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## 1. Role of Planning Practitioners - Climate Change Adaptation

The presentation recognises the role of planning practitioners in adapting to climate change. It highlights the challenges and policy decisions of the Australian Government in dealing with climate change. It gives information on the Adaptation Toolkit, which provides information, options, assessment criteria and planning options for stakeholders.

[National Climate Change Issues - Setting the Scene](#), Climate Change Adaptation Workshop for Planning Practitioners, Presentation of Ashley Fuller, Australian Greenhouse Office, Department of the Environment and Heritage, Darwin, November 08, 2006 [PDF]

## 2. Achieving Sustainability in Urban Asia

The online book provides an overview of urban region development in Asia and considers how it might be made more sustainable. It examines urban development policies and 'good practice' case-studies in 12 Asian countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

[Urbanization and Sustainability in Asia: Case Studies of Good Practice](#), Brian Roberts and Trevor Kanaley (editors), Asian Development Bank - Cities Alliance, 2006

### **3. Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050**

The paper explores the impacts of continued, relatively unrestrained greenhouse gas emissions over the next half-century. It focuses on already stressed systems capable of being driven over the edge by radical or gradual climate change. It offers an alternative and analytical approach - a 'system vulnerability approach' - to understand and anticipate climate change disruptions.

[Impacts of Climate Change: A System Vulnerability Approach to Consider the Potential Impacts to 2050 of a Mid-Upper Greenhouse Gas Emissions Scenario](#), Nil Gilman, Doug Randal and Peter Schwartz, Global Business Network (GBN), January 2007 [PDF]

### **4. Adaptation and Risk Management for Poverty Reduction**

The report uses a case study from Kenya. It provides insights into how an integrated approach to disaster risk management (DRM) and climate change adaptation can be built. It identifies the disaster management practices reflecting future adaptation needs. The report assesses changes required for the practices to address future risks.

[Linking Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management for Sustainable Poverty Reduction - Kenya Country Study](#), Henny Osbahr et.al, Vulnerability and Adaptation Resource Group (VARG), European Commission, November 2006 [PDF]

### **5. Limitations, Needs and Future Prospects: Adaptation**

The paper states that focus on mitigation creates policy instruments biased against adaptation. The assumption that marginal adaptation is a local issue and mitigation a global one distorts progress on adaptation. Adaptation's success depends on its institutionalization at a level at least equal to UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol.

[Lifting the Taboo on Adaptation](#), Roger Pielke, Jr, Gwyn Prins, Steve Rayner and Daniel Sarewitz, Climate Change 2007 Commentary, Nature Publishing Group, NATURE, Vol. 445, February 08 2007 [PDF]

### **6. GREENHOUSE 2007 - Conference**

GREENHOUSE 2007 Conference is being held on 02-05 October 2007 in Sydney. The latest climate change projections for Australia are being released at the conference. The conference focus includes: future projections; use of probabilities for risk management; impact of climate change on human activity; changing perceptions of climate change. Abstracts (up to 400 words) that address conference goals are welcome.

[GREENHOUSE 2007](#), The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), 02-05 October 2007, The Hilton, Sydney, Australia.

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