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1. Adapting Health Facilities to Climate Change – NSW, Australia

The paper investigates the adaptive capacity of NSW (Australia) healthcare facilities to increasing incidences of extreme weather events. It identifies a range of potential adaptation strategies. Although the study focused on a specific geographic region and health system (NSW-Health), many of its findings are generalisable to other settings and locations.

Adapting NSW Health Facilities to Climate Change – A Risk Management Approach, Jane Carthey, Centre for Health Assets Australasia, Faculty of the Built Environment, The University of NSW, Sydney, Australia, 2007 [PDF]

2. Climate Change – What the Design Industry Can Do?

John Turzynski (director of Arup) argues that designing buildings and infrastructure flexible enough to adapt to climate change, while mitigating its effects, is of paramount importance. He takes a business-focused look at what the design industry can do - and is doing - to deal with the effects of climate change.

Climate Change and the Built Environment – What Can Be Done? John Turzynski, Director, Arup - Global Design and Business Consulting Firm, London, UK, April 2008

3. Challenges for Flood Management in Thailand

In Thailand, floods are normal part of the seasonal cycle and become disasters when they are unusual in timing or severity. The paper focuses on the issues of social justice in flood management in Thailand. It is seriously concerned about how floods and changes to flood-regimes are being handled in Thailand.

Adaptation to Climate Change and Social Justice: Challenges for Flood and Disaster Management in Thailand, Louis Lebel et al., Climate Change Adaptation in the Water Sector, USER Working Paper WP-2007-12, Thailand, February 2008 [PDF]

4. Implications for the Success of Adaptation Strategies

The paper examines three basic questions in the light of an empirical case study in the Chókwe District of Mozambique: First, to what extent is it important that citizens support adaptation policies? Second, why might people not support such policies? Third, what can be done to increase the willing participation of people to support adaptation policies?

Perceptions of Environmental Risks in Mozambique: Implications for the Success of Adaptation and Coping Strategies, Anthony G. Patt and Dagmar Schröter, Policy Research Working Paper 4417, The World Bank, November 2007 [PDF]

5. Tools for Assessing Vulnerability and Adaptation – A Guide

The handbook/guide provides frequently used vulnerability and adaptation assessment (VA) tools so that users can select appropriate tools for their use. It covers three kinds of tools; impact and vulnerability tools, adaptation policy assessment tools, and integrated vulnerability and assessment tools.

Handbook of Current and Next Generation Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment Tools, Amit Garg et al., Paper 8, BASIC Project, September 2007 [PDF]

6. LITTORAL 2008 Conference – Venice, Italy

The conference (LITTORAL 2008) will take place from 25-28 November 2008 in Venice, Italy. 'Global changes in the coastal zone: analysis, adaptation and mitigation' will be a cross-cutting issue through several of the conference program topics. Abstracts may be submitted by April 28, 2008.

9th International Conference - A Changing Coast: Challenge the Environmental Policies (LITTORAL 2008), Conference Secretariat CORILA, Palazzo Franchetti, San Marco, Venice, Italy, November 25-28, 2008

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