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## Adaptation at the Local Government Level: Great Barrier Reef

The paper finds that climate policy is generally risk-based, which makes it a difficult issue for policy makers at all scales. It reports on a Queensland case study of a local government area on the coast of the Great Barrier Reef. The paper emphasizes the importance of being proactive in creating responses that prepare local governments for future climatic challenges.

[The Capacity of Local Government to Support Adaptation to Climate Change: Dealing with Risk and Uncertainty](#), Anne M Leitch and Cathy Robinson, James Cook University and CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, Paper presented at the Queensland Coastal Conference, Queensland, Australia, 2009 [123 KB, PDF]

## Urban Planning and Urban Responses to Climate Change - Australia

The paper focuses on the Australian government, both in terms of responses to the Kyoto Protocol

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and to the current policies of the Rudd Labor Government. It reviews state policies on climate change with particular reference to cities and transport. The paper describes the new institutional arrangements and policies that are emerging for mitigation, adaptation and risk assessment associated with climate change in cities.

[Sustainable Urban Planning and Urban Responses to Climate Change - A Review of Practices in the ACT, New South Wales and Victoria, Australia](#), Hitomi Nakanishi, John Black and Ken Doust, Paper Presented at Fifth Urban Research Symposium, France, 2009 [327 KB, PDF]

## **Current Rainfall Conditions and El Nino Teleconnections 2009**

This document helps policy makers understand the potential impacts of current El Niño conditions on different developing countries. It uses IRI's data library to prepare various maps and graphs. Readers can use the document to assess how vulnerable different areas of the world are to climate-related socioeconomic impacts.

[Current Rainfall Conditions and El Nino Teleconnections 2009: A Preliminary Look](#), Shiv Someshwar et al., The International Research Institute for Climate and Society, Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA, October 2009 [10.6 MB, PDF]

## **Adaptation Finance under a Copenhagen Agreed Outcome**

The report provides a picture of the issues surrounding adaptation finance as relevant to a Copenhagen Agreed Outcome by addressing different stages of adaptation finance: generation, governance and delivery of finance. It argues that such an agreement on adaptation financing is in fact vital to reaching a post-2012 international agreement on climate change.

[Adaptation Finance under a Copenhagen Agreed Outcome](#), Asa Persson et al., Research Report, Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden, October 2009 [1.24 MB, PDF]

## **Climate Change, Conflict and Security: International Law Challenges**

The paper provides information on the likely security risks arising from the effects of climate change, including traditional security threats and non-conventional or human security risks. It considers how different specialized branches of international law might be deployed to address the various risks, in both preventing and responding to those risks.

[Climate Change, Conflict and Security: International Law Challenges](#), Ben Saul, Legal Studies Research Paper No. 09/107, Sydney Law School, the University of Sydney, Australia, 2009, October 2009

## **Malaysia-Thailand Conference on Southeast Asian Studies**

## 2010

This conference will take place at National University of Malaysia on 25-26 March 2010. It will focus on the dynamics of 'interdependency' among people, institutions and states in Southeast Asia. One of the conference themes is 'sustainability, environment and climate change'. Abstracts may be submitted by 12 November 2009.

[4th International Malaysia-Thailand Conference on Southeast Asian Studies \(UKM-Mahidol 4\)](#),  
Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, National University of Malaysia, Bangi, Selangor Darul  
Ehsan, Malaysia, 25-26 March 2010

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