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The e-communiqué is part of the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network'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 encourages you to share your Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) activities, announcements, events and new initiatives. Please send your submissions to info@cliamteadapt.asia.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Here is a brief look at the various activities undertaken by Adaptation Knowledge Platform (AKP) and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) in February.

Harnessing Adaptation Knowledge in Asia, 28 Feb, Bangkok

The workshop invited Information and Knowledge Focal Points to take stock of adaptation knowledge relevant to the Asia-Pacific region, highlight good practices, and identify ways to strengthen information exchange amongst a diverse range of adaptation stakeholders, including vulnerable communities (the ultimate beneficiaries of adaptation knowledge), donor organizations, implementing agencies, national and regional research institutions, knowledge intermediaries/knowledge brokers, and the private sector.

The workshop also identified knowledge partners who then outlined a strategy to foster adaptation knowledge sharing at regional and national levels. They put together an adaptation knowledge management framework with key players identified and their roles defined. They also prepared guidelines on knowledge codification, dissemination, and management. For more information, please visit: <http://www.climateadapt.asia/>

Bridging the Gap: A Role for Business in Climate Change Adaptation, 14 Feb, Bangkok



The fourth Learning and Sharing seminar presented findings of a study on harnessing the innovative capacity of the private sector for climate change adaptation. The session brought adaptation experts, development practitioners, international organizations, government officials, NGOs and business representatives on one platform to discuss the current barriers to business engagement as well as gaps and mismatches in expectations and perceptions of the role of the private sector. It sought to deliberate on opportunities



for strategic partnerships and discussed approaches likely to be most successful in leveraging private sector involvement. The aim of the seminar was to align efforts to effectively join forces for tackling one of the biggest challenges for the region.

At this event, Dr. Anders Granlund, Director of SENSEA was given a warm farewell on completing his tenure in Bangkok. He spearheaded the Adaptation Knowledge Platform and provided support, encouragement, guidance and leadership to its various activities. The Adaptation Knowledge Platform gratefully acknowledges his contributions.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.climateadapt.asia/resources/announcement/view/38>

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- **Nepal Mission: 1-3 Feb**

The purpose of the mission was to meet representatives of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) to explore the possibility of ICIMOD being the South Asia sub-nodal hub besides interacting with key stakeholders at the national level to introduce APAN, and to generate new contacts for it. The mission also discussed the potential contribution of APAN to Nepal in view of its current adaptation status. It further gathered information regarding climate change financing requirements and invited members of the private sector to the South Asia Consultation Meeting.

- **India Mission: 3-13 Feb**

Members of the mission met national-level stakeholders in India to introduce APAN, and generate new contacts for it. The mission also discussed the current status of adaptation in the country and the various ways in which APAN could contribute to this field. It also garnered information on climate change legislations, including National Climate Change Adaptation Plans, and identified the key government agencies involved in adaptation planning. The members concluded the visit by inviting the representatives of these agencies and other stakeholders to the South Asia Consultation Meeting.

- **New Knowledge Generated- Policy Context for Adaptation Workshop, 22-23 Feb, Kathmandu, Nepal**

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform under its component 2: New Knowledge Generated works with three countries namely Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand in the research project--Policy Context for Adaptation. Participants from WWF Bhutan, Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment (UWICE), Ministry of Agriculture, Bhutan and Nepal Engineering College along with the Adaptation Knowledge Platform partners from SEI and AIT-UNEP RRCAP discussed the overall project objectives, identified case studies and designed and developed the analysis of formulation and implementation environmental policies such as NAPA, community forest, and water resource strategy that will shed light on planning adaptation policy more effectively. Furthermore, they discussed how the case studies with the communities will allow the



research teams to understand the translation of these policies, sustainable approaches and how they can be implemented at the ground level.

- **Enhancing the Capacity of ASEAN Countries, 13-18 Feb, Bangkok**

The Partnerships for International Strategies in Asia (PISA), Regional Leadership Institute on Climate Change, the United Nations Environment Programme and Southeast Asia Network of Climate Change Focal Points (SEAN-CC) jointly organised a five-day workshop in Bangkok, to thrash out ways to enhance the capacity of ASEAN countries to meet the challenges posed by the changing climate. During the workshop, Dr. Puja Sawhney, Senior Climate Change Adaptation Specialist from APAN, presented a desk study on “Capacity of ASEAN Countries to Use Different Tools and Models to Assess Climate Change Impacts on Key Sectors”. She also introduced the participants to the initiatives taken by Adaptation Knowledge Platform and APAN in this direction.

