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The e-communiqué is part of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia's efforts to share and inform about its activities, topical climate change adaptation news and initiatives from Asia and the Pacific and beyond. The e-communiqué is a bi-monthly issue for adaptation practitioners.

The second issue is a recap of happenings from June-July 2010 and anticipation of events planned for August - September.

The e-communiqué encourages you to share your Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) activities, announcements, events and new initiatives. Please send your submissions to info@climateadapt.asia.

HIGHLIGHTS

Adaptation Knowledge Platform's Second Sharing & Learning Event, Bangkok, Thailand, 3 June

The second bi-monthly seminar of the Adaptation Knowledge Platform was organized on "Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA): Coastal Ecosystems' Role in Climate Change Adaptation" and was in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network, Mangroves for the Future (MFF) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Thailand and TEAM group of Companies. The seminar also contributed to the international World Environment Day (WED) celebrations.

The event provided an opportunity for information and knowledge-sharing on coastal climate change adaptation, by considering and sharing a selection of coastal EbA tools and practices. The event gathered over ninety climate change adaptation practitioners and coastal managers from national and regional institutes/organizations based in Bangkok as well as Thai policy and decision-makers.

A report providing a synthesis of the discussion points on the tools available, on the lessons learnt as well as gaps and opportunities on coastal EbA, based on the case studies and workshop group sessions is available here: <http://www.climateadapt.asia/resources/news/article/19>

Regional Consultation Workshop in Bangkok on Strengthening Climate Resilience Initiative, Bangkok, Thailand, 22-23 July

Strengthening Climate Resilience (SCR) is a new DFID-funded programme that aims to enhance the ability of governments and civil-society organizations in developing countries, to build the resilience of communities to disasters and climate change. The SCR initiative is being implemented by a consortium led by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Plan International and Christian Aid.

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform showcased its activities at the Regional Consultation Workshop for Southeast Asia that brought together different 'communities of practice' in South-East Asian countries to discuss, share ideas and explore programming, projects and policies that seek to consider climate dimensions within their DRM and development activities. Further collaboration for the integration of DRM and CCA through a 'Climate Smart approach' to Disaster Risk Management was realized.

ADAPTATION KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

The Adaptation Platform is intended to support countries in the Asia region to strengthen their capabilities to introduce effective adaptation measures. This includes both at the national level, in terms of creating an enabling policy, regulatory, planning and budgeting environment for the adoption of adaptation measures, and at a sub-national and local level where most adaptation activities will actually be implemented. The overall platform goal is to facilitate climate change adaptation in Asia at local, national and regional levels and strengthen adaptive capacity. The platform must consequently demonstrate that it has clear strategies to (i) facilitate adaptation and (ii) strengthen adaptive capacity at both national and local levels (in addition to the regional level).

Adaptation platform has thirteen focal countries for the first three years of operation (Cambodia, China PR, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand & Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines & Sri Lanka).

Scoping Mission to Sri Lanka, 8-15 June

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform was introduced to relevant national government and non-government stakeholders involved in climate change adaptation. The consultations undertaken helped to draw a first understanding on the dynamics, main players and activities on climate change adaptation in the country. Identified key priorities with regard to climate change adaptation consider the following sectors:

- Water (coastal, flood, and salinity issue)
- Agriculture based livelihood (including wet lands)
- Infrastructure (most rapidly growing sector)

Potential partners in the implementation of the national scoping assessment and activities were identified. Work will soon start in the country in collaboration with the UNDP Sri Lanka Office. During the mission, the Adaptation Knowledge Platform team also supported the regional Asian Development Bank (ADB) led workshop “Regional Workshop on Strategic Assessment for Climate Change Adaptation In Natural Resource Management”.

