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The e-communiqué is part of the efforts by the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia and the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) to share and exchange information about activities and initiatives related to climate change adaptation in Asia, the Pacific, and beyond.

The e-communiqué welcomes you to tell us about your Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) activities, announcements, events and new initiatives. You can send your submissions to info@climteadapt.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 April.

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



The workshop explored how partnerships with international development and donor agencies as well as private sector companies can affect issues such as climate change by encouraging mass awareness of green consumption. It also examined ways to enhance communication and strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations and the mass media to influence environmental governance in Southeast Asia. The workshop included a panel of professionals who demonstrated the use of media relationships and tools for advocacy, awareness and behavior change in accomplishing sustainable development. Efforts to engage the media and the entertainment and creative industries facilitated the cultivation of an enlightened consumer and public opinion, which can exert direct and indirect pressure on decision makers. The seminar was organized in partnership with Sida/Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (SENSA), Thailand and the Media Alliance, Singapore. For more information visit: <http://www.climateadapt.asia/events/seminars>

1st Follow-up Meeting on Web Portal-Based Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Management Partnership, Pathumthani, Thailand, 19 April

The meeting started off with brief introductions by the representatives of Mangroves for the Future (MFF), Sustainable Development in the Context of Climate Change (SDCC), Asian Development Bank (ABD), Rockefeller Foundation and the Adaptation Knowledge Platform. The meeting aimed to provide the partners a platform on which they could give an insight into the climate change adaptation knowledge management systems that have been established or are in the process of development. It also provided the Adaptation Knowledge Platform an opportunity to introduce its partners to its web portal in terms of its use and current functions, and technical requirements for potential linkages.

The partners were also given a demonstration on how to use the web-portal. They were informed that they could either upload the information on the web-portal directly or linkages could be set up between their portals and that of Adaptation Knowledge Platform. The participants went back with a better understanding of the knowledge management systems, use of the web-portal and the steps required for the successful completion of this project. The meeting came to a close with all the participants promising to take the project to the next level.



Bhutan Mission, 20-22 April

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform undertook a mission to explore and scope adaptation knowledge management (AKM) activities and share information on the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network. Possible engagements discussed were joint seminar on mountain ecosystems, Bhutan Climate Summit in October 2011 and capacity building activities. Prioritizing AKM planning and processes within the National Environment Commission (NEC) through the NAPA process was another point of deliberation.

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

5th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation (CBA) to Climate Change, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 24-31 March

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform spearheaded the session on “Community Based Adaptation (CBA) Knowledge Management” at the 5th International Conference on CBA. The session was chaired by Mr. Mozaharul Alam, Regional Climate Change Coordinator, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The overall aim of the session was to share various ways for effective engagement of different stakeholders (suppliers and users) to generate and disseminate adaptation knowledge with special focus on community-based adaptation. The session also focused on several questions such as who needs adaptation knowledge, its various types; how to enhance collaboration, effective engagement and interaction between the two broader categories of adaptation practitioners (suppliers and users) to generate and disseminate knowledge; how to improve knowledge-sharing mechanisms and their effectiveness.

Ms. Roopa Rakshit, Senior Knowledge Management Officer of the Adaptation Knowledge Platform, shared knowledge management initiatives and activities of the Adaptation Knowledge Platform and the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN). She emphasized that since there is a proliferation of adaptation knowledge platforms and networks, there is an increasing need to strengthen coordination and collaboration. This is critical not only for the sake of using limited resources more efficiently, but also to provide comprehensive knowledge services with high quality and depth. As a first step, it is important to identify the areas of overlap, gaps and synergies. She also shared the key outcomes, thoughts, and reflections from the recently concluded Adaptation Knowledge Management (AKM) workshop in Bangkok, which aimed at promoting dialogue and improving the exchange of knowledge, information, and methods within and between countries on CCA, and to link existing and emerging initiatives. The AKM workshop was attended by around 30 global, regional, national and sub-national KM stakeholders.

Dr. SVRK Prabhakar, on behalf of IGES and APAN, was the chair for one parallel session on “Frameworks for Measuring Adaptation: Alternatives to Quantitative Approaches”. The session focused on evaluation of adaptation and CBA. It also dwelt on frameworks for assessing adaptive capacity at local level, for measuring the progress in institutional mainstreaming of adaptation, and for planning, monitoring and evaluating the integration of disaster risk management, climate change adaptation and development.

