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1. Taking a Punch: Building a More Resilient Australia

The paper examines how Australia can prevent and recover from all hazards. It argues that a terrorism attack in Australia remains without question a distinct possibility, but assessed against the risk of probability, Australians have more to fear from natural disasters. The paper recommends a number of specific measures to build a more resilient Australia.

[Taking a Punch: Building a More Resilient Australia](#), David Templeman and Anthony Bergin, Strategic Insights, Australian Strategic Policy Institute-ASPI, Australia, May 2008

2. Adaptation in Sweden - Threats and Opportunities

The report analyses how Sweden's climate may develop over the next hundred years. It describes the likely effects of a changing climate on Sweden's environment, infrastructure and economy. The report proposes various measures to reduce vulnerability and adapt society to long-term climate change and extreme weather events.

[Sweden Facing Climate Change - Threats and Opportunities](#), Swedish Commission on Climate and Vulnerability, Swedish Government, Stockholm, Sweden, 2007 [5.99 MB, PDF]

3. Framework for Addressing Climate Change-Oregon, USA

The report proposes that state of Oregon (USA) takes steps toward developing a framework that will assist individuals, businesses, and governments to incorporate climate change into their planning processes. It recommends modifying Oregon's planning and decision-making processes, with preparation and adaptation to climate change as a cornerstone.

[A Framework for Addressing Rapid Climate Change](#), Final Report to the Governor, The Governor's Climate Change Integration Group, State of Oregon, USA, January 2008 [PDF]

4. Energy Security and Sustainable Development-Asia Pacific

The report finds that energy security and sustainable development are high in the global agenda due to: the impact of volatile energy prices; high demand for energy security; and concerns over environmental sustainability and the global climate. It demonstrates how a new energy paradigm shift can contribute to more inclusive economic and social development.

[Energy Security and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific](#), UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand, April 2008 [PDF]

5. Integrating Adaptation into Local Government - A Guide

The guide encourages local governments to assess the risks posed by climate change and ensure that adaptation strategies are planned into local government working. It aims to signpost the tools and resources which local governments can draw upon in developing their own climate change adaptation strategies.

[Be Aware, Be Prepared, Take Action: How to Integrate Climate Change Adaptation Strategies into Local Government](#), UK Environment Agency, UK Climate Impacts Programme and Local Government Association, London, UK, May 2008 [PDF]

6. Special Paper Competition-Harvard University Project

The Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements seeks submission of papers from policy practitioners, scholars, students, and others in climate change area from developed and developing countries. Papers should propose a policy framework to succeed the Kyoto Protocol in the post-2012 period. Papers should be submitted by July 1, 2008.

[Special Paper Competition, Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements](#), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA, July 1, 2008 [PDF]

Effective Use of Climate Science to Improve Adaptation in Africa - Gina Ziervogel

Gina Ziervogel, Climate Systems Analysis Group, University of Cape Town and Stockholm Environment Institute writes, "I have worked in the adaptation field for many years now but it has only been in the last year that I have started to work more closely with climate scientists. I have experienced a lot of challenges in accessing and interpreting climate data but by working with climatologists and others I have been able to look more closely at climate change scenarios and what

they might mean for developing adaptation strategies in southern Africa. It is easier to use large scale global climate models and suggest adaptation strategies that are broadly linked to expected changes but downscaled climate scenarios exist from a range of models that can help us develop and prioritize robust locally-relevant adaptation strategies. However, there are many challenges we need to address in ensuring this is done more widely in Africa.”

[Effective Use of Climate Science to Improve Adaptation in Africa](#), Gina Ziervogel, AdaptNet Policy Forum 08-05-E-Ad, 24 June 2008

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