

Climate Change Vulnerability in the Peri-Urban Areas of the Rural Regions of Namibia

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SUMMARY

Following the urban-rural continuum thinking, no geographical place (nation, region or local area) can be fully rural or urban. They are usually a mix of both urban and rural. They tend to be referred to as urban or rural depending on whether their spatial character is rural or urban. In many developing countries, there may be urban or rural transitioning spatial units. These are peripheries located between urban and rural areas, usually having a more balanced mixed spatial character of land uses. In the context of Namibia, the northern region is more rural than the southern and central belt. However, these regions face similar problems at different scales. For instance, the north faces more rural development problems than the south while the south faces more urban problems than the north. In all these places, there is evidence from current literature that climate change is a problem in the region of Northern Namibia. The authors of this paper use their experience living in Namibia to identify climate vulnerability scenarios in the peri-urban areas of Northern Namibia and ideas for improving their resilience.

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