SYNTHESIS REPORT: ADAPTATION KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: **HARNESSING ADAPTATION KNOWLEDGE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

The report showcases the findings and recommendations at the Adaptation Knowledge Management Workshop, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 28 February. It notes that though knowledge management practices are becoming dynamic and timely, challenges still exist around knowledge generation, and its integration into decision-making processes at all levels of society, and across sectors.



The workshop aimed at identifying knowledge partners to link regional climate change adaptation knowledge through a knowledge sharing system that promotes dialogue and improves the exchange of knowledge, information, and methods within and between countries besides linking existing and emerging networks and initiatives.



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



PUBLICATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions Booklet for Practitioners and Policy-makers Exchange on Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture

The top 15 questions voted the most relevant during a three-day exchange on climate change adaptation in agriculture are captured in this booklet. It is divided into the following sections: Advocacy and Engagement, Climate-resilient Farming Practices, Climate Change, Adaptation Financing, Knowledge Sharing, and Thematic linkages between Climate Change Adaptation and other fields.

This booklet aims to provide participants with access to relevant resources, examples, case studies and specialized organizations which might be useful in addressing these questions in the context of a particular country. For more information visit <http://www.climateadapt.asia/resources/publication/view/67>

All the presentations and materials delivered during the practitioners and policy-makers exchange are available on the knowledge portal, 'Climate Change Adaptation in Asia and the Pacific' (www.asiapacificadapt.net).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASIA-PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION
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NETWORKCall for submission of interest for the
Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)
Sub regional node / thematic node

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) is inviting interested organizations to submit expression of interest for being the sub regional node/ thematic node. APAN is a key regional initiative to help countries in Asia and the

Pacific enhance adaptive capacity of vulnerable countries in the region to respond to the increasing impacts of climate change by mobilizing knowledge and technology and was launched in October 2009.

Governments from both developed and developing countries are working together to lead the process of the development of the Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Network. This regional network is an integral part of the Global Adaptation Network which is facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other key UN and international agencies including the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI).

The Adaptation Network activities will be undertaken by its regional hub, sub-regional nodes/ thematic nodes and partner institutions in the Asia Pacific region. The Regional Hub is co-hosted by the Asian Institute of Technology-UNEP Regional Resource Center for Asia-Pacific (AIT-UNEP RRC.AP) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

The last date for submission of interest is 16th May, 2011. Please refer to www.iges.or.jp/ / www.asiapacificadapt.net for details on how to apply.

Upcoming CCA Events & Conferences

LGUs training to pave the way for BRFP, Philippines, 26-28 April

The Climate Change Academy-Center for Initiatives on Climate Adaptation (CIRCA), Philippines is conducting a 3-day training designed for capacity development and formulation for the Bicol Regional Framework and Action Plan (BRFAP) on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Participants are local government units (LGUs) across the Bicol region, who will work to enhance their senior technical staff's capabilities through localized knowledge management in climate change and by the integration of disaster risk reduction as well as adaptation strategies.

Drafting a Strategic Plan for Sustainable Urban Water Quality Management in Southeast Asia, Bali, Indonesia, 30-31 May

For more details, you may download the [file here](#) or contact msuthisuthi@gmail.com or msuthi@mai.ncku.edu.tw

Lessons for Future Action, Apia, Samoa, 23-26 May 2011

Lessons learned from climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in small island developing states.

The Lessons for Future Action Conference will bring together experts from the Pacific, the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and elsewhere to examine how lessons learned can inform future climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in small island developing states.

This conference will consider Small Island Developing States (SIDS) experience and lessons learned in light of:

- the many similarities in reducing the risks of natural disasters and early adaptation measures
- the implications of 'tipping points' for natural systems, such as coral reefs
- the iterative nature of adaptation which will require 'learning by doing' and flexible approaches as understanding of the likely timing and magnitude of climate change impacts improves
- the risks of mal-adaptation and the need for monitoring and assessment of adaptation responses so adjustments can be made over time

- common themes and challenges, and examples of good and not-so-good practice emerging from early adaptation activities, including community based adaptation, and
- what is needed to effectively communicate climate change to a variety of stakeholders.

