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### **1. Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Melbourne**

The document (draft) presents an integrated assessment of Melbourne's climate change risks for 2010, 2030 and 2070, based on climate change science, stakeholder input and the City's current and changing conditions. It provides the foundation of a climate change adaptation plan for different City stakeholders to respond to them.

Towards a City of Melbourne Climate Change Adaptation Strategy - A Risk Assessment and Action <u>Plan Discussion Paper: Responding with Resilience</u> (Draft), Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd, Melbourne, July 2008 [1.31 MB, PDF]

### 2. Adaptation in Urban Areas of Low and Middle-Income Countries

The paper provides an overview of social development issues relating to climate change adaptation in urban areas of low and middle-income countries. It highlights the extent and ways in which poor populations are particularly vulnerable to climate change both as individuals but also in terms of their assets at household and community level.

<u>Pro-poor Climate Change Adaptation in the Urban Centres of Low and Middle-Income Countries</u>, Caroline Moser et al, Social Dimensions of Climate Change, Social Development Department, the World Bank, Washington, DC., USA, March 2008 [1.54 MB, PDF]

# 3. Building Capacity for Energy, Food and Climate Security

This draft paper explores the links between scarcity issues (climate, energy and food security), and discusses why it is necessary to see them through a single lens. It uses the shared operating systems (shared awareness / shared platforms approach) to set out recommendations on how the multilateral system can become more effective at dealing with such issues.

<u>Multilateralism for an Age of Scarcity: Building International Capacity for Energy, Food and Climate</u> <u>Security</u> (Draft - Not for Citation), Alex Evans, Center on International Cooperation, New York University, New York, USA, July 2008 [223 KB, PDF]

## 4. Climate Change and Economic Impact Analysis - Namibia

The study provides some economic indicators of how climate change will affect Namibia (Sub-Saharan Africa). It assesses the likely economic values of some of the most important environmental and socio-economic impacts of climate change in Namibia, and captures how these impacts might affect the overall structure of the economy.

The Economic Impact of Climate Change in Namibia: How Climate Change Will Affect the Contribution of Namibia's Natural Resources to its Economy, Hannah Reid, Linda Sahlén, Jesper Stage and James MacGregor, Discussion Paper 07-02, Environmental Economics Programme, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), London, UK, November 2007 [1.13 MB, PDF]

### 5. ORCHID: Climate Risk Screening - Research Report

This report details a process to screen the Department for International Development (DFID) India bilateral aid portfolio for climate risks and develop risk reduction and adaptation options to manage risks. It presents an economic cost-benefit analysis for testing economic feasibility and enhancing the evidence base for adaptation. The report examines the strategic implications of climate change for the DFID India programme from the portfolio screening exercise.

<u>ORCHID: Climate Risk Screening in DFID India</u> – Research Report, Thomas Tanner et al., Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK, 2007 [858 KB, PDF]

### 6. International Population Conference - Marrakech, Morocco

The 2009 International Population Conference will be held in Marrakech, Morocco from 27 September to 02 October 2009. The 'interrelations between population and climate change' will be a cross-cutting issue through several of the conference program topics. Abstracts for presentations may be submitted by 15 September 2008.

XXVI International Population Conference, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), Marrakech, Morocco, 27 September – 02 October 2009

### Policy Forum: The Scope for Enhancing Public Transport in Australian Capital Cities - Dr. Garry Glazebrook

Dr. Garry Glazebrook, Senior Lecturer at the University of Technology, Sydney, writes, "The rise in petrol prices in Australia has accelerated the trend back to public transport evident over the last

decade. But this has caused overcrowding of trains and buses, leading some to question whether our public transport systems can cope. All our capital cities have significant network capacity in the short term, and with increased rolling stock and the expansion plans already underway or planned could double total patronage in Sydney and Melbourne by 2021, and triple it in Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. Australian cities are in fact well placed to cope with the paradigm shift occurring away from low density car-oriented growth, provided they continue to invest in public transport and support this with appropriate pricing and other policies."

<u>The Scope for Enhancing Public Transport in Australian Capital Cities</u>, Dr. Garry Glazebrook, AdaptNet Policy Forum 08-08-P-Ad, 09 September 2008

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