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Australian Government's Vision for Climate Adaptation

The paper outlines the Australian Government's role in adaptation, which includes building community resilience and establishing the right conditions for people to adapt; taking climate change into account in the management of Commonwealth assets and programs; providing sound scientific information; and leading national reform. It identifies six national priority areas for action: water, coasts, infrastructure, natural ecosystems, natural disaster management, and agriculture.

Adapting to Climate Change in Australia: An Australian Government Position Paper, Department of Climate Change, Australian Government, February 2010 [3.25 MB, PDF]

Community-based Adaptation to Climate Change

The report focuses on community-based participatory methods to climate change adaptation. It discusses how this approach to climate change has similarities and differences to other developmental and disaster risk reduction approaches. The report highlights innovative

participatory methods which could help communities analyse the causes and effects of climate change, integrate scientific and community knowledge, and plan adaptation measures.

<u>Community-based Adaptation to Climate Change: Participatory Learning and Action</u>, Hannah Reid et al. (editors), The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), December 2009 [1.37 MB, PDF]

Four Reasons for Concern about Adaptation to Climate Change

This commentary highlights four concerns related to the ability to adapt to climate change impacts and the likelihood of sustainable adaptation. They are: contractions and uncertainties in the window of opportunity for adaptation; the difference between adaptive capacity and adaptive action; the risk of maladaptation; and misguided measures of loss.

Four Reasons for Concern about Adaptation to Climate Change: Commentary, W Neil Adger and Jon Barnett, Environment and Planning A, vol. 41, 2009, pp. 2800-2805 [82.8 KB, PDF]

An E-Science Approach to Climate Change Adaptation

The study presents an e-Science eco-informatics platform to support multidisciplinary and crossagency research in dealing with the complex problem of climate change adaptation. It presents four key components of the eco-informatics platform, including: climate change modelling; land use risk modelling; geo-visualisation and an e-Resource Centre for sharing data models; and visualisations. The study supports better collaboration across organisations in addressing adaptation.

<u>An E-Science Approach to Climate Change Adaptation</u>, Christopher Pettit et al., Victorian Resources Online, Department of Primary Industries, Victorian Government, Melbourne, Australia, 2010

A New Pragmatic Procedure: The Climate Learning Ladder

The paper provides a simple operational tool (climate learning ladder-CLL) that can be used by interdisciplinary research teams, policy analysts and practitioners to support reflexive learning on climate change adaptation. The CLL is premised on a 'bottom-up' procedure. The paper discusses some of the results and lessons learned from the development and application of the CLL.

The Climate Learning Ladder. A Pragmatic Procedure to Support Climate Adaptation, J. David Tàbara et al., Environmental Policy and Governance, vol. 20, pp. 1-11, 2010 [subscription required]

Mekong Environment and Climate Symposium - Vietnam

This symposium will take place from 26-27 April 2010 in Phan Thiet city, Vietnam. It will include five thematic sessions: methodology and tools for protection of the Mekong environment; environmental knowledge sharing; bridging environmental policy, decision makers and stakeholders; preparedness

and adaptive capacity to the Mekong environmental changes and climate risks; and partnership and collaboration for a sustainable Mekong environment. The deadline for registration is 1 April 2010.

Mekong Environment and Climate Symposium 2010, Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative, Mekong River Commission (MRC), Phan Thiet city, Vietnam, 26-27 April 2010

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