Threatened Island Nations: Legal Implications of Rising Seas and a Changing Climate, 23-25 May, Columbia University

The Center for Climate Change Law and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are co-sponsoring a conference, "Threatened Island Nations: Legal Implications of a Changing Climate". The meeting will discuss such issues as continuing statehood and maintenance of maritime zones for states facing inundation from sea level rise; resettlement rights and practicalities of population displacement; liability for climatic harm in judicial forums; the utility of responsibility regimes under current law; and the role of a new convention on climate displacement.

Integrated Water Resource Management in the Mediterranean: Dialogue toward New Strategy, 20-22 June, IAV Hassan II, Agadir, Morocco

The strategic objective of this event is to contribute to the improvement of regional water planning and management under scarcity conditions to enhance sustainable development in the Mediterranean region. It also aims to foster dialogue and communication among its 46 partners.

National Research Conference on Climate Change, Chennai, India, 11-13 July

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), and the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) are organizing the Second National Research Conference on Climate Change to be held at IITM. The conference will cover major topics on scientific, technical, economic, and policy aspects of climate change relevant to India. Abstracts should be sent to nccconf@gmail.com by June 3, 2011.

Practical Solutions for a Warming World: American Meteorological Society Conference on Climate Adaptation, 18-20 July, Asheville, North Carolina, USA

The AMS Conference on Climate Adaptation, organized by the AMS Board on Societal Impacts, will offer a unique opportunity for scientists and

non-scientists to interact with one another. Joint sessions will be held along with the 19th Conference on Applied Climatology and the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Association of State Climatologists.

Youth Forum on Climate Actions and Mountain Issues, 8-12 Aug, ICIMOD, Kathmandu, Nepal

The Youth Forum will celebrate International Year of Youth 2011/12 and International Youth Day, 12 August, by continuing a series of activities started in 2008 to build the next generation leadership in sustainable mountain development and climate change adaptation in ICIMOD Regional Member Countries (RMCs) and beyond, especially in the context of the upcoming UNFCCC CoP 17 and Rio+20 meeting.

11th European Methodology Society Annual Meeting & 10th European Conference on Applications of Meteorology (ECAM), 12-16 September, Berlin

The CIRCLE-2 ERA-Net and the Environmental Agency of Slovenia are jointly convening a session on Adaptation Strategies at the European Meteorological Society's 11th Annual Meeting. The organizers are seeking contributions covering the broad range of climate adaptation activities currently under progress in Europe.

CCA News

UNFCCC Climate Change Meeting in Bangkok

The sixteenth session of the AWG-KP (AWG-KP 16) and the fourteenth session of the AWG-LCA (AWG-LCA 14), as well as workshops pursuant to the Cancun Agreements, were held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), in Bangkok, from April 3 to 8. For more information, visit: <http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

Second UNECE Workshop on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins, Geneva, 12-13 April

The UN Economic Commission (UNECE) workshop for Europe under the Water Convention brought together countries and other stakeholders to exchange practical experience and share lessons learned on the technical and strategic aspects of adapting to climate change. It analyzed the specific challenges of water resources management in the

transboundary context, identified best practices, success factors and lessons learned.

Nepal's Climate Change Knowledge Management Center (NCKMC) Consultation, Biratanagar, 4 April
The objective of the consultation was to initiate and establish a Regional Climate Change Information Resource Center. The center will facilitate various activities related to climate change and adaptation in the eastern region that includes 16 districts. For more information, contact Dr. Dinesh Bhuju dineshbhuju@gmail.com

Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC)

BNNRC is a network of NGOs working with community radio in Bangladesh. Fourteen community radio (CR) stations in the country are working in different communities/geographic regions manned by 13 NGOs and one government agency. The broadcasting approach of the network is purely bottom up. All the stations are situated at very natural disaster prone remote areas and programs relay the voices of the vulnerable people to the policy level.

Transformational Adaptation at the CCRSPI Conference, 3 March

Over 300 scientists, farmers and policy makers met in Melbourne in March to develop a shared vision on how primary industries can tackle the challenge of a changing climate. The group gathered at the inaugural Climate Change Research Strategy for Primary Industries (CCRSPI) Conference.

World Bank Institute Launches e-bulletin

The World Bank Institute's Climate Change (WBICC) practice has launched its latest quarterly e-bulletin featuring information on upcoming and recent events, and other news on three topics:

- Cities and Climate Change
- Innovation in Carbon Finance
- Climate Adaptation for Water, Agriculture and Natural Resource Management.

