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**Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
21-22 October 2010
Bangkok, Thailand**

Dear Participants,

Greetings from the Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2010 Secretariat.

Thank you for registering to attend the Adaption Forum 2010.

The Adaptation Forum 2010 is about two months away. The Adaptation Forum 2010 Secretariat through this e-update, intends to keep you informed on key information that may assist you with your planning and arrival to the Adaptation Forum 2010.

The Adaptation Forum 2010 will commence on Thursday, 21 October at 9:00 am and conclude on Friday, 22 October at 5:30 pm.

The Adaptation Forum 2010 will provide opportunity to share practices, knowledge and experiences on mainstreaming adaptation to climate change into development planning in Asia and the Pacific.

The event presents a venue through which tools and mechanisms that support the process of adapting to climate change and current findings from frontline development and adaptation challenges can be showcased.

The participatory format of the Adaptation Forum 2010 will include plenary and keynote sessions, panel discussions, thematic side events, market place and photo & poster exhibitions. The sessions will be facilitated by eminent climate scientists, adaptation experts and development planners from the region.

The Adaptation Forum 2010 will

- Stimulate regional knowledge sharing and facilitate networking among participants to maximize synergy;
- Add value to existing country/regional level adaptation knowledge and activities to enhance and support cooperation and coordination;
- Link local level adaptation initiatives with those at national and regional level.

Adaptation Forum 2010 Outputs

- Proceeding with key findings, messages, gaps and next steps in the form of recommendations under the three key approaches- Vertical & Horizontal integrations and Financing Adaptation.
- Research-based thematic paper on Mainstreaming Adaptation into Development Planning.

Adaptation Forum 2010 Outcomes

- Opportunity to expose policy makers to the science and technology needed on climate change adaptation;
- Provision of real time and updated knowledge to policy makers;
- Increased awareness of adaptation practices and shared lessons learnt;
- Support to countries on how to access adaptation financing.



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CORE ORGANIZERS

The Adaptation Forum 2010 is organized by the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (Adaptation Knowledge Platform) and the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (Adaptation Network).

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform is a response to the demand for effective mechanisms for sharing information on climate change adaptation and developing adaptive capacities in Asian countries. The initiative supports research and capacity building, policy making and information assimilation, generation, management and sharing. It also facilitates climate change adaptation at local, national and regional levels – while working with existing and emerging networks and initiatives. The Adaptation Knowledge Platform has been jointly established by the Asian Institute of Technology/United Nations Environment Programme Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT/UNEP RRC.AP) the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (SENSA) and UNEP with funding support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

The Adaptation Network, part of the Global Adaptation Network, aims to build climate resilience of vulnerable human systems, ecosystems and economies through the mobilization of knowledge and technologies to support adaptation capacity building, policy setting, planning and practices. The Adaptation Network activities will be undertaken by its regional hub, subregional nodes and partner institutions in the Asia Pacific region.

The Adaptation Network is facilitated by UNEP, Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES), AIT/UNEP RRC.AP, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in partnership with other key actors in the region with support from the Ministry of Environment of Japan and the Swedish Environment Secretariat for Asia.

The Adaptation Forum 2010 is being organized through a participatory approach with a wide range of regional and international organizations, so to be able to capture different perspective and offer a high quality sessions to the audience. Partner organizations can support the Adaptation Forum 2010 in different ways, from the finalization of the agenda, to the preparation of side events, market place, or sponsorship of participants and resource persons. While an initial thanks goes to UNDP for its support, discussions are on-going also with other partners. All will be duly acknowledged throughout the Adaptation Forum 2010.



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ADAPTATION FORUM 2010 VENUE

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ADAPTATION FORUM 2010 ACCOMMODATION

The Millennium Hilton Bangkok Hotel, the official hotel partner of the Adaptation Forum 2010 offers special accommodation rates for the participants of the Forum. All participants are requested to make their own reservation and confirmation with the hotel through the focal person from the hotel, mentioned below.

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APPROACH TO THE ADAPTATION FORUM 2010

Recent climate change science and impacts assessment has clearly stated significant implications on social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific region that demands urgent action, especially in relation to climate change adaptation. Integration of current and future climate vulnerabilities into development planning and implementation has been recognized as one of the immediate and urgent action. Understanding and enhancing existing capacities by looking into current policy and planning processes are essential starting points. The opening session of the Adaptation Forum 2010 intends to provide comprehensive and holistic insights and reflections on the existing developmental issues and concerns in the context of climate change, prevailing across Asia and the Pacific.

This Forum intends to deliberate on the theme - “Mainstreaming Adaptation into Development Planning”. The Adaptation Forum 2010 approach is to address the theme with the integration of climate change adaptation through three key parallel sessions, Vertical Integration (multi-level governance by applying different approaches including science to policy); Horizontal Integration (cross-sectoral integration, policies to implementation); and Financing Adaptation (access to adaptation funds, role of both, public & private sector in development and planning).

Climate Change Adaptation is cross-cutting which requires an integrated approach to management and governance for cross-sectoral adaptation, including the trans-boundary issues. As adaptation is primarily conducted at the regional and local levels, this is recognized that both forms of cross-sectoral integration are important and crucial and will be addressed in the Adaptation Forum 2010. The vertical integration of adaptation into development starts with national, provincial, municipal to local level planning and involves all levels of decision making. Wherein, the horizontal integration of adaptation into development focuses on cross-sectoral policies at all government levels. Vertical and horizontal integration are key to long-term reduction in the vulnerability of ecosystems and communities. Financing adaptation ranges from planning to implementation.

