


# Chapter 2

## Climate Change and Natural Disasters

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### ABSTRACT

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## **INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS: UNDERSTANDING THE INTERSECTION**

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