Call for Papers

Award: Communication Platform to Connect Vulnerable Communities with Climate Change Solutions, Deadline: 12 June

World Resources Institute (WRI) and InnoCentive are searching for ideas for improving communication that will facilitate the collection, aggregation, dissemination of information, besides finding connections between public/private groups and local communities to find solutions and feedback loops to add learning back into their knowledge database.

Contributions for a Book

Wiley & Blackwell are publishing a book titled: "Climate Change Adaptation: Implementing Strategies in the Baltic Sea Region", in 2013. In order to address the international audience, the book intends to have a special section open to case studies on climate change adaptation from other parts of the globe. Persons interested in contributing a chapter may contact philipp.schmidt-thome@gtk.fi (no later than mid-June, 2011).

Call for Papers for a Special Issue on Institutions for Sustainable Development, Deadline for submission: 15 July

Natural Resources Forum, a United Nations Sustainable Development Journal, a quarterly journal issued by the Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations, is inviting papers for a special issue on institutional framework for sustainable development, to be published in 2012.

Articles should contain original material and should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words in length. Contributions to the journal are accepted at the NRFs manuscript submission site. Questions and comments can be addressed to: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0165-0203&site=1> ; e-mail: NRFORUM@un.org

Traditional Knowledge and Adaptation to Adverse Impacts of Climate Change, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1-3 September

As part of a research project on the use of traditional knowledge and coping mechanisms to climate change among pastoralists of the Horn of Africa (HoA), the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of the Addis Ababa University (AAU) and the Africa Programme of the University for Peace (UPEACE) are inviting scholars working on climate

change and adaptive mechanisms to send abstracts for a three-day international conference.

Call for Applications by Belpasso International Summer School on Environmental and Resource Economics

The Summer School is targeted at postgraduate students. Admission is conditional on the presentation by each student of his/her doctoral work, which needs to have at least one substantive chapter. Applications are restricted to 2011 EAERE members, both European and Non-European citizens. The number of participants is limited to 20. All applicants can apply for a scholarship.

Climate Change Professional Fellows Program

This is an international program which will invite professionals and young emerging leaders from Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, and the United States to explore the science, impact, mitigation and actions related to climate change. This program is funded by USAID. 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.

Call for Proposals: Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security (CCAFS)

They are searching for women scientists who are interested in conducting research on gender issues related to the climate change, agriculture, and food security nexus, and are enrolled in a PhD program or are interested in a post doctoral opportunity. Grants of US\$35,000 will be provided to successful applicants. The opportunity is open to women who are citizens of, and affiliated with, an institution in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Bangladesh, India, or Nepal. Information and applications, which are due by 1 May 2011, can be found.

Course on Climate Change Governance

A course on Climate Change Governance will be held from 21 November to 2 December 2011 in Wageningen, the Netherlands. In the course, climate change adaptation and mitigation are placed within the context of sustainable development. The course includes practical field work and development of individual action plans.

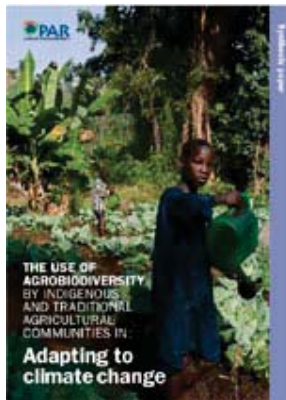
CCA Information Resources & Knowledge Products**Adapting to Crop Pest and Pathogen Risks under a Changing Climate**

The need for pest and pathogen management will increase as food production intensifies to feed the burgeoning human population. Climate is a significant driver of pest population dynamics, so climate change will require adaptive management strategies to cope with the altered status of pests and pathogens.

Use of Agro-biodiversity by Indigenous and Traditional Agricultural Communities in Adapting to Climate Change

Indigenous and traditional agricultural communities throughout the world depend on, and are custodians of, agro-biodiversity maintained within agricultural landscapes through various forms of traditional

resource management. Climate change presents a major concern, often interacting with or exacerbating existing problems. It makes new demands on adaptation and coping strategies, and presents new challenges for the management of the environment and agro-ecosystems.