- **Training Module on Climate Change Downscaling Approaches, 10-11 Feb, Bangkok**

The UN-CECAR Working Group held a meeting to develop a training module on “Climate Change Downscaling Approaches: Dynamic and Statistical Models”. The workshop focused on Climate Projection Downscaling methods. The modules were flexible and dynamic, in recognition of the fact that science, technology, modelling and methodologies are also rapidly changing.

- **5th Bi-Monthly Seminar on Public Awareness, Behaviour Change and Calls to Action for Sustainable Consumption & Production: The Role and Responsibility of the Media, Entertainment & Creative Industries in Adapting to Climate Change, 27 Apr, Bangkok**

The workshop will explore how partnerships with international development and donor agencies and private sector companies can affect issues such as climate change by encouraging mass audience awareness of green consumption. It will also examine ways to enhance communication and strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and the mass media on environmental governance in Southeast Asia in the spirit of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration 1992. The workshop will include a panel of professionals who will demonstrate the use of media relationships and tools for advocacy, awareness and behaviour change in accomplishing sustainable development.

Efforts to engage the media and the entertainment and creative industries will facilitate the cultivation of an enlightened consumer and public opinion which can exert direct and indirect pressure on decision makers.

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CCA Events & Conferences

Steering Committee Meeting, 1 Mar, Bangkok

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) organized its second Steering Committee meeting in Bangkok, on March 1. This is a regular meeting, which is held twice a year or when required to review the activities undertaken by the Network and discuss plans for its future. Besides doing this, the second Steering Committee meeting also approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for sub-regional nodes and national implementing partners of the Network, and identify potential sub-regional nodes.

Second Training Needs Assessment (TNA) Meet, 11 Mar, Bangkok

The second TNA meeting will be held on 11 March at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok in continuation of the first TNA meeting on 31 January 2011. This meeting had agreed on the modalities for conducting training need assessment for the agriculture sector in the five countries of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia and Nepal. The March meeting will aim to (i) review the process of conducting TNA in five countries by the national partners, (ii) discuss the advantages, constraints, challenges and other issues faced by the national partners in conducting TNA, and (iii) find out ways to overcome these challenges and the way forward for detailed TNA. Organized by the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN), the meeting will host participants from five countries in the region.

Parallel Session on Community-Based Adaptation Knowledge Management, 29 Mar, Dhaka

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform will organize a parallel session on Community-Based Adaptation Knowledge Management at the 5th Community-Based Adaptation Conference in Dhaka on March 29. The session will deliberate on barriers and challenges faced by developing country governments and others in accessing, interpreting and applying good quality research and information for designing their own climate change adaptation policies and programmes.

National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility's 2011 Conference, 6 Apr, Cairns

The conference will comprise a series of interactive workshops and panel discussions designed to provide outcomes to guide and inform adaptation research and practice in the coming years. Confirmed workshops include:

- Adaptation by Local Government: New Modes of Communication for Climate Change

- Science, Policy, People: Converting Knowledge into Action
- Urbanisation, Climate Adaptation and Health
- Uncertainty in Science and its Implications for Adaptation
- Australasia in the IPCC Assessment

For more information, visit, the conference website: www.nccarf.edu.au/2011conference

"Climate Summit for a Living Himalayas", Four Eastern Himalayan countries come together to develop and agree on a road map for adapting to climate change, 14 Oct, Thimphu, Bhutan

Key Outcomes expected from the summit are:

- A 10-year road map for adaptation to climate change in the eastern Himalayas sub-region for ensuring food, water and energy security;
- A proposal to secure all of the eastern Himalaya's temperate and alpine forests and grasslands for ensuring biodiversity persistence and maintaining ecosystem services; The creation and operationalization of a regional 'adaptation expert groups' which will advice governments on emerging concerns and risks.

Summit website: www.bhutanclimatesummit.org.bt

CCA News

Nepal Climate Change and Development Portal

The Nepal Climate Change Policy is now posted on the climate change portal, which was launched on 4 November last year. To date, it has registered 4,127 visits by 1,989 visitors from 65 countries. The portal encourages climate change practitioners in Nepal by registering their profiles and sharing climate-related content with other users. The portal is now being managed by the Ministry of Environment. For more information, visit <http://www.climatenepal.org.np/main/?p=research&sp=onlinelibrary&opt=detail&id=419>.

