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## VCCCAR Annual Report 2010-2011

The annual report of the Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research (VCCCAR) covers the activities of the Centre in the twelve months ending 30 June 2011. It indicates that the Centre has made considerable progress, including: (1) funding eight major climate adaptation research projects worth almost \$2 million; (2) supporting two international visiting fellows; and (3) sponsoring seven think tanks in metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

[VCCCAR Annual Report 2010-2011](#), Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research-VCCCAR, the University of Melbourne, Carlton, Victoria, Australia, 2012 [1 MB, PDF]

## Climate Variability and Change in the Himalayas

This study investigates how climate and socioeconomic change is affecting mountain people's livelihoods, what makes them vulnerable, and how they are coping with and adapting to change. It conducts a community-based vulnerability and adaptive capacity assessment in four different areas of India, Nepal and Bhutan. The study contributes to enhancing the resilience of vulnerable mountain communities in the Hindu-Kush Himalayan (HKH) region to change.

[Climate Variability and Change in the Himalayas: Community Perceptions and Responses, Mirjam Macchi et al., International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Kathmandu, Nepal, 2011](#) [3.12 MB, PDF]

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## **Modeling: Potential Damage-Reducing Benefits of Flood Warnings**

The paper presents an extended approach to the estimation of potential flood damage reduction benefits of flood warnings for fluvial and tidal floods, drawing upon research completed for the European Commission's Floodsite project. It demonstrates the potential economic benefits of coupling flood warnings to a combination of structural and non-structural flood risk management measures.

[Modelling the Potential Damage-Reducing Benefits of Flood Warnings Using European Cases](#) Sally J. Priest, Dennis J. Parker and Sue M. Tapsell, *Environmental Hazards: Human and Policy Dimensions*, vol. 10, pp. 101-120, 2011 [352 KB, PDF]

## **USAID Climate Change and Development Strategy**

This strategy outlines goals and strategic objectives of USAID's new Climate Change and Development Strategy, and provides guiding principles based on USAID's long history of work in related areas like disaster risk reduction, natural resources management and energy sector reform. The strategy lays out a road map for implementation, recognizing the need to develop more detailed plans for research, monitoring, training, learning and outreach in the future.

[USAID Climate Change and Development Strategy: Clean Resilient Growth, U.S. Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#), January 2012 [4.52 MB, PDF]

## **Pakistan Floods Emergency: Lessons from a Continuing Crisis**

The paper argues that greater political commitment and resources are necessary to tackle the social and economic injustices that leave vulnerable groups such as women, children and elderly and disabled people at particular risk from hazards such as floods and earthquakes in Pakistan. It calls for the international aid community to provide timely and adequate funding and technical support to Pakistan's efforts.

[Pakistan Floods Emergency: Lessons from a Continuing Crisis](#), Shaheen Chughtai and Cate Heinrich, Oxfam et al., pp. 1-16, 2012 [3.36 MB, PDF]

## **NCCARF's Climate Adaptation Champions**

NCCARF aims to showcase people and projects actively changing behaviour, techniques, businesses and policies to adapt to an altered climate future. It will choose 'Climate Adaptation Champions' in four categories, including: individual, community, business and government. Nominations may be forwarded to Ann Penny at: [a.penny@griffith.edu.au](mailto:a.penny@griffith.edu.au) by 31 March 2012.

[NCCARF's Climate Adaptation Champions - 2012 Nominations Now Open](#), National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF), Australia, March 2012

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