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1. Climate Change Law, Policy and Australian Institutions

The paper describes some of the main achievements to date by Australian institutions in addressing climate change. It proposes a principled framework through which these and other relevant ideas, initiatives, policies and measures may be organised and rationalised. The paper speculates on some policy areas awaiting further development.

Climate Change Law for Planners, Developers, Local Government and Greenies: A Quick Stock Take and Some Ideas for the Future, Philippa England, Research Paper 16, Urban Research Program, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, June 2008 [546 KB, PDF]

2. Climate Resilient Primer for East Asian Cities

This Primer is a tool for city governments in the East Asia Region to better understand how to plan for climate change impacts and impending natural disasters through sound urban planning. It gives local governments information to actively engage in training, capacity building, and capital investment programs for building sustainable and resilient communities.

Climate Resilient Cities: A Primer on Reducing Vulnerabilities to Climate Change Impacts and Strengthening Disaster Risk Management in East Asian Cities, the World Bank, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, and International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, Washington, D.C., USA, June 2008 [4.49 MB, PDF]

3. Potential Climate Change Impacts on United States

The report provides the first comprehensive assessment of observed and projected changes in weather and climate extremes in North America, Hawaii, the Caribbean and US territories in the Pacific. Among other findings, it states that abnormally hot days, fewer frosts, longer droughts and infrequent yet intense rainfall are already apparent as a result of human induced climate change.

Weather and Climate Extremes in a Changing Climate - Regions of Focus: North America, Hawaii, Caribbean, and U.S. Pacific Islands, Thomas R. Karl et al. (editors), Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.3, U.S. Climate Change Science Program, Washington, D.C., USA, June 2008 [9.37 MB, PDF]

4. Adaptation in Development Projects – A Screening Framework

The study develops a screening approach for assessing climate change impacts and addressing adaptation in development projects in China. It uses case studies focusing on the water sector to test a framework for the screening of projects for climate change impacts and adaptation options. The framework can be refined and adapted according to the needs of different users.

Screening for Climate Change Adaptation in China: A Process to Assess and Manage the Potential Impact of Climate Change on Development Projects and Programmes in China, Thomas Tanner, Xia Jun and Ian Holman, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK, January 2008 [787 KB, PDF]

5. Determinants of African Farmer's Strategies for Adaptation

The study analyses determinants of farm-level climate adaptation measures in Africa using a multinomial choice model fitted to data from a cross-sectional survey of over 8000 farms from 11 African countries. The results indicate that specialized crop cultivation (mono-cropping) is the agricultural practice most vulnerable to climate change in Africa.

Determinants of African Farmers' Strategies for Adapting to Climate Change: Multinomial Choice Analysis, Rashid Hassan and Charles Nhemachena, Vol. 2, No. 1, African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE), March 2008 [175 KB, PDF]

6. Urban Air Pollution and Climate Change – Young Voices Award

The 2008 Young Voices Award on Urban Air Pollution and Climate Change will be handed out at the Better Air Quality-2008 workshop. There is no geographical restriction on participation in this competition and students from all over the world can participate. Applications may be submitted by 30 August 2008.

BAQ 2008 Young Voices Award on Urban Air Pollution and Climate Change, Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia), Bangkok, Thailand, November 12-14, 2008

Considerations for Developing Monitoring and Evaluation Approaches for Climate Change Adaptation – Jennifer Frankel-Reed

Jennifer Frankel-Reed, Climate Change Advisor at German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) writes, “Based on good practices in monitoring and evaluation, an inclusive definition of adaptation, and UNDP’s experience to date, seven considerations are suggested for establishing adaptation monitoring and evaluation approaches. The considerations apply to a range of contexts and challenges in designing and implementing ‘climate-resilient’ development (i.e. via mainstreaming) and/or addressing priority climate change threats (i.e. via specific initiatives), and are intended to simplify the seemingly daunting task of tracking adaptation in a structured way.”

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