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Dr Frank Jotzo on his session at the 2009 Climate Change Congress:

Economic systems will change in response to climate change, and in many instances the response can be shaped through policies and public and private investment decisions. Investing in adaptation measures carries costs, as will wearing the impacts of climate change. Decisions about adaptation in the economic sphere will depend on differential estimates of costs, given assessments of climate change risks through time, and assessments of how other parts of the economy might be affected and react. This session presents case studies and modelling on the costs of adapting and not adapting. It also offers a forum for conceptual contributions on the possibilities and limitations of economic analysis to guide adaptation decisions.