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## 1. Adaptation Options for Australian Primary Industries

The study provides an overview of the steps that need to be taken to adjust to the ongoing changes to the Australian climate. It looks at each of Australia's primary industries, including cotton, sugar cane, livestock, rice and grapes. A key message from the study is the importance of building adaptive capacity among farm managers, agri-businesses and industry groups.

[An Overview of Climate Change Adaptation in the Australian Primary Industries](#) - Impacts, Options and Priorities, C.J. Stokes & S.M. Howden (editors), Report Prepared for the National Climate Change Research Strategy for Primary Industries, CSIRO, Australia, February 2008 [9.26 MB, PDF]

## 2. Environmental Management, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Adaptation

The report provides an overview of practical experiences that deal with environmental management in relation to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction (DRR). On the basis of field data and literature, it stresses the need to actively promote environmental management and eco-engineering as practical and appropriate means of disaster risk reduction.

[The Role of Environmental Management and Eco-Engineering in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation](#), ProAct Network, Ministry of Environment-Finland, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), and Gaia Group, August 2008 [3.27 MB, PDF]

### **3. A Consultation to Inform Scotland's Adaptation Framework**

This consultation introduces climate change and the resulting impacts in Scotland. It provides an explanation of the process of climate adaptation and what would be required to achieve a well-adapting Scotland. The consultation proposes the strategic principles and priority actions that should underpin the Scotland's climate change adaptation framework.

[Adapting Our Ways: Managing Scotland's Climate Risk](#): Consultation to Inform Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Framework, RR Donnelley, the Scottish Government, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2008 [1.42 MB, PDF]

### **4. Sustainable Future through Science and Technology - Africa**

The paper outlines key environmental challenges (climate change, land and water degradation, and biodiversity loss) facing Africa. It identifies areas of best practice, and addresses the question of how Africa and its international partners can go about harnessing science and technology interventions to attain Africa's development targets.

[Environment for African Development: A Sustainable Future through Science and Technology](#), Christian Webersik and Clarice Wilson, Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS), United Nations University, Japan, 2008 [669 KB, PDF]

### **5. ORCHID: Climate Risk Screening - Technical Appendix**

The report summarises climate change in India related to climate variables of temperature and rainfall. It examines the implications of these changes for secondary impacts on natural and human systems. The report introduces the concept of climate vulnerability, and summarises existing work to identify the indicators and distribution of vulnerability in India.

[ORCHID: Climate Risk Screening in DFID India - Technical Appendix](#), Sreeja Nair et al., Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK, 2007 [6.35 MB, PDF]

### **6. 5th Urban Research Symposium - France**

'Cities and Climate Change: Responding to an Urgent Agenda' is the focal topic for the 5th Urban Research Symposium, which is being held in Marseille, France from June 28-30, 2009. It aims at presenting current and steering future research on topics that address city specific questions. Abstracts may be submitted by 30 September 2008.

[5th Urban Research Symposium - Cities and Climate Change: Responding to an Urgent Agenda](#), the World Bank Urban Development Unit, Marseille, France, 28-30 June 2009

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