Adaptation Development Strategy for Bhutan, 22-28 June

As part of Adaptation Knowledge Platform’s strategy to facilitate and strengthen adaptive capacity of countries in South and South East Asian countries, a team from UNEP RRCAP and SEI consulted with key stakeholders in Bhutan to share information on Adaptation Knowledge Platform and identify a national implementation partner to conduct various activities as per the need of the country. The mission found that awareness of climate change in Bhutan is generally strong, but there is no overall framework for addressing adaptation at policy or planning levels. In addition, capacity is a concern throughout the system. There have been several training activities in the country but a systematic appraisal of needs and the development of a strategy for both human resources and institutional changes to strengthen capacities to plan for uncertainty and climate variability are needed. Some key areas of support that emerged from the consultation were how to strengthen community-level resilience in livelihoods and natural resource management, and to build their capacity to cope with increasing change and uncertainty.

Scoping & Planning Activities for Nepal, 29 June-2 July

During Nepal mission, the Adaptation Knowledge Platform team consulted with several governmental, non-governmental and research institution stakeholders to prioritize implementation of follow-on activities in the country. Some key activities that emerged from the consultation were to provide technical support to National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) process and the establishment of the National Adaptation Knowledge Platform in Nepal. During the consultation some government stakeholders emphasized to provide technical support to the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM) to conduct statistical downscaling of climate data for Nepal. The Mission also shared the concept of the first research project ‘understanding planning’ with potential national partners.

Adaptation Knowledge Workshop in Bangladesh, 27 July

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform through its scoping report by its national partner, Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies (BCAS), emphasized the urgent necessity for a coordinated, structured and organized climate change and adaptation research and knowledge base in Bangladesh. A dedicated climate change national knowledge management platform will aim to serve the information and knowledge needs of the climate change community in Bangladesh.

A brainstorming workshop on a “Collaborative Research Platform and Knowledge Sharing for Improved Capacity to Address Climate Change Adaptation” provided an opportunity for various institutions to discuss their information requirements in relation to adaptation planning, designing, and implementing adaptation projects. The workshop was organized with partners- Adaptation Knowledge Platform, BCAS, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)/UK Collaborative on Development Sciences (UKCDS) and Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN).

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- **Climate Adaptation Futures: Preparing for the unavoidable impacts of climate change, Gold Coast, Australia, 29 June-1 July**

The Climate Adaptation Futures conference set upon the challenge to showcase leading impacts and adaptation research from Australia and around the world, to explore the contribution of adaptation science to planning and policy making, and to discuss adaptation decision making under the uncertainty of climate change impacts. The conference was hosted by the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF) and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) of Australia. The participation of some representatives from developing countries was supported by the Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform, which also presented a poster in the “communication of information for adaptation” section. The Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum (21-22 October, Bangkok, Thailand) was announced as one of the important forthcoming events after this conference.



- **Sixteenth Cambodia Disaster Risk Reduction Forum, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 16-17 June**

The forum brought together stakeholders to share experiences for scoping linkages between climate change adaptation, disaster risk management and development approaches. The forum was supported by Strengthening Climate Resilience (SCR) Programme, Plan International and Cambodia's DRR Forum. The Adaptation Knowledge Platform shared the recently concluded scoping Study on Climate Change Adaptation in Cambodia that indicates areas identified as focus for support and action, namely research into existing adaptation responses, coping strategies and factors affecting resilience at community level, piloting of adaptation planning, mainstreamed into overall development planning, at the sub-national level, linked to awareness-raising and capacity building amongst planners at this level and knowledge management.



ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Core Organizers
The Adaptation Forum 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 will also facilitate 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 RRCAP), 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, sub-regional nodes and partner institutions in the Asia Pacific region. The Adaptation Network is facilitated by UNEP Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES), AIT/UNEP RRCAP, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in partnership with other key actors in the region.

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

MAINSTREAMING ADAPTATION INTO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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

The Target Group
The Adaptation Forum aims at gathering 200-300 adaptation practitioners at regional, national, and sub-national level. These could include government representatives from various line ministries, researchers, practitioners, NGOs, international organization, regional intergovernmental bodies, media and the private sector.

Partnership
The Adaptation Forum is currently seeking collaboration with partners to help organize and run various parallel thematic sessions. Partners interested in supporting and co-organizing the Adaptation Forum are invited to contact us.

