

# **Climate change, environmental change and community development in Zimbabwe**

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## **Abstract**

This book explores some of the possibilities available for the rural peasant population of Zimbabwe in the midst of climate change induced national hardships by pursuing the following objectives: 1. identifying evidence of climate change in Zimbabwe 2. establishing adaptation and mitigation mechanisms by communities to cope with climate change and climate variability 3. evaluating the sustainability of projects that are adopted to ameliorate the impact of climate change and variability in Zimbabwe 4. Exploring the gender dynamics and challenges in efforts to adapt to climate change and variability 5. establishing the contribution of GIS and RS products in solving both environmental and climate problems for sustainable economic development. It is hoped that the fragmented survival strategies of the various communities presented in this book can inform national policy makers on the need for community involvement in all decision-making projects and programmes that are meant to benefit them. Climate change is a reality in Zimbabwe's rural communities and there is need for urgency in coming up with realistic practical programmes to avert a climate change-induced national catastrophe