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Climate Change and Regional Spatial Planning

The paper describes the governance frames for spatial planning and climate change adaptation policy within the regions of South West England (SWE) in the UK and South East Queensland (SEQ) in Australia. It identifies how growth is conceptualised and measured in each region, including an analysis of how urban growth may confound climate change management. The paper sets out how regional spatial plans frame policies for housing growth, climate change and their inter-relationship.

Growing Adaptively? Responding to Climate Change through Regional Spatial Planning In England and Australia, Ian Smith et al., Research Paper 31, Urban Research Program, Griffith University, Brisbane, QLD, Australia, July 2010 [1.21 MB, PDF]

Do the Poor Have What They Need to Adapt to Climate Change?

This study examines the ability of the poor in Nepal to adapt to climate change. It explores the adaptive capacity of communities in the Koshi Tappu area by examining whether or not they have the required capital assets (human, social, natural, physical, and financial capital) to remain resilient in the face of continuous climate extreme events.

Do the Poor Have What They Need to Adapt to Climate Change? A Case Study of Nepal, Hari Bansha Dulal et al., Local Environment, vol. 15, no. 7, pp. 621–635, August 2010 [380 KB, PDF]

Who Makes Decisions About Our Cities?

The report focuses on city governance by exploring who makes decisions about our cities and how they are made. It investigates city-level decision making in eight cities (Vancouver, Toronto, Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Austin, Dublin and Copenhagen). The report's findings have two major implications for Australian cities: first, residents must be involved in decisions; second, changing structures does not, in itself, result in success.

Cities - Who Decides? Jane-Frances Kelly, Grattan Institute, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, October 2010 [1.92 MB, PDF]

Community-Based Adaptation Toolkit

This community-based adaptation (CBA) toolkit offers a practical 'how-to' guide for teams completing the CBA project cycle. It includes step-by-step guidance and recommended tools for various stages of the project cycle, along with links to useful resources and checklists for key project documents. The toolkit includes a reference set of CBA standards to help ensure high quality analysis, design, project implementation and information and knowledge management.

Community-Based Adaptation Toolkit (Digital Toolkit – Version 1.0), CARE International and International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), July 2010 [0.98 MB, PDF]

Integrating DRR and CCA in Development Processes

This review provides a snapshot of current levels of convergence of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) at multiple scales. It assesses the similarities and differences between DRR and CCA and examines what is at stake if the two agendas do not converge. The review presents updated evidence of where DRR and CCA are already converging, followed by a section re-evaluating obstacles to further convergence.

Assessing Progress on Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in Development Processes, Tom Mitchell, Maarten van Aalst and Paula Silva Villanueva, SCR Discussion Paper 2, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK, September 2010 [358 KB, PDF]

Learning from Experience – NCCARF Melbourne Event

This NCCARF event will take place in Melbourne on 7 December 2010. It will examine various case studies of past extremes to explore questions, such as: What makes communities vulnerable to extreme events? How and why do communities change their behaviour after extremes? What are the enablers of successful adaptation actions? What actions strengthen resilience, and what are examples of maladaptation? On-line registration may be made by 2 December 2010.

Learning from Experience: Presenting NCCARF Synthesis Research, National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF), Mecure Hotel Melbourne, Australia, 7 December 2010

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