



Weathering the Storm: Options for Framing Adaptation and Development

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Synopsis: Clarifies the relationship between adaptation and development by analyzing 135 projects, policies, and other initiatives from the developing world that have been labeled by implementers or researchers as "adaptation to climate change."

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Summary

Confusion about the relationship between adaptation and development has meant that funding mechanisms may create redundancies or leave gaps in the landscape of critical adaptation and development activities.

Drawing on Internet resources, *Weathering the Storm* clarifies this relationship by analyzing 135 projects, policies, and other initiatives from the developing world that have been labeled by implementers or researchers as "adaptation to climate change."

The report analyzes the objectives of initiatives and the strategies utilized in implementation to characterize some of the ways that adaptation and development overlap. A continuum of activities from "pure" development to "pure" climate change is proposed as a conceptual framework to understand when different "development" activities may play an "adaptation" function. Recommendations address governance challenges, funding implications, and next steps in analysis and policy development.

The following online materials accompany the WRI report:

- **Foreword by Jonathan Lash**
<http://www.wri.org/publication/content/foreword-weathering-the-storm>
- **Full text of *Weathering the Storm* report (PDF)**
http://pdf.wri.org/weathering_the_storm.pdf
- **Online Database:** Provides descriptions of 135 cases and links to case sources
<http://projects.wri.org/adaptation-database>



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- **Case Data Spreadsheet:** Provides case data and brief case descriptions in Excel format. These data can be cross-referenced with the Case Description List.
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_online_case_study_grid_071116.xls
- **Case Description List:** Provides more detailed descriptions of each case in MS Word format. Can be cross-referenced with the Case Data Spreadsheet.
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_case_abstracts_071116.doc
- **Regional Summary Sheets:** Summaries of findings for each of six geographical regions:
 - **East and Southeast Asia**
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_esea_datasheet.doc
 - **Latin America**
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_lam_datasheet.doc
 - **Middle East and North Africa**
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_mena_datasheet.doc
 - **Small Island Developing States**
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_sids_datasheet.doc
 - **South and Central Asia**
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_sca_datasheet.doc
 - **Sub-Saharan Africa**
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_ssa_datasheet.doc
 - **Multiregional**
http://docs.wri.org/wri_vulnerability_adaptation_multi_datasheet.doc
- **Adaptation Discussion Forum:** A space for dialogue on the topic of adaptation to climate change.
<http://projects.wri.org/adaptation-forum>
- **Additional Data Details (COMING SOON):** Selected presentation of review methods and case findings not discussed in detail in the report.