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There is *high confidence* that there are viable adaptation options with high benefit.

There is *growing understanding* of the possibilities to implement climate response options to realize synergies and avoid conflicts.

IPCC, *Fourth Assessment Report* 2007



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Climate change: turning a threat into an opportunity



Climate change is widely seen as a threat to development, and in particular to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. In almost every sector or area, it is expected **to threaten ecosystems, livelihoods, health, infrastructure and security**. Furthermore, mitigating climate change is expected to involve some trade-offs with development objectives and divert resources from other goals.

What if, however, climate change was also a source of opportunities? *Saleemul Huq* argues that in many instances "climate change adaptation measures" **may alleviate factors, enhance equity, reduce poverty, improve management, and generally make a positive contribution to development** objectives, regardless of the ultimate manifestations and magnitude of climate change. The speaker will support his arguments with illustrative examples.

Limited seats - Registration required

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