EcoAdapt Launches New Website

EcoAdapt launched a new website as a Valentine's gift on 14 February. EcoAdapt, which was founded by a team of some of the earliest adaptation thinkers and practitioners in the field, has one goal - creating a robust future in the face of climate change. EcoAdapt conducts surveys and assessment of climate change adaptation activities and projects in North America and also facilitates knowledge sharing. For more information, visit <http://ecoadapt.org/programs/state-of-adaptation>

Thomson Reuters Foundation's AlertNet

Now you can read every month's top climate change stories from the Thomson Reuters Foundation on its daily news website. Stories about the impacts of climate change and other climate related information from different parts of the world can be found at the AlertNet RSS feed. Available at www.trust.org/alertnet/feeds/news.dot?type=news&subtopic=climatechange&source=alertnet

World Resource Report Website Launch

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and the World Resource Institute (WRI) have launched the World Resources Report (WRR), which aims to provide policymakers around the world with analysis and insight about major environmental and development issues. The WRR is dedicated to decision-making in a changing climate and focuses on how national planners and policymakers can integrate climate risks into ongoing practices. For more information, visit <http://www.worldresourcesreport.org/>

Scientists to Tackle Climate Change in the Philippines

Scientists of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), led by DOST Undersecretary Graciano Yumul, will discuss the creeping disaster in the Philippines as the death toll due to heavy flooding in the Visayan and Mindanao regions reached 92 persons even without a typhoon. There will also be discussions on the seasonal climate outlook, including long-term climate change scenario. For more information, visit <http://www.manilatimes.net/?p=1427>

Climate Change Awareness on Wheels

Nepal's first-ever Mobile Library for Climate Change Awareness campaign was inaugurated at Pokhara on December 17 last year. The newly established Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Center (NCCKMC) spearheaded this three week-long campaign to cover 25 districts of Nepal. The mobile library program package contains three components: 1) Exhibition, 2) Climate Talk, and 3) Climate Quiz. The NCCKMC is a joint project of NAST (Nepal Academy of Science and Technology) and Ministry of Environment supported by DANIDA, UK DFID, GEF and UNDP Nepal under the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) Project.

World Bank Publications

The World Bank publishes and disseminates a large selection of knowledge products. They have published papers online, which are accessible through their latest mobile applications and web portals. Some of the resources include: World Bank E-library, World Bank Open Data, World Bank Data Finder, Complete World Development Report online, etc. For more information, visit <http://issuu.com/world.bank.publications/docs/onlineresources>

World Bank starts a network of climate 'innovation centers'

The World Bank is launching a string of climate change "innovation centers" around the globe from India to Ethiopia. The first center in Kenya, opened in February. The World Bank's special envoy for climate change, Andrew Steer, said 10 countries have been chosen for future centers, including South Africa, India, Ethiopia and Vietnam. The bank hopes to create a network of 30 such centers in the next two years aimed at providing clean energy businesses with funding and resources. Steer described the Climate Information Center -- spearheaded by the Danish Embassy and the bank's Information for Development Program (infoDef) as an incubator program for companies that want to adapt to climate change and disseminate green technologies. InfoDev officials said the project aims to create more than 2,400 enterprises that would generate 240,000 direct and indirect jobs, and to install 3,000 megawatts of off-grid energy capacity besides reducing about 65 million tons of carbon dioxide.

New Index for Gauging Adaptation

Vulnerability to climate change may depend more on socio-economic and institutional factors than on geography. A new index that measures the capacity of a region to adapt to climate change shows that low levels of income and education make rural areas very vulnerable. Rasmus Heltberg and Misha Bonch-Osmolovskiy of the World Bank have developed an index to better understand factors shaping exposure, sensitivity and adaptive capacity to climate change. Focusing on Tajikistan — a mountainous country particularly at risk of water fluctuations and natural disasters — the authors found that rural populations are more susceptible to adverse impacts of climate change than their urban counterparts, primarily due to low levels of income and education. The study concludes that community-based adaptation projects should consider migration from rural, deprived areas, to urban centres as an effective adaptation strategy.

