



Climate South East Bulletin April 2010

Partnership News

Three New Reports on Business Engagement We are pleased to present the results of three Defra-funded pilots for projects to help businesses adapt to climate change. [Engaging with South East Transport Authorities on the Adaptation Reporting Power](#) provides an example of good practice in the form of a 'walk-through' of the reporting process and further sector and regionally focused guidance to help organisations work together where possible to manage climate risk.

For advisors of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), [Linking Business Advice on Adaptation and Sustainability](#) explores simple messages linking resource efficiency, carbon reduction, business continuity, and climate resilience. The aim is to provide clear guidance for business advisors about how to engage SMEs successfully using current environmental issues as platforms and links.

[Climate Change Adaptation High-Level Business Messaging](#) uses the Green 500 network to explore how climate risk and adaptation are viewed at board level within large companies and to examine the motives for considering climate risk.

PACT Self-Assessment Tool Pilot Eleven members of CSE tested the new questionnaire version of the PACT [organisational capacity-building tool](#). Earlier work with PACT highlighted problems with the amount of resource and expertise necessary to carry out full assessments. This self-assessment approach reduced the time commitment of participating organisations from days to hours. We are now reviewing initial results ([report here](#)) with a view to identifying partner organisations' strengths and challenges so that we can facilitate learning and collaboration between them. This work also informs the use of the questionnaire as part of the National Climate Change Risk Assessment, allowing for refinement of the substance of the questionnaire as well as the functionality of the tool itself.

Adapting to Climate Change: A Role for UK Forests May 18, Llandrindod Wells, Wales. At [this seminar](#), Forest Research and the Forestry Commission Wales will present the findings of the [Read Report](#), which examines the potential of UK trees and woodlands to contribute to efforts to address the causes and effects of climate change.

New EA Guidance on Adaptation Reporting Power The Environment Agency has published [supplementary guidance](#) focusing on flooding, coastal change, and water resources to help organisations develop their reports.

Other News

Climate Connections Website Live This project, the product of a partnership between Brighton & Hove council, the Brighton Peace & Environment Centre, and Oxfam, [showcases and links](#) what individuals and communities around the world are doing to adapt to climate change and reduce their impact on the environment.

Sustainable Social Care Conference Tuesday, April 20, London. [This conference](#) will explore sustainable development approaches in social care, covering such themes as resilience in a changing climate; local and low-carbon economic opportunities; and housing, design, and green space.

Health Effects of Climate Change in the West Midlands Our counterparts in the West Midlands received Defra funding to commission [this study](#), which outlines what individuals and organisations can do to cope with the health effects of projected changes in temperature and precipitation.

Government Departments Publish Adaptation Plans Each government department has now published [a report](#) setting out its assessment of the risks posed to its services and policies by climate change and the actions it will take to ensure resilience in light of those risks.

RCEP Report on Adapting Institutions to Climate Change The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution found that many UK institutions have not yet begun to think about how climate change will affect them. [This report](#) sets out a framework of key considerations to help organisations build resilience.

How's the UK Government Doing on Adaptation? The Environmental Audit Committee's evaluation, along with minutes and transcripts of evidence, is [here](#).

CSE Working Group Meetings:

Currently scheduled working group meetings are listed below. Please see our [Working Group web pages](#) or [contact us](#) for further information:

Biodiversity May 4, 2010

Business & Economy May 5, 2010

Emissions Monitoring April 29, 2010

Planning May 11, 2010

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