ADAPTATION FORUM 2010 OUTLINE

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Day One - Thursday, 21 October 2010

Registration	08:00 - 09:00
Opening Ceremony	09:00 - 10:30
Welcome Speeches	
Adaptation Forum 2010: Background Regional need of Climate Change Adaptation Country Perspectives	
Keynote Speeches	
The implications of climate change on social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific Adaptation into Development Planning: A profound need for building capacity for Asia and the Pacific	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Adaptation in Asia and the Pacific - Website Launch 	
Refreshment Break	10:30 - 11:00
Parallel Session 1	
11:00 - 12:30	
<i>Vertical Integration-Multi-level Governance, Science and Policy</i>	<i>Horizontal Integration- Cross Sectoral Policy Planning and Implementation</i>
Challenges and opportunities of hierarchical governance and planning to integrate adaptation into development planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of global, regional, national, sub-national and local level governance in planning and its top-down linkages. Advantages and limitations 	Challenges and opportunities of sectoral policy, plan and implementation for cross-sectoral integration of adaptation from policy to implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of natural resource base, ecosystems and livelihood as potential entry points for cross-sectoral planning and integration Scope, possibilities and challenge
<i>Financing Adaptation & Aid Effectiveness</i>	
Innovation and enhance access to adaptation finance mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International and national governance of adaptation financing Role of business sector, non-government organization and community 	
Lunch	12:30 - 13:30
Parallel Session 2	
13:30 - 15:00	
<i>Role of science in adaptive development</i>	<i>Vulnerability based Adaptation</i>
Define/What is the role of science in developing coherent and supportive policy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advantages and limitations 	How do we interpret vulnerability based adaptation, ecosystem based adaptation and trans-boundary issues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope, possibilities and challenge
<i>Market based mechanism to adaptation</i>	
What are the market-based risk transfer mechanisms to sustainable adaptation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance, re-insurance, micro-finance for adaptation actions and implementation 	
Refreshment Break & Market Place	15:00 - 16:00
Plenary: Synthesis & Reflections	16:00 - 17:00
Cocktail Reception & Networking	17:00 - 18:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mega City Climate Change Adaptation Study - Book Launch 	

Day Two - Friday, 22 October 2010

Opening Plenary Debate: Adaptation Mainstreaming-Fad or Farce?	09:00 - 10:30
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Refreshment Break	10:30 - 11:00
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Parallel Session 3

11:00 - 12:30

Adaptation Policies, legislation and regulations

What are the policies, legislation and regulations to facilitate climate change adaptation?

- Examine current status and need for the region in terms of existing supportive set of policies, regulations, incentives and their enforcement in adoption.
- Key requirements and gaps.

Climate Uncertainty - is this an impediment to adaptation?

What does current variability and vulnerability to climate change adaptation mean?

- Harmonization of long-term vision of climate change with short-term priorities for vulnerability to current climate variability.
- Key in embarking the mainstreaming process.

Capacity needs for mainstreaming

- How to identify capacity gaps for mainstreaming?
- Who are the key actors that need to be mobilized?

Lunch	12:30 - 13:30
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Side Event 1

13:30 - 14:30

Community-based Adaptation

Lead: Saleemul Huq (IIED-UK)

- FAO (Tools)
- CARE International (Skills building)
- Global Initiative on Community Based Adaptation (GICBA)

Climate Change Adaptation: Harnessing the Innovative Capacity of the Private Sector

Lead Agency: CSR Asia Center

City Adaptation to Climate Change

Lead Agencies: Rockefeller/ADB

Side Event 2

14:30 - 15:30

Local governance and climate change - delivering on the ground

Lead Agency: Nikolai Beresnev, UNDP

Economics of Adaptation

Lead Agencies: ADB/World Bank

Ecosystems-based Adaptation

Lead Agencies: MMF, WWF, IUCN

Refreshment

15:30 - 16:00

Side Event 3

16:00 - 17:00

Child-based Adaptation

Lead Agency: Atiq Rehman, Plan International

Asia Pacific Adaptation Network

Linkages between Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation

Lead Agency: ADPC

Closing Ceremony

17:00 - 17:30

Mainstreaming adaptation: The Way Forward
Vote of Thanks

MARKET PLACE

The Adaptation Forum 2010 Market Place will showcase dynamic and diverse range of organizations, products, services, information and knowledge on Climate Change Adaptation. It intends to be a suitable area to meet up with other Forum participants, network, review publications and audio-video displays. Exhibitors and Forum participants will be encouraged to use recycled or reused design components.

The Market Place will be free of charge; however the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2010 Secretariat and partners will keep the right of decision on the appropriateness of the requested space basing on the applications received.

In order to showcase in the Market Place, please send an online request by filling up the registration form to the Asia Pacific Adaptation Forum 2010 Secretariat.

The e-registration deadline is 15 September 2010.

ADAPTATION FORUM 2010 WEBSITE

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2010/>

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