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Public Risk Perceptions about Climate Change - Australia & UK

The paper presents and discusses national survey findings from a collaborative and cross-national research project undertaken by Griffith University (Australia) and Cardiff University (UK). It examines public risk perceptions, understandings and responses to natural disasters and unfolds impacts of climate change in Australia and Great Britain.

[Public Risk Perceptions, Understandings, and Responses to Climate Change and Natural Disasters in Australia and Great Britain](#), Joseph P. Reser et al., National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF), Gold Coast, Australia, 2012 [7.61 MB, PDF]

What to Do about Droughts in the People's Republic of China?

This report consolidates the highlights from several recent ADB technical assistance studies that relate to improving disaster risk management and water resources management in the People's Republic of China (PRC). It examines how the PRC could holistically and simultaneously address its issues of water scarcity - especially drought, environmental degradation, fragmented and uncoordinated management, and climate-related disasters.

[Drying Up - What to Do about Droughts in the People's Republic of China](#), Qingfeng Zhang et al., Asian Development Bank (ADB), 2012 [2.65 MB, PDF]

Adaptation Guidebook: Comprehensive Climate Action

This guidebook provides a sector-specific methodology on climate adaptation action planning and policy development. It includes some resource tools to develop an adaptation strategy. The guidebook draws on experiences from a number of municipalities and regional organizations in the United States that have developed adaptation plans or worked to incorporate adaptation into their planning processes.

[Center for Climate Strategies Adaptation Guidebook: Comprehensive Climate Action](#), The Center for Climate Strategies (CCS), Washington DC, USA, 2012 [4.74 MB, PDF]

Review of the Economic Costs of Natural Disasters

The paper reviews empirical estimates of the economic consequences of natural disasters and summarizes findings on the determinants of economic damages and fatalities. It provides an overview of risk reduction measures that could be used to adapt to changing extremes. The paper discusses difficulties in obtaining empirical estimates of all economic costs of natural disasters.

[Informing Climate Adaptation: A Review of the Economic Costs of Natural Disasters, Their Determinants, and Risk Reduction Options](#), Carolyn Kousky, Discussion Paper No. 12-28, Resources for the Future, Washington DC, USA, July 2012 [Free Subscription Required]

Population Policy for Enhancing Adaptation to Climate Change

The paper explores the effectiveness of population policy scenarios in reducing the combined impacts of population change and climate change on water resources. It employs (by using the World Bank population data) one no-policy scenario and two scenarios with population policy assumptions for the impact analysis. The paper attempts to widen the understanding of the combined impacts of climate change in the future and of the strategies needed to enhance the space for adaptation.

[The Effects of Country-level Population Policy for Enhancing Adaptation to Climate Change](#), N. K. Gunasekara et al., Hydrology and Earth System Sciences Discussions, vol. 9, pp. 9239-9256, 2012 [2.27 MB, PDF]

3rd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2013

The 3rd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum will be held around the end of February or early March 2013. The main theme of the forum will be "Mainstreaming Adaptation into Development". The core organizers of the Forum are the Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES), the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP), the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Proposals for collaboration may be submitted by 15 September 2012.

[3rd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2013](#), Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES), Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRCAP), Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), February/March 2013.

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