surge events under sea level rise scenarios to estimate total costs of inundation across the case studies out to 2100, incorporating both damage to buildings and devaluation of land in the residential sector. [Costs and Coasts: An Empirical Assessment of Physical and Institutional Climate Adaptation Pathways](#), CS Fletcher et al., CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship, CSIRO and National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF), Gold Coast, Australia, 2013 [2.05 MB, PDF]

Mainstreaming Climate Adaptation into Development Planning

This report explores Cambodia's experience against three building blocks for successful mainstreaming of climate change into development planning: an enabling environment; policies and planning; and projects and programmes. The enabling environment for mainstreaming includes the political will to make climate policy and the information services that guide it. The second block - planning and policy - includes policy frameworks together with institutional arrangements and

finance mechanisms. The projects and programmes block takes mainstreaming to the project level. [Country Report: Mainstreaming Climate Change Resilience into Development Planning in Cambodia](#), Phirum Am et al., the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance (CCCA) & the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), 2013 [416 KB, PDF]

An Independent National Adaptation Programme - England

The policy brief identifies the main climate vulnerabilities in the UK and discusses adaptation priorities for the coming decade. It reviews the role of Government in adapting to a changing climate and discusses ways to embed good adaptation practice in policy-making. The brief concludes with an illustrative set of priority actions for UK Government to formulate a rational basis for thinking about climate change adaptation. [An Independent National Adaptation Programme for England](#), Sam Fankhauser et al., Policy Brief, the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP) and the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, March 2013 [586 KB, PDF]

Climate Change Adaptation: The Role of Financial Sector

The financial sector plays a fundamental role in developing mechanisms for adaptation to climate change and risk sharing arising from resulting effects. This paper raises awareness of the role financial services can play in adaptation to climate change. It explores how the financial sector can assist in managing climate related risks, and identifies areas in which the sector must adapt products and practices as a result of these factors. [Risk Management and Climate Change: The Role of the Financial Services Sector](#), Kevin Davis and Martin Jenkinson, Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research (VCCCAR), Melbourne, Victoria, Australia [1.83 MB, PDF]

Climate Change and Pacific Island Countries

This paper presents the effects of increased temperatures and sea-level rise, together with other climate-linked changes to the Pacific Islands. It examines past responses to climate changes and barriers in driving adaptation to climate change at the community level. The paper presents a set of fundamental challenges to livelihoods in the Pacific Islands region posed by future climate change and recommendations to reduce the impacts of such changes. [Climate Change and Pacific Island Countries](#), Patrick D. Nunn, Background Paper, Asia-Pacific Human Development Report, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2013 [2.19 MB, PDF]

International Symposium on Cities, People & Places - Sri Lanka

This international symposium on cities, people and places (ISCPP) will be held from October 14-17, 2013, at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The objectives of ISCPP are twofold. First, it aims to gather those who are interested in looking into the spaces and places of cities with a view to sharing their understanding of the complex human dimension of living in cities. Second, it envisages facilitating and constructing a holistic view of the problems facing contemporary cities, and places and solutions for their meaningful growth. [International Symposium on Cities, People & Places \(ISCPP\)](#), The Department of Architecture of the University of Moratuwa and Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 14-17 October 2013

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