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Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation - Australia

The report focuses on reforms to policy frameworks that would address barriers to effective climate change adaptation in Australia. It considers actions taken by households, businesses, other organisations, governments and communities in response to the impacts of climate change, including actions taken preemptively to reduce the risks of climate change impacts, or in response to impacts as they happen.

[Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation - Draft Report](#), Productivity Commission, Commonwealth of Australia, 2012 [1.49 MB, PDF]

Disaster and Poverty Data in Quang Binh Province, Viet Nam

As a follow-up to a first paper "A preliminary analysis of flood and storm disaster data in Viet Nam", this paper examines the disaster profile of Quang Binh district in Viet Nam. It explores the relationship between poverty and disaster data - analyzing the relationship between disaster loss and damage (the number of deaths, total number of houses destroyed and damaged, and areas of agriculture destroyed and damaged) and poverty (poverty rate, percentage of poor households) at district level.

[A Preliminary Analysis of Disaster and Poverty Data in Quang Binh Province, Viet Nam](#), Thuy T. Nguyen and Miguel Coulier (main authors), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the United Nations Development Programme, Viet Nam, March 2012 [1.70 MB, PDF]

Climate Change Adaptation Strategies - European States

This article gives an overview of different national approaches to climate change adaptation from a spatial planning and regional development perspective. It argues that spatial planning has the potential to play an important role due to its integrative and cross-sectoral character. The article finds that climate change impacts are distributed differently in European regions which influence the design of national adaptation strategies as well as the planning-related fields of action.

[National Climate Change Adaptation Strategies of European States from a Spatial Planning and Development Perspective](#), Stefan Greiving and Mark Fleischhauer, European Planning Studies (Special Issue: Climate Change and Sustainable Cities), vol. 20, issue 1, 2012 [Subscription required]

Costs and Benefits of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

The report presents the results of two case studies on the costs and benefits of investments in reducing climate-related risks - one in Viet Nam (boat winch project to protect the vessels of fishers) and one in Nepal (climate-friendly straw-bale building techniques in urban areas). It describes the community based qualitative cost-benefit analyses (CBAs) of disaster risk management (DRM) strategies.

[Understanding the Costs and Benefits of Disaster Risk Reduction under Changing Climate Conditions: Case Study Results and Underlying Principles](#), Fawad Khan et al., Institute for Social and Environmental Transition-International Bangkok, Thailand, 2012

Multilevel Governance Systems and Climate Change Adaptation

The paper identifies anecdotal evidence about the importance of forums and organisational interactions on governance specifically on issues associated with the impacts of climate change on organisational activities and strategic planning. It suggests that while many organisations prefer to take a risk management approach to climate change, uncertainty remains pervasive.

[The Influence of Multilevel Governance Systems on the Development and Implementation of Climate Adaptation Practices within Organizations in Australia](#), Draft Report, L.E. Bates et al., IVM Governance of Adaptation Symposium (Theme: Action at What levels), CSIRO, Australia, March 2012 [312 KB, PDF]

Earth System Governance Tokyo Conference - 2013

The Earth System Governance Tokyo Conference will take place at the United Nations University Headquarters in Tokyo, Japan from 28-31 January 2013. It will bring together scholars and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines to address the nexus between the analytical problems of agency and architecture in earth system governance. Abstracts (not exceeding 300 words) must be submitted by July 01, 2012.

[Earth System Governance Tokyo Conference: Complex Architectures](#), Multiple Agents, United Nations University Head Quarters, Tokyo, Japan, 28-31 January 2013

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