Announcements

WB Pitches in for CIF Forum

The World Bank is supporting representatives from developing countries, including NGOs, indigenous peoples, and private sector representatives, for attending the CIF Partnership Forum in Tunis, Tunisia, on March 17 and 18. The draft schedule for the Partnership Forum can be found at:

[http://www.](http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/cif/partnership_forum_2011_home)

[climateinvestmentfunds.org/cif/partnership_forum_2011_home](http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/cif/partnership_forum_2011_home)

Capacity Building Workshop and Training Program

The British High Commission, India, will organize a two-day workshop cum training program for senior government officials/policy makers in Mumbai during the end of February and beginning of March. The presentation aims to train senior government officials to become aware of the impacts of climate change on any development decision. Those interested in participating may contact Naman Gupta by email: naman.gupta@fco.gov.uk or by telephone: +912266502277.

Learn about Science and Policy of Climate Change

Responding to growing concerns over climate change, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI: www.teriin.org), the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES: www.iges.or.jp), and World Bank Tokyo Development Learning Center (TDL: www.jointokyo.org) have jointly developed an eight-week blended distance learning program on "Science and Policy of Climate Change". This will be conducted for the Asia-Pacific region from 8 April to 8 June 2011. The program consists of four modules: Science of climate change, impacts of climate change, coping with climate change and action and political economy. Register at: <http://www.esdonline.org/spcc/>

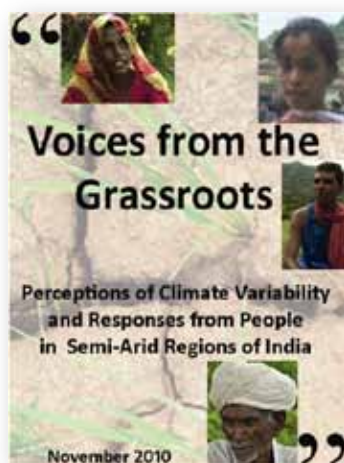
Directory of Donors

Capacity Africa Institute has put together an international donor directory with over 1000 donors and with links for other funding resources. The directory is priced at USD 45. It is given free to all those participating in the capacity building workshops organized by Capacity Africa. (Visit info@capacityafrica.org or www.capacityafrica.org).

CCA Information & Knowledge Products

Papers

Voices from the Grassroots: Perceptions of Climate Variability and Responses from People in Semi-Arid Regions of India



The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has taken the initiative to systematically document the problems being faced by people, their responses, as well as instances of successful adaptation, so that the good practices may be replicated on a much wider scale. This report concentrates on how the people have reacted and responded to the difficult situations in which they find themselves, and how they have.

Women's Vulnerability to Water-related Hazards: Comparing Three Areas Affected by Climate Change in Bangladesh

Climate change-related events have both direct and indirect adverse impacts on human beings. This paper is primarily based on a study conducted to explore gender vulnerability at the community-level due to water-related natural hazards and possible coping mechanisms. The study also indicates how extreme events such as floods, droughts and salinity intrusion have adverse impacts that are different for different population groups. Available at <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/itpub/wtl/2009/00000028/00000003/art00006>

Coastal Zones and Climate Change

Adaptation to climate change and sea-level rise is especially critical for countries such as India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. This paper gives a detailed account of the impacts of sea-level rise, extreme events and the vulnerability due to these events faced by India. Case studies from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka show the impacts due to climate change and sea-level rise, and adaptation measures taken by these countries to help build resilience against these adverse effects. Available at <http://www.stimson.org/images/uploads/research-pdfs/Title.pdf>

Vulnerabilities and Responses to Climate Change for Dhaka

Dhaka contributes significant amounts of greenhouse gases and, hence is more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Dhaka is also prone to damaging and costly flooding. In less than 20 years, the city has faced three major floods, each causing a huge economic loss. This paper discusses, the scale of the threats, the measures taken to address them, and the potential for more effective action. Available at <http://eau.sagepub.com/content/19/1/81.full.pdf>

Climate Proofing for Development



GIZ on behalf of Germany's Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development has developed an approach named "Climate Proofing for Development". It has been designed to support the integration of climate change impacts as well as awareness of the challenges and opportunities of climate change in development planning at various levels - national, sectoral, local and project. This paper deals with the main elements of climate proofing for development, methodology, examples of possible use at different levels and lessons learnt. Available at <http://www2.gtz.de/dokumente/bib-2010/gtz2010-0714en-climate-proofing.pdf>