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- Stimulate regional knowledge sharing and facilitate networking among participants to maximize synergy;
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Adaptation Forum 2010 Website:

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

CCA Events & Conferences

Symposium on Sustainable Water Resource Management and Climate Change Adaptation, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand, 16-17 June 2010

This symposium served as a Thai academic stage in which the academic persons, researchers, authorized officers or students exchanged ideas, knowledge, experience and skills to handle Sustainable water resources management. Organized by: Nakhon Pathom Rajabhat University, Thailand and Department of Geohydraulic and Engineering Hydrology, The University of Kassel, Germany.

International Conference Workshop on Livelihood and Health Impacts of the Climate Change: Community Adaptation Strategies, Khon Kaen, Thailand, 24-25 August 2010

This event will tackle the impact of current and future climate change on community livelihood and health. The conference invites international and regional experts/organizations to deliver and exchange their vision and expertise, research results and field experiences on current climate change, its assessment and adaptation strategies, tools and methods.

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2nd South Asian Youth Summit on Climate Change, Sri Lanka, 14-19 September 2010

Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN) along with other regional networks, and as part of the South Asian Youth Climate Network, is organizing the SAYSoCC 2010 in Sri Lanka from 14-19 Sep 2010. The theme for this year is Sustainability and adaptation in South Asia.

International Symposium: Benefitting from Earth Observation-Bridging the Data Gap for Adaptation to Climate Change in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan Region, Kathmandu, Nepal, 4-6 October 2010

Email: symposium2010@icimod.org



Climate Adaptation in the Nordic Countries: Science, Practice, Policy: International conference, Stockholm, Sweden, 8-10 November, 2010

Climate Adaptation in the Nordic Countries will explore the links between adaptation science, practice, and policy. Taking an interdisciplinary perspective and involving stakeholders, the aim of the conference is to deliver insights for a socially relevant research agenda that advances the emerging science of adaptation and meets the needs of practitioners and policymakers. The conference is an initiative of the Nordic Climate Change Adaptation Research Network (NORDCLAD-Net), which is funded by NordForsk. It is coordinated and co-funded by the Stockholm Environment Institute and the Swedish research programme Mistra-SWECIA.

Scaling Up Community-based Adaptation: Beyond Pilots, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 24-31 March 2011

The 5th International Conference on Community Based Adaptation (CBA) to Climate Change will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in early 2011. The conference will consist of three days of field visits to community based adaptation projects in different ecosystems, followed by three days of interactive discussions on different thematic areas in Dhaka. The primary aim of the conference is to share the latest developments in adaptation planning and practices,

priority sectors and measures at different levels, and dissemination of knowledge among stakeholders and communities.

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Green House 2011: The Science of climate Change, Queensland, Australia, 4-8 April 2011

GREENHOUSE 2011 will focus on the science of climate change. Scientists and representatives from industry and all levels of government will have the opportunity to share information and hear about the latest in climate change science from leading researchers from Australia and around the world. The program

will cover a range of topics, including impacts and adaptation, communicating climate change.

CCA News

Wally's World

The year 1965 marked the first time the threat of man-made global warming was brought to a U.S. president's desk, in an extended report for Lyndon B. Johnson by top climate scientists.

Indus Basin Programme Collaboration

Experts agree to collaborate on Indus Basin Programme in relation to international expert consultation and workshop on 'Climate and environmental change impacts on the cryosphere of the Indus basin and its implications for future water scenarios' organised by ICIMOD from 2-4 Jul 2010 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Bangladesh sets a World Record: 5 million CFLs in One Day!

The Government of Bangladesh, with support from the World Bank, has launched a large scale lighting energy efficiency program to reduce electricity peak loads, through its Efficient Lighting Initiative of Bangladesh (ELIB). Funded by the Bangladesh Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development (RERED) project and supported by a Carbon Finance intervention from the World Bank, ELIB recently completed its first round of implementation. *On June 19, 2010, almost 5 million energy efficient Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) were distributed in exchange of incandescent lamps among residential consumers in selected areas of 27 districts of Bangladesh.* This operation was nationally coordinated through over 1400 urban and rural distribution centers.

International Climate Champions 2010

The British Council's International Climate Champions program engages young people around the world as communicators who will help to influence and educate their peers and the general public on the urgency of climate change. The International Climate Champions initiative is part of a range of activities within the British Council designed to build understanding of and drive action on climate change. In 2008, the program

launched in 13 countries (Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States) and then grew to encompass more than 800 International Climate Champions in 29 countries.