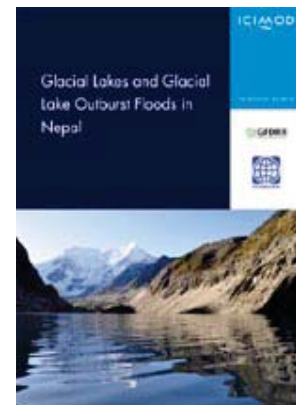
**CARE International Climate Change Brief : Adaptation and Food Security**

Food insecurity is a growing concern throughout the developing world, particularly for poor women and children. CARE understands that achieving food security for all will require a coordinated effort that incorporates preventive, promotional, protective and transformative measures.

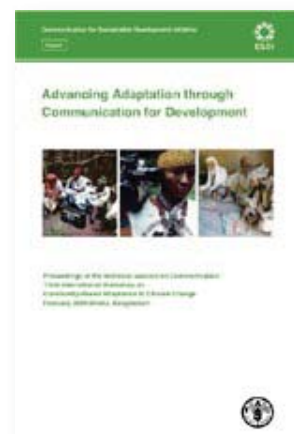
Glacial Lakes and Glacial Lake Outburst Floods in Nepal

This publication describes the results of a systematic and comprehensive study of the status of glacial lakes and glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) risk in Nepal, including the vulnerability of downstream people and property and field studies of three of the most critical lakes. The assessment is intended to provide information for use in GLOF risk management in Nepal, besides giving a detailed stepwise approach and methodology that can be applied throughout the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region.

Hard copies can be requested through the Books Online link or from our Distribution Unit at distri@icimod.org

**Reports****Advancing Adaptation through Communication for Development**

Community-based adaptation (CBA) to climate change is an approach for multi-stakeholder action, innovation, and social learning. Knowledge and communication are central to these processes. Communication for development (ComDev) is central to the CBA approach to climate change. It involves the systematic design and use of participatory communication processes, strategies, and media in order to share knowledge and information in a particular agro-ecological context among all stakeholders. Visit



Synthesis Report on the Composition of, and Modalities and Procedures for, the Adaptation Committee, including Linkages with Other Relevant Institutional Arrangements

This document synthesizes the diverse views on the composition of, and modalities for, the Adaptation Committee. It reports on the proposed role, objectives and guiding principles of the Committee, and elaborates on suggested operational modalities and activities to perform the agreed functions of the Adaptation Committee.

Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change Brochure

The global CBA 2010 brochure showcases the different community-driven projects that pilot a range of climate risk management practices at the local level. The CBA project focuses on adaptation approaches that also generate global environmental benefits in the areas of biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management.

Climate Information Requirements for Community-level Risk Management and Adaptation

This report talks about climate information that is required for different community-level activities in terms of risk management and adaptation. The report underlines the urgency of developing mechanisms for the delivery of climate services at the community level by using a bottom-up approach.

Book

Climate Change and Growth In Asia

This book gives an insight into climate change and growth issues, climate change and adaptation issues, and the challenges posed by the changing climate. Moazzem Hossain, Griffith Business School and Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University, Australia, and Antony Selvanathan, Griffith Business School, Griffith University, Australia, have edited this book.

Article

Bangladesh Communities Show How They Adapt to Climate Change

Climate change experts traveled across Bangladesh to learn how vulnerable communities are rising to the challenge of coping with drought and flood. The experts were split into eight groups, and they travelled to different parts of the country for three days to learn from people, government organizations and NGOs about how communities are protecting themselves from drought, flood, and rising temperature and sea levels.

Restoring the Sacred Web of Life in Siberia's Golden Mountains

A photo essay on community-based responses to climate change was published in the National Geographic News Watch as part of the Conversations with the Earth (CWE) initiative. The next major CWE exhibit will take place from 22 July, 2011 to 02 January 2012, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Visit <http://nmai.si.edu/>.

The Importance of Adaptation

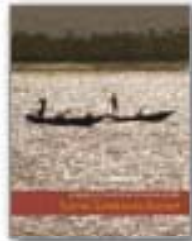
This article is a cover story in the Star magazine, a weekly publication of The Daily Star. Authored by Anika Hossain, Aantaki Raisa and Tamanna Khan, this article gives an insight into climate change and its impacts by drawing from different case studies across Asia. To read this article [Click Here](#) and [Climate Services in Adaptation and DRR](#)

The other articles in the issue (Climate Services for Sustainable Development) can be accessed from this link. [Click here](#).

