If you are a local, regional, or state decision-maker, this guidebook will answer your questions about preparing for climate change:

- How do you scope out the problems of climate change across sectors of your community?
- How do you raise and maintain support to prepare for climate change?
- Whom should you include on a climate change preparedness team?
- Which of your planning areas are relevant to climate change impacts?
- How do you evaluate your climate sensitivity and adaptive capacity (i.e., conduct a climate change vulnerability assessment)? How do you conduct a climate change risk assessment?
- How do you identify your climate change priority planning areas?
- How do you establish a vision and guiding principles for a climate resilient community?
- How do you begin to develop climate change preparedness goals and actions in these priority planning areas?
- How do you develop a climate change preparedness plan?
- How do you ensure that you have the right implementation tools to take your preparedness actions?
- How do you develop measures of resilience to track your progress and update your plans over time, to ensure that your efforts are really making your community more resilient to climate change?