Bangladesh selected sixteen (16) International Climate Champions from 217 project ideas to work in 2010-11. **British Council Nepal selected ten (10) Climate Champions out of 171 applicants for the year 2010/11.**

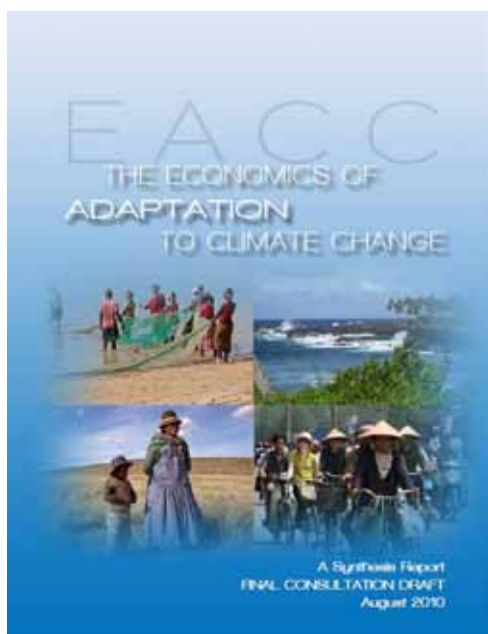
U.S. promises \$136 million in climate aid to Indonesia (Reuters)

The agreement between two of the world's biggest emitters of planet-warming greenhouse gases follows Norway's \$1 billion commitment to environmental programs in Indonesia. Indonesia is regarded as a key player in the fight to slow climate change because its tropical forests and carbon-rich peatlands trap huge amounts of carbon dioxide but its rapid deforestation rate has sparked concern among environmentalists.

China leads international effort to study Pacific Ocean

The Pacific Ocean affects weather patterns in eastern China. A project initiated by China aims to help countries around the western Pacific rim improve their climate predictions. The Northwestern Pacific Ocean Circulation and Climate Experiment (NPOCE), launched in Qingdao, China, comprises 19 institutions from eight countries and aims to boost scientific understanding of the Ocean. The goal is to

improve the understanding of the northwestern Pacific Ocean's role in regional and global climate variations - such as the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) - through field experiments, simulations and theoretical study.

**CCA Information & Knowledge Products****Publications**

Final Report: Institutional and Policy Analysis of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in Pacific Island Countries.



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Final Study Launch: The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change – EACC

Synthesis Report: World Bank Launches Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change

The World Bank has released the Synthesis Report of the study titled “The Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change,” which estimates the costs of adaptation between US\$70-100 billion per year between now and 2050. [The Synthesis Report of the Study]

“World Atlas of Mangroves” released

The World Atlas of Mangroves was released on June 2010. The study is an effort of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Society of Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME), the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)-Man and Biosphere, the UN University (UNU) Institute for Water Environment and Health; the Nature Conservancy and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC). According to the Atlas, studies estimate that mangroves generate between US\$2000-9000 per hectare annually, considerably more than alternative uses such as aquaculture, agriculture or insensitive tourism. It also underscores the link between these coastal forests and economically-important services from flood defenses and fish nurseries to carbon storage to combat climate change.

