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Adaptation Policy Frameworks (APF) for Climate Change: Developing Strategies, Policies and Measures

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Description / Abstract

Developed by UNDP on behalf of the Global Environment Facility, Adaptation Policy Frameworks (APF) for Climate Change: Developing Strategies, Policies and Measures provides a structured approach to formulating and implementing adaptation strategies, policies and measures to ensure human development in the face of climate variability and change.

The APF links climate change adaptation to sustainable development and global environmental issues. It is structured around four major principles:

- Adaptation to short-term climate variability and extreme events serves as a starting point for reducing vulnerability to longer-term climate change;
- Adaptation policies and measures are assessed in a developmental context;
- Adaptation occurs at different levels in society, including the local level; and
- The adaptation strategy and the process by which it is implemented are equally important.

The APF process can be used for formulating and designing adaptation-related projects or for exploring the potential to add adaptation considerations to other types of projects. Projects can focus on any population scale, from a village to the national level.

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