Sectoral Targets for Developing Countries

This paper conducts a macroeconomic assessment of two climate policies to see which would be most effective in Green House Gas emission reduction, as developing countries are reluctant to enter into short-term cap and trade systems. In the first policy scenario, CO₂ allowances are auctioned by the government, which distributes its revenues as a lump sum to households. In the second scenario, the auction revenues are

used to reduce taxes on, or to give subsidies for, electricity generation. Available at <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/earthscan/cpol/2011/00000011/00000001/art00001>

Quantifying Vulnerability to Climate Change

This paper quantifies the vulnerability of 233 countries to three major effects of climate change (weather-related disasters, sea-level rise, and reduced agricultural productivity). It develops a methodology for donors and others to craft cost-effective assistance for climate adaptation. The paper includes two sample applications: assistance for the 20 island states to adapt to sea-level rise; and general assistance for all low-income countries to adapt to extreme weather changes, sea-level rise, and reduced agricultural productivity. For more information, visit http://www.cgdev.org/files/1424759_file_Wheeler_Quantifying_Vulnerability_FINAL.pdf

Vietnam's Climate Change Strategy: A Procedural Critique

This paper critiques the emerging Vietnamese climate change strategy to find out if it will be effective in the face of the looming threat. It argues that the strategy provides an illusion of intervention and security, but largely fails to identify and mitigate the underlying causes of climate change, or to lay the ground for a robust mid- and long-term adaptation strategy. For more information, visit at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-8373.2010.01428.x/abstract>

Reports

Climate Change Impacts Adaptation, Mitigation and Indigenous Peoples



This compendium presents a wide-ranging overview of more than 400 projects, case studies and research activities specifically related to climate change and indigenous peoples. It provides a sketch of the climate and environmental changes, local observations and impacts being felt by communities in different regions, and outlines various adaptation strategies that are currently being implemented by these people. Available at: http://www.unutki.org/downloads/File/Publications/UNU_Advance_Guard_Compndium_2010_final_web.pdf

Managing Forests for Climate Change



FAO supports countries to strengthen the management of forests in a changing climate, while considering the multiple forest functions and dimensions. This publication describes the many ways in which FAO works to promote good management practices for climate change mitigation and adaptation. To know more about FAO work in different countries, visit <http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i1960e/i1960e00.pdf>

Controlling Yangtze River Floods: A New Approach

Climate Change has led to increased precipitation and monsoon. This has resulted in increased flooding of the Yangtze River basin. It was in 1998 that the Chinese government decided to take serious action to adapt to climate change due to the flooding. The case study assesses institutions in China that have been established to manage the flooding and their subsequent incorporation into the Holistic Climate Change Programme. China's flood management systems are multi-objective and multi-benefit driven interventions. It has focused on the rural communities in particular that live on the Yangtze River flood plain. Available at http://www.worldresourcesreport.org/files/wrr/WRR%20Case%20Study_Controlling%20Yangtze%20River%20Floods_1.pdf

The Global Climate Risk Index 2011

The Global Climate Risk Index 2011 published by Germanwatch is a briefing paper analysing to what extent weather-related events have impacted countries. The data from the period 1990-2009 was taken into account for the analysis. The CRI serves as a warning signal regarding future climate change. The analysis is based on data available about the impacts of extreme weather events and the associated socio-economic fallout. It is an indication of the level of exposure and vulnerability to extreme events that countries may face in the future. For more information, visit <http://www.germanwatch.org/klima/cr2011.pdf>

Living with Change: Adaptation and Innovation in Ladakh

This is important as general concepts of vulnerability, adaptive capacity and adaptation strategy must be understood in the context

of local challenges and opportunities if they are to be useful at the scale of the communities and regions where people live. Available at http://www.ourplanet.com/climate-adaptation/Daultrey_Gergan.pdf

Climate Change in 2030

How will low-income countries respond to climate change in 2030? This is the question addressed in a new report, "The Future

Climate for Development", produced by Forum for the Future and supported by the UK's Department for International Development. The report explores not only the direct environmental impacts of climate change, but also the social, political, psychological and economic shifts that it may cause. It demonstrates clearly that low-income countries cannot and should not have to make a false choice between addressing climate change and development. It shows how the two are fundamentally and inextricably linked. You can download the full report, and the executive summary, <http://www.forumforthefuture.org/projects/the-future-climate-for-development>

