
Industrial Environmental Protection

Topic 2: Climate Change, Vulnerability

This text is an extract of the report “GEO4 – Global Environment Outlook”. These reports are published by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and are trying to combine several works of scientists all over the world to one overall picture. The strategy is on one hand to create a common scientific base, which provides a reference point for further research but also to assure special recognition and consideration of the results in international politics. In the chosen passage, the concept of vulnerability and its analysis is briefly described. Afterwards some typical patterns of vulnerability are presented. Why are such patterns important? Would it be possible to adapt the concept on other subjects?

Instructions to the speaker:

The text mentions risk analysis and the syndrome methodology, research the differences and point out the particular pros and cons. Choose one of the patterns of vulnerability for the discussion. It could be worthwhile to look into the term of ideal types.

Text: United Nations Environment Programme 2007: *Global Environment Outlook 4*, available on the internet at: <http://www.unep.org/geo/geo4/media/>