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Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Management

The paper reviews the concept of adaptation as climate risk management. In doing so, it applies a liberal view of risk, where different methods can be used within a broad risk framework. This includes methods that focus on the event, the outcome, or take a joint approach - methods that deal solely with climate or multiple drivers of change, and methods that range from quantitative to qualitative.

[Adaptation and Risk Management](#), Roger N. Jones and Benjamin L. Preston, Climate Change Working Paper No. 15, Centre for Strategic Economic Studies, Victoria University, Melbourne, May 2010 [136 KB, PDF]

Asia-Pacific Regional Climate Change Adaptation Assessment

The report provides a regional analysis of climate adaptation needs for the Asia-Pacific region in order to identify opportunities for USAID to deepen its regional engagement in supporting adaptation to climate change in Asia. It identifies the challenges countries face in planning and implementing adaptation strategies, and describes the range of adaptations that have been already

identified. The report discusses key considerations for regional adaptation programming, including descriptions of vulnerability and adaptation technical assistance and capacity building activities.

[Asia-Pacific Regional Climate Change Adaptation Assessment - Final Report: Findings and Recommendations](#), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) - Asia, April 2010 [1.63 MB, PDF]

Adaptation Benchmarking Survey - CSIRO, Australia

This report documents the results of a series of surveys and interviews undertaken to benchmark the current level of climate adaptation activities in Australian organisations. Results suggest that adaptation planning is more likely to occur if an organisation: has more knowledge of climate change in general; has conducted formal vulnerability assessment; has prior experience with longer-term strategic planning; and has contact with external organisations to provide information and assistance.

[Adaptation Benchmarking Survey: Initial Report](#), Working Paper No. 4, John Gardner, Richard Parsons and Gillian Paxton, CSIRO Climate Adaptation National Research Flagship, 2010 [1.01 MB, PDF]

A Conceptual Framework for e-Resilience and e-Adaptation

The paper sets out a conceptual foundation that links climate change, livelihoods vulnerability, and the potential of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in supporting systemic resilience. It presents the conceptual underpinnings of livelihood systems' vulnerability to the potential effects of climate change. The paper introduces the concept of resilience as a system property, arguing that it plays an important role in enhancing the adaptive capacity.

[Linking ICTs and Climate Change Adaptation: A Conceptual Framework for e-Resilience and e-Adaptation](#), Angelica Valeria Ospina and Richard Heeks, Centre for Development Informatics, Institute for Development Policy and Management, Manchester University, UK, 2010 [1 MB, PDF]

Climate Change in Regional Australia: Social Learning and Adaptation

This book presents case studies of community level approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation covering communities and governance, farming communities, economics and water. It shows how a social learning approach can bring about fundamental change with lasting impacts at the local level. The book concludes that the adaptive response will work only if it is diverse and varied, and it will demand forms of engagement that have not been embraced seriously before.

[Climate Change in Regional Australia: Social Learning and Adaptation](#), John Martin, Maureen Rogers and Caroline Winter (editors), Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities, Latrobe University, Melbourne, Australia, 2010 [payment required]

International Graduate Conference on Climate Change and People

This conference will take place from 15-19 November 2010 in Kathmandu, Nepal. It will bring together various scholars, graduate students and climate change practitioners to equip and mobilize Young Minds on climate change and related societal issues. Funding opportunity is available to the selected participants from the developing countries. Applications may be submitted by 15 September 2010.

[International Graduate Conference on Climate Change and People](#), Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) and UNESCO, Kathmandu, Nepal, 15-19 November 2010

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