Case Studies

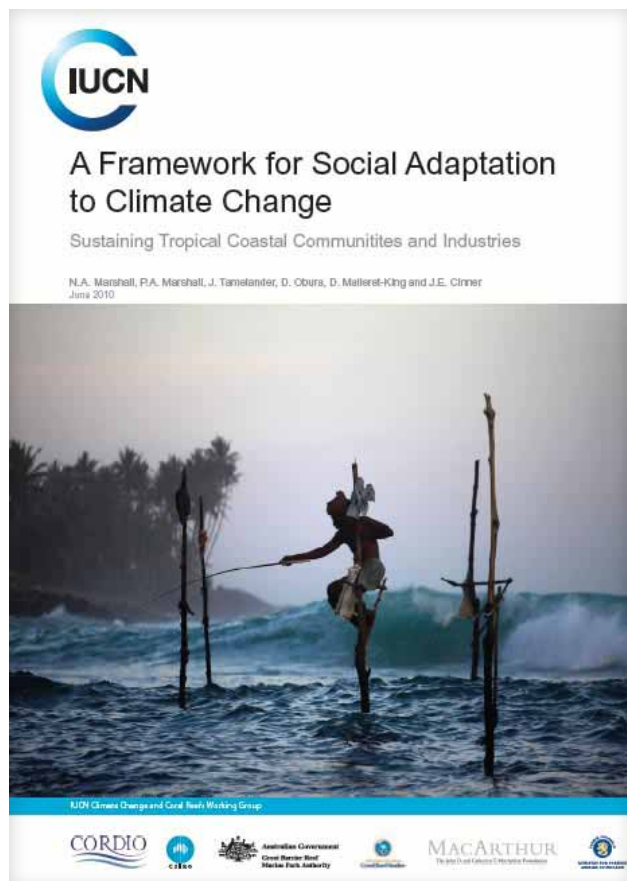
Five recently published case studies from India provide insights and lessons learned on possible responses to climate change in semi-arid rural areas in the states of Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. They draw experience from the Vulnerability Assessment and Enhancing Adaptive Capacities to Climate Change (V&A) pilot programme, implemented 2005-2009 with support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

The case studies cover five priority areas of interventions: water resources management, pasture land development, rice cultivation, community-based institutions, and village-level agro-meteorological observatories. The introduction and case studies can be downloaded here:

- **Introduction to Climate Change Case studies**
- **Case Study on ‘Community Based Institutions’**
- **Case Study on ‘Pasture Land Development’**
- **Case Study on ‘The System of Rice Intensification’**
- **Case Study on ‘Water Resource Management’**
- **Case Study on ‘Weather based Farming Model for Communities’**

A Framework for Social Adaptation to Climate Change

Sustaining Tropical Coastal Communities and Industries

**IUCN Climate Change and Coral Reefs Working Group****Report: Coasts of life: helping tropical seaside communities cope with climate change**

Climate change is hitting coastal areas hard: rises in sea levels, ocean acidification, extreme events, bleaching and death of coral are all climate impacts which will require adjustments socially and economically. A new IUCN report provides practical guidance for coastal communities and industries to adapt to climate change.

Book: The Earthscan Reader on Adaptation to Climate Change

Lisa Schipper & Ian Burton: Following an introduction tracing the evolution of adaptation from a biological concept into a policy objective, the book is divided into five parts: Adaptation

theory, Adaptation, Vulnerability & Resilience * Adaptation & Disaster Risk * Adaptation & Development * Adaptation & Climate Change Policy.

Articles**Paper: e-Resilience: Rethinking the Potential of ICTs towards Climate Change Adaptation**

Resilience increasingly entails finding innovative solutions, with the help of tools such as Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), that enable vulnerable contexts to learn, adapt and possibly transform in face of the uncertainties posed by the changing climate". To read more about e-resilience in the context of climate change adaptation, please visit, <http://niccd.wordpress.com>

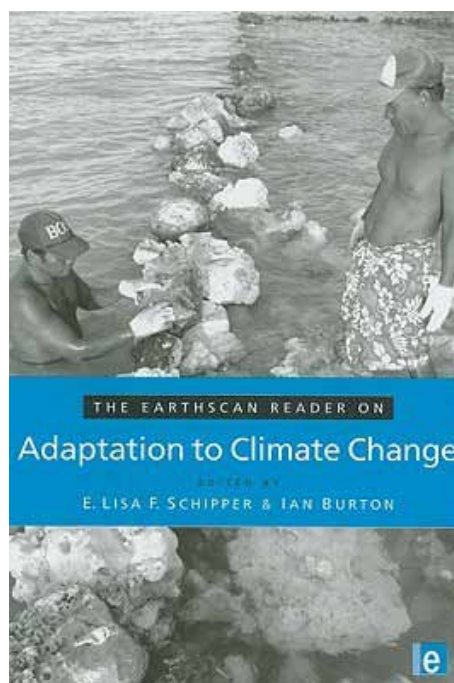
Paper: Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Protection: Complementary Roles in Agriculture and Rural Growth? Institute of Development Studies

This paper suggests social protection and DRR measures designed to limit damages from shocks and stresses may not be sufficient in the longer term. For social protection to be resilient to climate change impacts, it will need to consider how reducing dependence on climate sensitive livelihood activities can be part of adaptive strategies.

