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Conflict-sensitive Urban Responses to Climate Change

This paper examines some considerations that should be given importance in the design and implementation of mitigation and adaptation strategies in order to reduce urban violence while addressing climate change in Asia-Pacific cities. It finds four considerations for conflict sensitivity, namely a) horizontal coordination between various government departments, b) vertical coordination among different levels of government, c) collaboration with non-state actors and d) inclusivity of the needs of the poor.

A Conflict-Sensitive Approach to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in the Urbanizing Asia-Pacific, Ting Zhang, Working Paper 7, The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Netherlands, March 2015 [862 KB, PDF]

Urban Resilience: Critical Lessons and Insights

The paper is part of a series of briefs aimed to strengthen the capacity of cities to plan, finance and implement climate change resilience strategies while also capturing and sharing knowledge and experience among practitioners. It presents key insights emerging from an analysis of 36 intervention projects, which are being implemented in ten cities (Indore, Gorakhpur and Surat in India, Bandar Lampung and Semarang in Indonesia, Chiang Rai and Hat Yai in Thailand, and Can Tho, Da Nang and Quy Nhon in Vietnam).

Urban Climate Change Resilience in Action: Lessons from Projects in 10 ACCCRN Cities - Insights from the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network, Fern Uennatornwaranggoon et al., Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN), the Rockefeller Foundation, January 2015 [6.30 MB, PDF]

Assessing Urban Security in the Digital Age

The Safe Cities Index 2015 measures urban safety and security. It ranks 50 cities worldwide across five continents. The report points out how the frequency of terrorism and natural disasters has changed the nature of urban safety; power, communications and transport systems must be robust and able to withstand new external shocks.

The Safe Cities Index 2015: Assessing Urban Security in the Digital Age, the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), 2015 [5.30 MB, PDF]

Health Impacts of Climate Change in Urban Planning

The paper presents a study detailing awareness of and attitudes towards climate change among Australian urban planners. It identifies a number of knowledge gaps among planners that could reduce Australia's capacity for urban adaptation. The paper assists in the development of tools for increasing the preparedness of planners to consider and manage the health impacts of climate change in their work.

If You Don't Know How Can You Plan? Considering the Health Impacts of Climate Change in Urban Planning in Australia, Anthony Burton, Hilary Bambrick and Sharon Friel, Urban Climate, vol. 12, pp. 104-118, June 2015 [subscription required]

Global Risks Report 2015

The 2015 edition of the Global Risks report highlights the most significant long-term risks worldwide. It sets out a view on 28 global risks in the report's traditional categories (economic, environmental, societal, geopolitical and technological). The report features initiatives for addressing significant challenges, which are aimed to inspire collaboration among business, government and civil society communities.

Global Risks Report 2015, World Economic Forum, 2015

International Course on Adaptation and Mitigation - India

International Course on "Facilitating Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation among Smallholder Farming Communities" will take place from 22-29 June 2015 in India. It aims to deepen the communities' basic understanding on climate change by gaining experiential knowledge on various ground-level actions that facilitate adaptation and mitigation of climate change challenges. Deadline for submission of applications is 22 May 2015.

International Course - Facilitating Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Among Smallholder Farming Communities, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) and Asia Zone Emergency and Environment Network (AZEECON), Odisha, India, June 22-29, 2015 [1.45 MB, PDF]

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