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Are We Adapting to Climate Change?

The paper attempts to gain insights into the state of anticipatory adaptation planning within a developed country context. It reviews a diverse suite of adaptation decision frameworks and action plans. Based upon tools commonly employed in development assistance projects and programs, the paper develops a general guiding framework for the evaluation of adaptation.

[Are We Adapting to Climate Change? Research and Methods for Evaluating Progress](#), Benjamin L. Preston et al., American Meteorological Society (AMS), Boston, MA, USA, 2009 [570 KB, PDF]

Implications of Climate Change for Urban Policy-making

This article sketches the implications of climate change for cities. It underlines the relevance of cities for climate change. The article focuses on the impact that climate change can have on the urban functions, and describes the implications for urban policies.

[Competitive Cities in a Changing Climate](#), OECD International Conference - Competitive Cities and Climate Change, 2nd Annual Meeting of the OECD Roundtable Strategy for Urban Development, Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development: Competitive Cities and Climate

Change, OECD, Milan, Italy, October, 2008 [613 KB, PDF]

Dangerous Climate Change - An Update of the IPCC

The study produces an update of the famous 'burning embers' diagram of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Third Assessment Report (TAR). The update provides evidence that climate change and its consequences are more severe than were presented in either the TAR or the Fourth Assessment Report.

[Assessing Dangerous Climate Change through an Update of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\) 'Reasons for Concern'](#), Joel B. Smith et al., Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), USA, December 2008 [252 KB, PDF]

Adaptation: Knowledge Gaps and Research Issues in China

This study identifies (on the basis of preliminary literature review and an initial consultation workshop in Beijing with Chinese experts) a set of geographical regions of high climate vulnerability in China. It highlights adaptation research issues that are likely to affect large numbers of vulnerable people in China.

[Climate Adaptation in Asia: Knowledge Gaps and Research Issues in China](#), Final Report to IDRC and DFID, Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), ISET-International and ISET-Nepal, September 2008 [562 KB, PDF]

Climate Change and Disaster Impact Reduction

This publication is the edited volume of the UK-South Asia Young Scientists and Practitioners Seminar on Climate Change and Disaster Impact Reduction, held in Kathmandu, Nepal on 05-06 June, 2008. Papers presented in the seminar provide a forum to share knowledge, good practice and experiences of building pre and post disaster planning capacity, with a specific reference to climate change.

[Climate Change and Disaster Impact Reduction](#), Komal Raj Aryal and Zaina Gadema (editors), Northumbria University and DFID, UK, 2008 [2.25 MB, PDF]

Global Change in Africa: Projections, Mitigation and Adaptation

This conference will take place at the University of Cologne, Germany from 02-05 June 2009. It will bring together scientists that may substantially contribute with disciplinary and trans-disciplinary knowledge to develop solutions for consequences of a rapid global change. Abstracts may be submitted by 31st march 2009.

[Conference: Global Change in Africa - Projections, Mitigation and Adaptation](#), IMPETUS: An Integrated Approach to the Efficient Management of Scarce Water Resources in West Africa, University of Cologne, Germany, June 02-05, 2009

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