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1. Energy and Equity – Preparing Households for Climate Change

The report identifies trends, issues and principles about energy costs and consumption in Australia. It explores the substantial benefits available from energy efficiency and other effective responses to climate change. The report presents many possible policy responses to climate change that might be considered and supported by the Australian government.

Energy & Equity - Preparing Households for Climate Change: Efficiency, Equity, Immediacy, Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), CHOICE and Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), Australia, 2008 [1.03 MB, PDF]

2. Key Challenges Facing China - Urbanization

The study examines key facets of the urbanization process, highlighting both the challenges for and options open to policy makers. By stitching together the implications of migration, poverty, urban financing, governance, energy use, and water consumption, it provides an integrated perspective on the recent past and the medium-term outlook for urban change in China.

China Urbanizes: Consequences, Strategies and Policies, Shahid Yusuf and Tony Saich, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / the World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA, 2008 [1.13 MB,

PDF]

3. Methods and Tools - Uncertainties for Adaptation Planning

The report focuses on the assessment of climate change uncertainties. It reviews existing frameworks for decision making under uncertainty for adaptation to climate change. The report explores how different ways of including uncertainty in decision making match with uncertainty information provided by the various uncertainty assessment methods.

Uncertainty and Climate Change Adaptation – A Scoping Study, Suraje Dessai and Jeroen van der Sluijs, Copernicus Institute of Utrecht University-the Netherlands, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research-UK, and School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia-UK, December 2007 [3.85 MB, PDF]

4. Development Futures in the Light of Climate Change

Climate change is increasingly recognized as a potential threat to human development. The paper outlines the current debates in development and climate change. It examines key issues and alternative ideas of development through looking at past, present and future implications for development and global society.

Development Futures in the Light of Climate Change: Creating New Insights into Past, Present and Global Futures, Nick Brooks and Natasha Grist, Background Paper for Development Futures Discussion, DFID/DSA Policy Forum, June 02, 2008 [215 KB, PDF]

5. Food Security, Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

The paper examines the implications of different conceptual frameworks for food security in the context of a changing climate, and introduces the interlinked fields of adaptation and disaster risk management. It highlights financial and institutional architecture to address these challenges. The paper attempts promoting discussions for achieving food security in a changing climate.

Climate Change, Food Security and Disaster Risk Management, Katharine Vincent, Thomas Tanner, Stephen Devereux, IDS - Issue Paper, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), 2008 [186 KB, PDF]

6. Climate Risk Case Studies – Expression of Interest (EOI)

IFC has initiated a series of assessments of the risks posed by climate change to private sector investments. IFC-CCU Adaptation Program (AP) invites consulting firms to indicate their interest to undertake an assignment to elaborate case studies focused on climate risks to private sector investments. Expressions of interest may be submitted no later than 20 August 2008.

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) – Climate Risk Case Studies, Vladimir Stenek, IFC-CCU, International Finance Corporation, Washington, D.C., USA, 2008

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