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## 1. Professional Development in Climate Change Adaptation - Australia

The document highlights the current status of education for climate change adaptation in Australian tertiary institutions and in continuing professional development programs. It investigates opportunities to improve the capacity of graduate practitioners and existing practitioners to effectively respond to climate change adaptation challenges through accredited university courses and professional development.

[Shifting Towards Sustainability: Education for Climate Change Adaptation in the Built Environment Sector](#), Anna Lyth, Sandra Nichols and Daniella Tilbury, Australian Research Institute in Education for Sustainability (ARIES), Macquarie University and the Department of Environment and Water Resources, Australia, October 2007 [PDF]

## 2. Do Not Count on Climate Scientists to Do Your Work

Uncertainty in future climate change makes many traditional approaches to designing infrastructure and other long-lived investments inadequate. The paper stresses that users of climate information must change their practices and decision-making frameworks by adapting various uncertainty-

management methods.

[Adaptation to Climate Change: Do Not Count on Climate Scientists to Do Your Work](#), Stéphane Hallegatte, Reg-market Center (AEI Center for Regulatory and Market Studies), Washington, DC, USA, February, 2008 [PDF]

### **3. Moving Forward on Climate Change Adaptation - Canada**

The report reflects the advances made in understanding Canada's vulnerability to climate change during the past decade. It discusses (through a regional approach) current and future risks and opportunities that climate change presents to Canada with a focus on human and managed systems.

[From Impacts to Adaptation: Canada in a Changing Climate 2007](#), Donald Lemmen, Fiona J. Warren, Jacinthe Lacroix and Elizabeth Bush (editors), Government of Canada, Ottawa, ON, Canada, 2007 [PDF]

### **4. Climate Change and Global Genetic Resources**

The report summarizes the material presented at the Bellagio (Italy) Meeting (held in September 2007). It discusses the management of global crop genetic resources in the face of climate change. The report focuses on global food security with more attention toward south Asia and the African continent.

[The Conservation of Global Crop Genetic Resources in the Face of Climate Change](#), Summary Statement from a Bellagio Meeting Held on September 3-7, 2007, The Rockefeller Foundation and The Kendall Foundation, November 20, 2007 [PDF]

### **5. Climate Mapper Tool for SERVIR - First Edition**

A consortium of research institutions releases the first edition of the Climate Mapper tool for the Regional Visualization and Monitoring System (SERVIR). With the tool, users can assess climate change projections for the 2030s and 2050s against 3D visualizations of landscape. Climate Mapper tool will enhance vulnerability assessments during adaptation projects.

[Climate Mapper Tool for SERVIR - First Edition](#), USAID, NASA, the Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT), the University of Colorado, and CATHALAC, USA, May 2008

### **6. International Conference on EcoBalance - Japan**

This conference will take place in Tokyo, Japan from 10-12 December 2008. Themes on the development of various eco-balance methods and practices (including; scenario analysis, sustainable city planning, role of bio-fuels etc.) toward eco-innovation are priority areas. Abstracts may be submitted by 31 May 2008.

[The 8th International Conference on EcoBalance](#), Society of Non-Traditional Technology, Tokyo, Japan, December 10-12, 2008

### **AdaptNet Policy Forum: Science Drowns at Land's End**

Sunita Narain, Director of Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, India, writes,

“Is this a glimpse of what the future holds, when the sea does rise at a higher rate, not

just in the Sunderbans, but across the populated coasts and islands of the world?; The point is to understand this change: is the sea level rising so that land is going under? Has the river's ecology changed in a way that provokes more erosion? Is the land-sea balance out of kilter? Are all these happening and more?"

[Science Drowns at Land's End](#), Sunita Narain, AdaptNet Policy Forum, 08-03-E-Ad, 27 May 2008

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