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## 1. Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability - IPCC Report

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II publishes a summary note for policy makers on the assessment of progress towards a better knowledge of climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability. It focuses on the relationship between observed climate change and recent observed changes in the natural and human environment.

[Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability](#), Neil Adger et.al., The (IPCC) Working Group II Contribution to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report - Summary for Policymakers, April 06, 2007 [PDF]

## 2. Climate Change Risks in Low Elevation Coastal Zones

The paper presents the first global review of the population and urban settlement patterns in Low Elevation Coastal Zones (LECZ). It examines critical issues involving these zones and risks of climate change. It states that reducing climate disasters in coastal settlements requires a combination of mitigation, migration and settlement modification.

[The Rising Tide: Assessing the Risks of Climate Change and Human Settlements in Low Elevation Coastal Zones](#), Gordan McGranahan, Deborah Balk and Bridget Anderson, International Institute for

### **3. Integrating Adaptation in Water Sector Policies**

The study examines domestic policy frameworks in the water sectors of Mexico, India, Argentina and Zimbabwe. It identifies how adaptation to climate change can be integrated into these frameworks. Key elements of the analysis are legislation, institutional structures, water management tools and policies, and information availability and use.

[Domestic Policy Frameworks for Adaptation to Climate Change in the Water Sector \(Part-II\)](#), Ellina Levina, Environment Directorate – International Energy Agency, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), October 30, 2006 [PDF]

### **4. Disaster Risk Management: Practices and Future Needs**

The study uses grounded examples in Mexico. It provides insights into how an integrated approach to disaster risk management (DRM) and climate change adaptation can be built. The country study identifies current practices reflecting future adaptation needs. It assesses changes required if such practices are to address future risks.

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

### **5. Scotland - Climate Change Trends**

The study focuses on identifying climate change trends in Scotland. It provides the regional and spatial detail that national averages mask. The study does not attribute causes for trends. Many trends identified are beyond the range expected from natural variability. Scotland already faces climate change and needs identification of adaptation measures for the future.

[Patterns of Climate Change across Scotland: Technical Report](#), Claire Barnett et.al, SNIFFER Project CC03, Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research, 102pp, May 2006 [PDF]

### **6. Climate Change and Business Conference**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference is being held on 30-31 August 2007 in Brisbane, Australia. Adaptation is a strong focal point of the conference. It aims to discuss climate change impact on businesses, especially risks and opportunities. For more information and registration details, please go to the conference website (below)

[The 3rd Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference 2007](#), Climate Change and Business Centre, Brisbane Australia, 30-31 August 2007.

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