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- *State of the World 2009: Into a Warming World*, Worldwatch Institute
This comprehensive book contains key facts and innovative governmental policies designed to assist populations adapt to climate change.

Chapters are available online at <http://www.worldwatch.org/node/5982>

- Yasuko Kameyama, Agus P. Sari, Moekti H. Soejahmoen and Norichika Kanie (eds), *Climate Change in Asia: Perspectives on the Future Climate Regime*, United Nations University, June 2008

This book is the result of a two-year study of domestic institutional processes in Asia to address climate change issues, national circumstances that impede countries from fully participating in the international debate and elements of a plausible climate regime from an Asian perspective.

More details are available from:

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HEALTH SECURITY

- Margaret Chan, 'Primary health care as a route to health security', *Lancet*: January 15, 2009.

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- Frank Verrastro and Matthew Frank, 'New forecasts paint a bleak picture for global oil markets in 2009', Centre for Strategic & International Studies Commentary, 29 January 2009.

Available at

http://www.csis.org/media/isis/pubs/090130_verrastro_and_frank_forecasts.pdf

- 'European Parliament adopts blueprint for EU's future energy strategy', Xinhua News Agency, 4 February 2009.

Available at http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-02/04/content_10758930.htm

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- Ban Ki-moon and Rodriguez Zapatero, 'Food security: our forgotten crisis', *International*

Herald Tribune (France), 25 January 2009.

Full article is available at: <http://www.un.org/sg/articleFull.asp?TID=90&Type=Op-Ed>

- The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2008: High food prices and food security – threats and opportunities, FAO, 2008.

Full report can be accessed from: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/011/i0291e/i0291e00.htm>

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- 'Water implications of biofuel crops: understanding tradeoffs and identifying options', *Water Policy Brief*, Issue 30, International Water Management Institute, 2008.

This brief argues that unless planned properly, biofuel crops are likely to escalate competition for water, especially in areas where it is already scarce.

Full brief is available from:

http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/Publications/Water_Policy_Briefs/PDF/WPB30.pdf

- Institutional Settings and Livelihood Strategies in the Blue Nile Basin: Implications for Upstream/ Downstream Linkages, International Water Management Institute Working Paper 132, 2008.

Free access at: http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/Publications/Working_Papers/index.aspx

RECENT EVENTS

- Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2009/Climate Game Change – Innovations and Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation, 22 January 2009, Bangkok, Thailand.

Co-organised by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the forum discussed climate change-related business risks and opportunities, shared views on how to support and facilitate climate change adaptation, and provided an occasion to meet like-minded environmental decision-makers and practitioners.

View press release at <http://www.unescap.org/unis/press/2009/jan/g01.asp>

- High Level Meeting on Food Security for All, 26-27 January 2009, Madrid, Spain

The meeting convened by the government of Spain and the UN sought to review the progress achieved since the Rome High Level Meeting in June 2008 and discuss ways to move forward as well as mechanisms for better coordination.

Details can be found at: <http://www.ransa2009.org/en/index.htm>

- Food Defence Workshop, 16 February 2009, Singapore.

Organised by the RSIS Centre of Excellence for National Security, this workshop aimed to raise awareness of food defence amongst the stakeholders of the food supply chain in Singapore (government and private industry).

More details are available at:

http://www.idss.edu.sg/networking/view_day.asp?id=863&view_date=16-February-2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Green Energy Summit 2009, 3-7 March 2009, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

This event is organised by Saltmarch Media and will explore path-breaking initiatives, including technological solutions which will accelerate the production and adoption of new, viable modes of clean energy sources.

More details are available at: <http://www.greenenergysummit.com/>

- World Water Day, 22 March 2009

This year's theme is Sharing Waters Sharing Opportunities with the focus on trans-boundary waters.

More details are available at: <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/>

- 5th World Water Forum. The world's largest water event. 16-22 March 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey

A stepping stone towards global collaboration on water problems, the Forum offers the water community and policy-and-decision-makers from all over the world the unique opportunity to come together to create links, debate and attempts to find solutions to achieve water security.

More details are available at: <http://www.worldwaterforum5.org/>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- RSIS Centre for NTS-Studies: Fellows and Postdoctoral Fellows

The Centre is looking for three fellows/postdoctoral fellows for following programmes: (1) internal and cross border conflicts; (2) environmental security and climate change; (3) energy and human security.

More details can be found at: http://www.rsis.edu.sg/nts/Events/Career_Opps.html

- University of Basel, Switzerland: Post-doctoral Researcher

The Basel Institute on Governance and the Swiss Tropical Institute (University of Basel): is looking for a Post-Doctoral Researcher for a project on Governance of Health Systems.

For more information, visit:

http://www.sti.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Pdfs/sti_job_Post_Doc_Researcher_Position.pdf

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