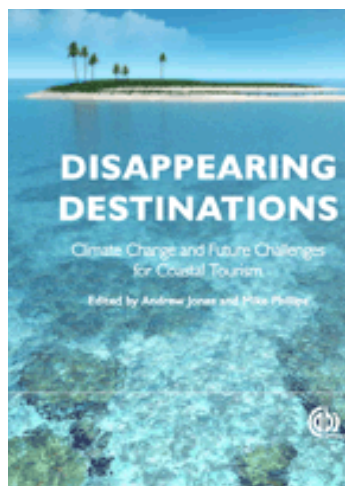
For more information, or advice, please click <http://www.forumforthefuture.org/projects/climate-for-development-workshop-materials>

Solution Exchange, the UNDP Way

Climate Change Community, Solution Exchange, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)", has released the "Consolidated Reply (CR) of the Climate Change Community to Community Perception of Climate Variability in Semi-Arid Regions of India". Solution Exchange has also prepared a short presentation to help people in the field understand the outcomes of this query. The presentation can be accessed at <ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/clmt/resource/cr-se-clmt-27101001-presentation.pdf>



The UNDP has also released the summary of discussions of the climate change community on "Compendium on Climate Responsive Technologies". The presentation of this discussion can be accessed at <ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/clmt/resource/cr-se-clmt-08091001-presentation.pdf>



Books

Disappearing Destinations: Climate Change and Future Challenges for Coastal Tourism

Call for Research/Learning and Funding Opportunities

CDKN Global Research Call Announcement

The Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) has announced its first global research call, which will close on 31 March 2011. CDKN seeks to fund research proposals that demonstrate high potential for policy impact, involving in-country research. Proposals are sought on two themes: A) Climate Compatible Development: Principles and Practice B) Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Compatible Development. The value of proposals to be funded is between £100-£200K, with a project duration of 12-24 months. For more information, http://www.cdkn.org/2011/01/new-cdkn-research-call-on-climate-compatible-development/?utm_source=Research+Calls&utm_campaign=0280e2ed5f-Andrew_Mitchell_event_invite10_29_2010&utm_medium=email

Anglophone African Regional Write Shop

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and the UN University (UNU) are calling for applications from young scholars, practitioners, policy makers, and others from Africa who are working in the field of Climate Change and Disaster Risk reduction to participate in a write shop. The write shop will be hosted by the UNU's Institute for National Resources in Africa and will be run in English. Participants are to produce a peer-review quality publishable article. They will gain enhanced awareness of the process of writing papers for academic journals. Sixteen participants will be selected for the write shop. For more information,

Recently published by CABI, this book provides a thorough examination of the threats posed by tourism to various destinations. The book explores tourism in the context of climate change and vulnerable environments, exploring the situation at local level and in a wider perspective using international case studies and providing future recommendations. For more information, visit <http://www.cabi.org/leisuretourism/default.aspx?site=156&page=767&LoadModule=PDFHier&BookID=547&part=9838>

visit <http://www.unisdr.org/english/events/v.php?id=17184>

Climate Change Professional Fellows Program

This is an international program which will convene professionals and young emerging leaders from Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, and the United States to explore the science, impact, adaptation, mitigation and actions related to climate change. This program is funded through USAID. The program will create opportunities for professionals

and young emerging leaders in the field of climate change to come together and share strategies for reducing carbon emissions. Eligible participants from Australia, China, Indonesia, and Japan can come to the U.S. in either the Spring (April 3, 2011 - May 6, 2011) or the Fall of 2011. Participants travel expenses, lodging, meals and educational materials are paid for by the program. <http://blsciblogs.baruch.cuny.edu/climatechangefellows>

View Point

Which Nations Are Most Vulnerable to Climate Change? The Daunting Politics of Choosing by Lisa Friedman of ClimateWire

As climate change tightens its grip on the world, institutions charged with protecting the most vulnerable nations could be faced with just such a question. Because there is no international consensus for ranking the possibilities of future devastation -- and because there are limited dollars lined up to help cope with climate change -- some countries already are battling over who will be considered most vulnerable.

Wheeler in his study warned that the world doesn't have long to make choices. One aspect of the research that came through loud and clear, he said, was that climate change impacts are already being felt and there is little time to waste.

"All states may well be candidates for assistance in the uncertain, undoubtedly-turbulent world that awaits if we continue to dither on controlling carbon emissions," he wrote in the report. "We are all in this together, and my results indicate that dangerous climate change is <http://www.nytimes.com/cwire/2011/02/24/24climaticwire-which-nations-are-most-vulnerable-to-climate-95690.html?ref=energy-environment>



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