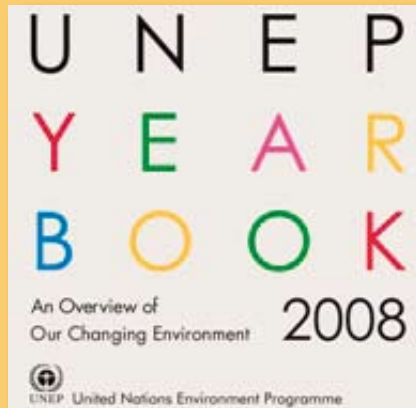


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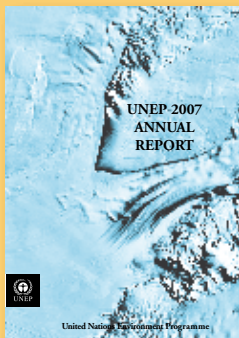
## The UNEP Yearbook 2008 — An Overview of Our Changing Environment



The UNEP Yearbook 2008 (formerly the GEO Year Book) is the fifth annual report on the changing environment produced by UNEP in collaboration with many world environmental experts. It brings the spotlight on new developments and scientific findings and highlights the complex interconnections between climate change, ecosystem integrity, human well-being and economic development. The Global Overview surveys the significant environmental events of 2007. The Feature Focus documents some of the creative efforts already working in markets and financial circles to fight the growing climate crisis. The section on Emerging Challenges, finally, examines new and recent scientific findings on the role arctic climate feedbacks in climate change.

## UNEP Annual Report

This summary of UNEP's activities in 2007 provides an overview of the organization's contribution to the fight against climate change in a year in which unequivocal evidence established that global warming is the defining challenge of our era. The report also looks at the broad range of other activities carried out by UNEP as it follows its mandate to provide environmental leadership and promote sustainable development.



## Climate Action

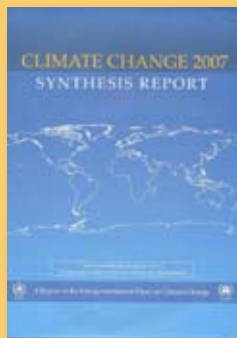
Launched in Bali at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Climate Action — produced by UNEP in partnership with Sustainable Development International — advises governments and businesses on how to lower greenhouse gas emissions. It features a wide range of articles that encourage the sharing of best practice and the development of new technologies and initiatives to reduce

CO<sub>2</sub>, highlighting the opportunities for business and governments. With authors including Ban Ki-moon, Dr Rajendra Pachauri, Sir Nicholas Stern, and Eileen Claussen, the book promotes dialogue between government and international industry, and highlights the sharing of best practice while raising awareness of the latest market trends, threats and opportunities in response to rising global temperatures.



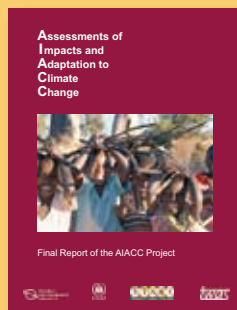
## Climate Change 2007 — Synthesis Report

This latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) distills the challenges and opportunities facing the world as a result of climate change. The book — the final part of the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report — includes a Summary for Policymakers which underlines the urgency of acting to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the economic costs and the benefits of a transition to a low carbon society. It includes a detailed review of climate change observations and modelling for every continent, as well climate model simulations. Written by over 600 leading experts from around the world, this is the standard scientific reference for everyone concerned with climate change and its consequences.



## Climate change and adaptation

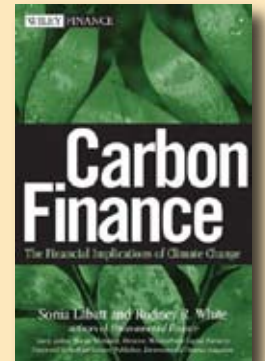
Much of the developing world is highly vulnerable to climate change, but these regions have not yet been studied enough and gaps in knowledge are impeding effective adaptation. 'Climate change and adaptation' aims to help fill these gaps by presenting the results of case studies in Africa, Asia and Latin America that explore the nature and causes of climate change vulnerability, current practices for managing climate risks, and strategies for adapting to climate change. The book is produced by UNEP's Assessment of Impacts and Adaptation to Climate Change (AIACC) project. The case studies were co-sponsored by the IPCC and made a major contribution to the panel's 4th Assessment Report.



## Carbon Finance: The Financial Implications of Climate Change

Sonia Labatt and Rodney R. White (Wiley, April 2007)

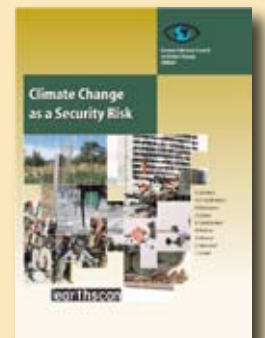
In this book, Sonia Labatt and Rodney White assess the carbon market which is currently developing, with an analysis of the financial opportunities and challenges presented by climate change. The authors illustrate how challenges and opportunities will arise within the carbon market for banking, insurance, and investment activities as well as for the regulated and energy sectors. They also provide an in-depth description of adaptive measures and insurance products for managing risk in a carbon constrained economy.



## World in Transition — Climate Change as a Security Risk

(Earthscan, 2008)

This report by the German Advisory Council on Global Change argues that in the coming decades, climate change is likely to increase tensions and conflicts over natural resources in our climatically constrained world. The book spotlights places where possible conflict may flare up in the 21st century — jeopardizing national and international security to a new degree — unless climate change is kept in check. But the authors also argue that climate change could unite the international community, provided that it recognizes climate change as a threat to humankind and soon sets the course for the avoidance of dangerous anthropogenic climate change by adopting a dynamic and globally coordinated climate policy. The book makes it clear that climate policy is preventative security policy.

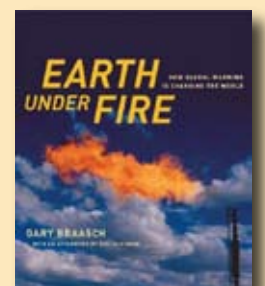


## Earth under fire: How Global Warming Is Changing the World

Gary Braasch

(University of California Press, 2007)

'Earth under Fire' is a comprehensive look at the worldwide effects of climate change. In dramatic photographs, maps and quotes from world climate science leaders, the book shows how the Earth is being changed right now. With 110 photographs as well as maps and scientific essays, it illustrates the ongoing shifts our planet is going through, from weather extremes and melting glaciers to disruptions of animal migration and plant growth — including the strong impact on human life, cities and cultures.



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