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Climate Change Bill 2010 - Victoria, Australia

This research brief provides an overview of the main provisions of the Victorian legislation, background information on climate change, an overview of the state government's white paper action plan, stakeholder responses, and legislation in other jurisdictions. The main purposes of the Bill are to facilitate the consideration of climate change in areas of government decision making; promote collaboration and innovation in response to climate change; and develop a climate change adaptation plan.

Victoria's Climate Change Bill 2010, Research Brief, Parliamentary Library Research Service, Department of Parliamentary Services, Parliament of Victoria, Australia, August 2010 [194 KB, PDF]

Climate Change and Regime Perpetuation in North Korea

This paper examines the vulnerability of North Korea's agricultural sector to climate change and assesses the impact of climate change on regime stability. It argues that climate change may weaken the Kim Jong-il regime by disrupting North Korea's agricultural sector, leading to greater food insecurity and erosion of the state's institutions. The paper finds that North Korea has limited capacity to adapt to climate hazards, which could exacerbate existing stresses and push the regime

into terminal decay.

Climate Change and Regime Perpetuation in North Korea, Benjamin Habib, Asian Survey, Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 378 - 401, 2010 [Subscription Required]

Pro-Poor Adaptation to Climate Change in Urban Centers

This study attempts to better understand what poor households, small businesses and communities are doing to cope with climate change impacts. It selects two urban sites - Mombasa and Estelí. The study suggests that urban adaptation planning should include a component which looks in detail at the current realities of climate change (negative impacts of changing weather patterns, and the strategies which build resilience) for the urban poor.

Pro-Poor Adaptation to Climate Change in Urban Centers: Case Studies of Vulnerability and Resilience in Kenya and Nicaragua, Caroline Moser et al., Sustainable Development Network, Social Development Department, the World Bank, June 2010 [2.13 MB, PDF]

Coastal Inundation under Climate Change – Queensland, Australia

The paper explores the issues involved in assessing the real costs and benefits of planned adaptation on coastal residential housing and select infrastructure (commercial and educational buildings, roads and railway infrastructure) to reduce exposure to future hazards from inundation events. To do this, it uses data from South East Queensland (SEQ) - a region recognised as facing a high risk of inundation in the future.

Coastal Inundation under Climate Change: A Case Study in South East Queensland, Xiaoming Wang et al., CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship Working Paper No. 6, CSIRO, Australia, September 2010 [1.50 MB, PDF]

Unpacking of Resilience for Tackling Climate Change

This working paper focuses on academic conceptualisation of the concept of ‘resilience’ in social, ecological and socio-ecological systems. It reviews 16 overlapping conceptualisations of resilience outlined to date from the literature. The paper analyses the existing conceptions to make an attempt to distil the diverse views into a set of key characteristics and indicators.

Resilience Renaissance? Unpacking of Resilience for Tackling Climate Change and Disasters, Aditya V. Bahadur, Maggie Ibrahim and Thomas Tanner, Strengthening Climate Resilience Discussion Paper 1, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), September 2010 [1.41 MB, PDF]

Environmental Education Congress - Brisbane, Australia

6th World Environmental Education Congress will take place in Brisbane, Australia from 19-23 July 2011. It is targeted at all individuals and organisations with a stake in environmental, climate change and sustainability education who want to share learning and experiences with global experts and peers. Abstract submission deadline is 3rd December 2010.

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