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1. The Australian Government's Climate Change Policy

The policy explains how the Australian government will respond to the climate change challenge by: reducing domestic emissions; developing key low emissions technologies and improving energy efficiency; supporting climate science and adapting to the impacts of unavoidable climate change; and pursuing effective international responses to climate change.

[Australia's Climate Change Policy: Our Economy, Our Environment, Our Future](#), The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Commonwealth of Australia, July 2007 [PDF]

2. Adapting Cities for Climate Change-Green Infrastructure

The paper explores the role that green infrastructure (the greenspace network of a city) can play in adapting cities for climate change. It uses Greater Manchester as a case study for its characterization by mapping of urban morphology types (UMTs). The paper also discusses the implications for an adaptation strategy to climate change in the urban environment.

[Adapting Cities for Climate Change: The Role of the Green Infrastructure](#), S.E. Gill, J.F. Handley, A.R. Ennos and S. Pauleit, Climate Change and Cities, Built Environment, Vol. 33, No. 1, Alexandrine Press, 2007 [PDF]

3. Key Negotiating Issues - Nairobi Climate COP/MOP

The paper presents some key issues discussed at the climate COP/MOP in Nairobi (November 2006). It highlights pressing issues for future efforts including; the need for better integration between climate change and sustainable development, the need for attention to equity and justice issues, and to build trust among the various actors.

[Assessment of Key Negotiating Issues at Nairobi Climate COP/MOP and What It Means for the Future of the Climate Regime](#), Chukwumerije Okereke, Philip Mann, Henny Osbahr, Benito Müller and Johannes Ebeling, Working Paper 106, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, June 2007 [PDF]

4. Adaptation to Sea-level Rise in China

The paper, based on many Chinese language sources, presents an overview of adaptation in China. It maps decision making processes and discusses institutional and policy-related constraints by using empirical evidence derived from a series of interviews. The paper also finds a suitable institutional framework for adaptation to sea-level rise in China.

[Adaptation to Sea-level Rise in the People's Republic of China-Assessing the Institutional Dimension of Alternative Organisational Frameworks](#), Maren A. Lau, Working Paper FNU-94, Research Unit Sustainability and Global Change, Center for Marine and Atmospheric Research, University of Hamburg, Germany, 2005 [PDF]

5. Addressing Climate Change-Sustainable Development

The paper addresses the challenges of improved scientific understanding, capacity building, networking and broad consultation processes in adapting to climate change in India. It states that the most effective way to address climate change is to adopt a sustainable development pathway by shifting to environmentally sustainable technologies and promotion of energy efficiency.

[Climate Change, Sustainable Development and India: Global and National Concerns](#), Jayant Sathaye, P. R. Shukla and N. H. Ravindranath, Special Section: Climate Change and India, Current Science, Vol. 90, No. 3, February 2006 [PDF]

6. Groundwater and Climate in Africa - Conference

A conference (Groundwater and Climate in Africa) is being held from June 25-28, 2008 in Kampala, Uganda. It seeks to improve current understanding of the impact of climate variability and change on groundwater resources in Africa. Abstracts may be submitted no later than September 30, 2007. For further information, please visit the website below.

[Groundwater and Climate in Africa-An International Conference](#), University College London (UK), The Directorate of Water Development of Uganda and UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP), Kampala, Uganda, June 25-28, 2008

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