World Bank Publications

The list of publications below provides links to key outputs from the World Bank Group's Social Dimensions of Climate Change (SDCC) work since 2007. For the reports, papers, and blog postings below, go to: www.worldbank.org/sdcc | socialdevelopment@worldbank.org

Reports



Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change: Social Synthesis Report
August 2010



Participatory Scenario Development Approaches for Identifying Pro-Poor Adaptation Options
December, 2010



Participatory Scenario Development Approaches for Pro-Poor Adaptation: Capacity Development Manual
December, 2010



The Social Dimensions of Adaptation to Climate Change in BANGLADESH
December, 2010



The Social Dimensions of Adaptation to Climate Change in BOLIVIA
December, 2010



The Social Dimensions of Adaptation to Climate Change in ETHIOPIA
December, 2010



The Social Dimensions of Adaptation to Climate Change in GHANA
December, 2010



The Social Dimensions of Adaptation to Climate Change in MOZAMBIQUE
December, 2010



The Social Dimensions of Adaptation to Climate Change in VIETNAM
December, 2010

Papers

Community-based Adaptation: Lessons from the Development Marketplace 2009 on Adaptation to Climate Change,
Social Development Papers No.122, June 2010

Capitalizing on Assets: Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change in Nepal,
Social Development Papers No.121, January 2010

Climate Policy Processes, Local Institutions, and Adaptation Actions: Mechanisms of Translation and Influence,
Social Development Papers No.119, June 2009

The Role of Local Institutions in Adaptation to Climate Change,
Social Development Papers No.118, June 2009

Assessing Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity to Climate Risks: Methods for Investigation at Local and National Levels,
Social Development Papers No.116, May 2009

Blog Postings

Adaptation through the Eyes of the Most Vulnerable. Mearns, Robin. 2011. Development in a Changing Climate: Making Our Future Sustainable.

Scaling up Community-Based Adaptation. Mearns, Robin. 2011. Development in a Changing Climate: Making Our Future Sustainable.

Tools

The Climate Action Tracker

The climate action tracker was updated after the UNFCCC workshops held at the Bangkok climate talks from April 3 to 8. The workshop allowed developed countries to clarify the assumptions and the conditions for their proposed emission reductions. For more information, visit: <http://www.climateactiontracker.org/>

E-Atlas of Global Development

The World Bank has launched an e-atlas, which provides an interactive tool that maps and graphs more than 175 indicators from the World Bank's development database, including CO2 emissions, energy use, freshwater use, forest areas, marine protected areas and resource depletion. Users can export customized, professional quality, full color maps and graphs. Other features include scalable maps, timeline graphing, ranking tables, and import and export functions for sharing data and graphics. To use this online tool visit <http://www.app.collinsindicate.com/worldbankatlas-global/en>

Profile

International Climate Champions, 2010 - 2011

The International Climate Champions initiative is part of a range of activities by the British Council to build understanding about climate change. This one-year program for the youth helps them influence and educate their peers about the urgency of adapting to climate change.

In 2008 the program was launched in 13 countries of 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. In 2009, the program expanded to 60 countries across the globe, recruiting over 1,300 young people who are passionate about and committed to taking action on climate change. These champions are not only leaders in their communities but are also participating in international peer networks, both in person and online, to share ideas, projects and experiences.

International Climate Champions from Asia included participants from Nepal, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. In Bangladesh, 16 international climate champions were chosen from 217 project ideas. To view the profiles of the 16 International Climate Champions from Bangladesh visit: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/bangladesh-development-climate-change.htm>

You can see the profiles of the champions from Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan at the following:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/nepal-programmes-climate-change-in-nepal.htm>

http://www.britishcouncil.org/india-projects-lcf-climatechampions.htm#north_india

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/srilanka-projects-and-networking-international-climate-champions.htm>

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/uzbekistan-climate-change-2.htm>

Specialized Library on Climate Change (SLCC)

The SLCC is a TERI initiative under the aegis of the Framework Agreement for the Programme of Cooperation on Energy, Environment, and Climate Change sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Norway. The major objectives of SLCC are:

- Information collection, compilation and dissemination on climate change;
- Develop and provide access to information services; and
- Build awareness among the research, scientific and student communities on the various thematic areas.

The SLCC, a component of the Library and Information Center at TERI, houses a collection of resources in the following areas of climate change:

1. Policy issues
2. Science of climate change
3. Impacts, vulnerability and adaptation
4. Greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation
5. Economics of climate change
6. Technological interventions

Website: www.teriin.org/slcc





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