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1. AP6: A Distraction to the Kyoto Process or a Viable Alternative?

The article looks beyond the political rhetoric and provides a preliminary assessment of Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (AP6). How does the AP6 approach - especially in relation to technology development and transfer - differ from the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol approaches? Will the AP6 deliver significant GHG emission reductions?

The Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (AP6): A Distraction to the Kyoto Process or a Viable Alternative? Peter Lawrence, University of New South Wales Faculty of Law Research Series – Paper-72, Australia, 2007 [PDF]

2. Climate Change Impacts on Urban Water Utilities

The paper identifies likely impacts of climate change on drinking water systems in different regions of the U.S. It discusses responses to climate change, both in terms of 'adaptation strategies' to reduce or avoid impacts of climate change, and in terms of 'mitigation strategies' that utilities may adopt to reduce the contribution of water utility operations to the production of GHG emissions.

Implications of Climate Change for Urban Water Utilities, John E. Cromwell, Joel B. Smith, and Robert S. Raucher, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), Washington, D.C.,

December 2007 [PDF]

3. Measuring Vulnerability to Natural Hazards - Fundamentals

The book presents a broad range of current approaches to measuring vulnerability. It contains experiences and examples including drought in Africa; flooding in China and Germany; earthquakes in Pakistan and India; a tsunami in South-East Asia; and forest fires in Portugal, Australia and North America. The book provides important conclusions which can serve as an orientation for future research towards more disaster resilient communities.

Measuring Vulnerability to Natural Hazards Towards Disaster Resilient Societies, Jörn Birkmann, United Nations University Press, Japan, October 2006
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4. Climate Change and Malaysian National Response

Malaysia is vulnerable to extreme climate events such as typhoons, ENSO, droughts and floods. The paper discusses the Malaysian national response to climate change issues. It looks at the anticipated impacts of climate change in Malaysia before looking at other initiatives to combat these impacts.

National Policy Responses to Climate Change: Malaysian Experience, Salmah Zakaria, Ahmad Jamalluddin Shaaban and Chan Yeng Mei, National Hydraulic Research Institute of Malaysia (NAHRIM), Malaysia, 2007 [PDF]

5. Livestock Choice - Climate Change Adaptation in Africa

This paper examines the behavior of farmers in Africa and explores how they have adapted livestock management to the various climates across Africa. It uses three econometric models to examine which species farmers choose: a primary choice multinomial logit, an optimal portfolio multinomial logit, and a demand system multivariate probit.

Climate Change Adaptation in Africa: A Microeconomic Analysis of Livestock Choice, Sungno Niggol Seo and Robert Mendelsohn, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4277, July 2007 [PDF]

6. Sustainability Conference 2009 - Mauritius

The conference aims to develop a holistic view of sustainability, in which environmental, cultural and economic issues are inseparably interlinked. It will work in a multidisciplinary way to address the fundamentals of sustainability. The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 14 February 2008.

Fifth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability, Common Ground Conferences, University of Technology, Mauritius, January 05-07, 2009

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