Article: Time Now for Taking Adaptation Seriously by Dr Promode Kant

Among development experts there is a widely held view that adaptation to climate change must be planned bottom up and many examples are shown how small communities have been able to tackle

higher temperatures and irregular rainfall by changing their cropping patterns and crops. Such instances are indeed many but it should be remembered that non-technological innovations of this nature have only very narrow. Serious adaptation measures that can help tide over large changes in temperatures and precipitation are likely to be costly technology based efforts the demand for which would not arise bottom up but must, of necessity, be planned top down.



The Journal for Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change will be publishing a Special Issue on Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in 2011. The Special Issue is entitled "Five years after the IPCC Special Report on CCS: state of play". The editors are looking for a broad range of review articles that examine and analyse the developments in a variety of CCS-related areas and/or build on the review done by the IPCC in 2005. The articles will be subjected to normal peer review.

Article: Managing Risk in a Changing Climate: Making the Case

We live in a time of rapidly escalating concern about climate change. Although scientific evidence on climate change has been steadily building over many years, only recently has the consensus concerning observed impacts and future scenarios reached a level to capture the world's attention. Increasingly, the question of whether or not climate change is happening is being replaced with the question of what we can and should do about the problem. The response will require concerted efforts not only to control atmospheric greenhouse gas emissions, but to adapt to and manage the effects of climate change as well.

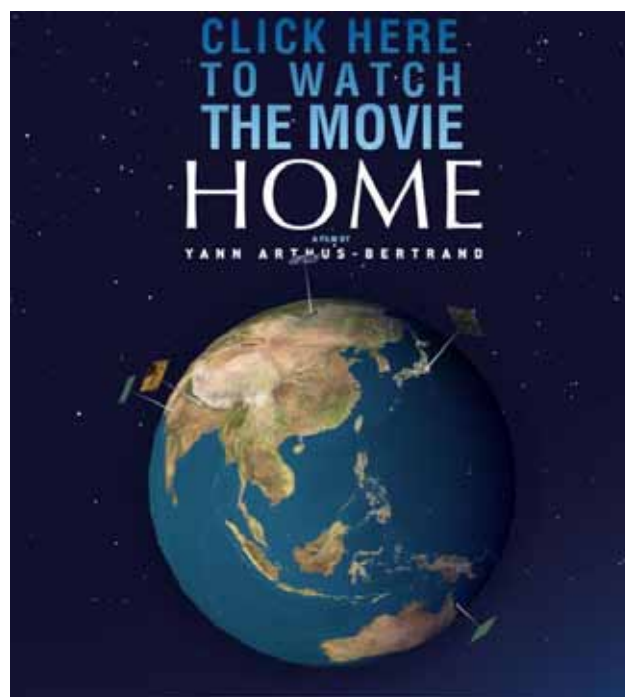


Paper: SEVEN IDEAS to Tackle Climate Change by Guy Dauncey, Earthfuture

The full 16-page illustrated paper can be downloaded from www.earthfuture.com The Climate Challenge: 101 Solutions to Global Warming (2009).

Multimedia

Documentary: "Home": Through this film, Arthus Bertrand takes viewers on a unique journey all around the planet to contemplate and understand its workings and show us that the marks we leave behind are having a negative impact on its well being. The film is a travel notebook showing only landscapes captured from above. In this sense "Home" calls for



a new awareness, because as we observe ourselves from the air, we see our world in a whole new light. <http://www.home-2009.com/us/index.html>

The movie can be downloaded in its 93 min version free in high quality mp4 at <http://tinyurl.com/2ds8jgg>

Documentary: The Climate Game and the World's Poor shows what happened when 193 governments tried – and failed – to agree a global deal to tackle climate change. The film follows delegates from some of the countries that are most vulnerable to climate change during last year's COP15 negotiations in Copenhagen.

