



An Innovative Approach to Preparing a Sub-National Climate Change Action Plan: Case of Orissa State, India

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Summary: Orissa is a poor state but also one of the most vulnerable to climate change. It has a 480 km vulnerable coast line, which is a periodic recipient of climate risks such as cyclones and coastal erosion. Orissa is rainfall dependent as its irrigation network does not cover the entire state. With a water-dependent crop, rice, as its main crop, the agriculture sector is vulnerable to the vagaries of climate-induced weather changes. Government of Orissa (GoO) is one of the first Indian states to initiate work on developing a climate change action plan using an innovative participatory approach.