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1. Australian Northern Territory and Climate Change

The paper highlights climate change challenges and opportunities for the Australian Northern Territory (NT). It introduces the options available to tackle climate change. The paper raises some key questions for local communities, the NT Government and the Australian Government in order to address climate change.

Discussion Paper on NT Climate Change Issues, Department of the Chief Minister, The Northern Territory Government, Darwin, Australia, June 2008 [PDF]

2. A Three-Pronged Approach for Climate Change Adaptation

The report examines different key themes aimed at addressing climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation in eastern and southern Africa. It finds that a three-pronged approach is required: a comprehensive approach that targets risks, builds local adaptive capacity, and confronts the social processes that generate or exacerbate vulnerability.

Climate Change in Eastern and Southern Africa: Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation, Siri Eriksen, Karen O'Brien and Lynn Rosentrater, Global Environmental Change and Human Security (GECHS), University of Oslo, Norway, 2008 [PDF]

3. Climate Change and Forced Migration - Implications

The paper looks at the ways that climate change might lead to increased migration. It estimates the developmental impact of potentially millions of people displaced by coastal flooding, extreme weather events and agricultural disruption. The paper investigates different policy responses to the prospect of large-scale population movements caused by climate change.

Migration and Climate Change, Oli Brown, IOM Migration Research Series, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva, Switzerland, 2008 [PDF]

4. Economic Models and Climate Change Policy Debate

Economic models have been extensively used to evaluate the consequences of different policy options for addressing global climate change. The paper addresses the importance of understanding both the limitations of these models and what insights can be gleaned from their results.

Insights Not Numbers: The Appropriate Use of Economic Models, Janet Peace and John Weyant, White Paper-Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, VA, USA, April 2008 [PDF]

5. Rising Oil Prices: Options for Asia-Pacific Region

The report examines the impact of rising oil prices since 2003 on developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region (China, India, Indonesia and Lao PDR). It proposes a new regional compensatory finance facility to address crises due to oil price rises. The report explores ways all countries can secure energy and power for the poor.

Overcoming Vulnerability to Rising Oil Prices - Options for Asia and the Pacific, Regional Energy Programme for Poverty Reduction, UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, 2007 [PDF]

6. Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Conference - UK

The conference (Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation: Dangerous Rates of Change) will be held at the University of Exeter from 22-24 September 2008. It aims at discussing the evolving impacts of climate change and the issues of adaptation in a time of ongoing change. For registration details, please go to the conference website (below).

International Conference - Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation: Dangerous Rates of Change, Met Office Hadley Centre and the University of Exeter, Devon, UK, September 22-24, 2008

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