World Bank Releases Learning Products on Adaptation, Water and Agriculture

The World Bank Institute has published a series of learning multimedia modules on Climate Adaptation for Water, Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, available online.



The modules address a range of issues, such as: rehabilitating degraded watersheds; innovative rice cultivation strategies; basin water planning; legal aspects of water user associations; and public private partnerships in irrigation management.

New Initiatives

- **ISDR undertakes stocktaking of DRR & CCA initiatives**

Regional Institutional and Policy Landscape for Asia and Pacific

Appendix 1 - List and Description of Regional Institutions and Policies

Appendix 1a - List of Regional Projects on DRR and CCA

Background Paper for the Development of a Regional Roadmap for Promoting Cooperation on DRR and CCA in Asia Pacific

Draft Roadmap for promoting Regional Cooperation on DRR and CCA for Development in Asia and Pacific

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- **SPREP Launches Regional Climate Financing Study**

July 2010: The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) has launched a regional study on climate change financing with a view to establishing a regional climate change fund or similar mechanism to help Pacific island countries improve access to, and management of, financial resources committed globally to combat climate change. The study is expected to assess resources currently available to Pacific island countries for climate change initiatives, and identify likely new funding, in order to guide future national and regional responses and policies, including coordination arrangements. The results of the

study will be presented to the SPREP Ministerial Meeting scheduled to take place in Madang, Papua New Guinea, in September 2010.

- **World Resources Report (WRR)**

The World Resources Report (WRR) has consistently addressed the important linkages between environment and development. The World Resources Institute is currently conducting research for the upcoming World Resources Report 2010, which is focused on climate change adaptation and specifically the theme of decision making in a changing climate – namely how can planning and policymaking processes contend with the uncertainty, temporal and spatial scales, changes in mean state and variability, and surprises of climate change. One key set of activities undertaken is case study research with examples of national-level decision-making processes, especially in developing countries, that have succeeded in integrating both short- and long-term risks. If you are able to suggest case studies for inclusion in the WRR 2010, email: kelly.levin@wri.org and brian.lipinski@wri.org.

Call for Proposals / Fellowships / Training / Grants

Fellowship: Humboldt-International Climate Protection Fellowships

The International Climate Protection Fellowships enable prospective leaders to conduct a research-related project of their own choice during a one-year stay in Germany. Submit an application if you are a prospective leader from a non-European threshold or developing country working in the field of climate protection and resource conservation in academia, business or administration in your country.

Email: info@avh.de

Fellowships: Climate Change Media Partnership

The Climate Change Media Partnership provides fellowships and the opportunity to attend the United Nations Climate Change Summit to be held in Nov-Dec 2010 in Mexico.

UNFCCC Fellowships to address climate change Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs)

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Fellowship Programme provides opportunities to mid-career professionals... to build their professional capacities to address climate change.

Call for Proposals 2010: Benefit-sharing Fund

The Call for Proposals 2010 under the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty, which will invest more than USD 10 million in projects globally, is now opened for its biennial cycle 2010-2011. The thematic focus is helping ensure sustainable food security by assisting farmers to adapt to climate change through a targeted set of high impact activities on the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development

Seeking to support locally led, innovative, entrepreneurial partnerships in 7 developing countries that have the potential to make real improvements in poverty eradication and environmental sustainability.

Trainings**SIDA's International Training Programme on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Sweden for Africa**

SIDA is supporting eligible candidates to participate in the international training programme on climate change mitigation and adaptation to be held in Sweden and another country.

SIDA's International Training Programme on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Sweden for MENA region

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Online Course: The Center for Sustainable Development offers online field courses on Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change. Complete information and course syllabi at:

<http://www.csd-i.org/adapting-overview>

SEI-ISDR Asia Regional Writeshop to Support Developing Country Publications on Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) are calling for applications from young scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and others from Asia who are working in the field of climate change and disaster risk reduction to participate in a writeshop from 20-24 Sep 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand. Through the writeshop, participants will produce a peer-review quality publishable article and they will gain enhanced awareness of the process of writing papers for academic journals.

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