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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 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?