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“While urgent action to reduce emissions is vital, so is action to reduce Scotland's vulnerability to the impact of our already changing climate. Some degree of climate change is unavoidable, as the impacts over the next 30 to 40 years have been determined by our past and present emissions. We cannot prevent these, but we can adapt.”

**Stewart Stevenson, Minister for Climate Change
June 24 2008**

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An overview of Adapting our Ways: Managing Scotland's Climate Risk



- Defines climate adaptation and a well-adapting Scotland
- Proposes strategic principles for a sustainable approach to climate adaptation
- Proposes strategic priority actions for Government in promoting a sustainable approach to climate adaptation
- The Scottish Government's role in supporting climate adaptation
- Working in partnership to support climate adaptation
- Summary of historic trends and future scenarios for Scotland
- Current activities contributing to climate adaptation in Scotland



Consultation Questions

We are interested to hear local authorities comments on all consultation questions, however, of particular relevance are:

Question 3

Do you think we have identified the correct strategic principles for promoting a sustainable approach to climate adaptation ?

Ref paragraph 5.6



Proposed Strategic Principles

- Adaptation should be through actions that build resilience
- Adaptation should be continuous and responsive to new information
- Adaptation should be integrated into normal development and implementation practices
- Adaptation should be integrated at an appropriate scale and involve relevant levels of decision making
- Adaptation must be addressed alongside actions to reduce emissions
- Adaptation by one sector should not restrict adaptation by other sectors



Consultation Questions

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Question 4

Do you think we have identified the correct strategic priority actions for Government to promote a sustainable approach to climate adaptation?

Ref paragraph 5.7



Proposed Strategic Priority Actions

- **Where possible, act now**
- **Provide leadership and coordination**
- **Build adaptive capacity**
- **Reduce and manage uncertainty**
- **Educate the public and other sectors on the nature of climate risks and how it can be managed**



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Question 7

Do you think we have identified the right role for the Scottish Government in supporting climate adaptation in Scotland?

Ref paragraph 6.8



Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership

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Up to date data on climate trends and impacts

Training and support events

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scottish climate change impacts partnership

The Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SCCIP) is an initiative that brings together stakeholders in Scotland to collectively address and prepare for the impacts of climate change. SCCIP was established to increase the resilience of organisations and infrastructure in Scotland to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by the impacts of climate change.

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Consultation Timescales

There will be two consultation stages to inform the forthcoming Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Framework

Stage one (24 June to 31 October 2008)

- connect with the current stakeholder debate on climate change adaptation
- establish strategic principles and priority actions

Stage two (early 2009)

- recognises need for final Framework to be informed by several crucial developments in late 2008 and 2009
- Identify roles and responsibilities for public and private decision makers and draw links with Government action on reducing emissions.

ADAPTING OUR WAYS: MANAGING SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE RISK



“Ultimately, tackling climate change will only be successful if every one of us accepts responsibility and acts sustainably. The Scottish Government is confident that the public sector, businesses and the people of Scotland are ready for the challenge.”

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Please ensure you use the online questionnaire template as it will assist us with our analysis of responses.

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