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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@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 May.

South Asia Media Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change in Dhulikhel and Katmandu, Nepal, 18-20 May

A three-day long workshop, 'South Asia Media workshop on adaptation to climate change' was held by Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (AKP), the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN), the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN). The workshop aimed to familiarize the journalists with the impacts of climate change in water and agriculture sectors in the mountains and coastal regions; the role of media in raising climate change awareness and sharing knowledge on climate change impacts and possible adaptation measures were also highlighted. 24 media representatives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka visited community forests and observe/question the community about issues related to reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD) and water scarcity issues. For more information, <http://www.climateadapt.asia/events/Workshops%20/view/20>



Establishing a national climate change knowledge management platform in Mongolia: A brainstorming workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 26-27 May



As the first step towards establishing a national climate change adaptation knowledge platform in Mongolia, key knowledge providers and users gathered in Ulaanbaatar. The workshop in partnership with the Mongolian State University of Agriculture (MUSA) aimed to 1) Map out the landscape of climate change knowledge generation and application in Mongolia; 2) Conduct a cursory identification of knowledge gaps in adaptation planning and action in Mongolia and 3) Consult stakeholders on the design of the national knowledge management platform in Mongolia and

the roles of participating institutions. For more information, visit at <http://www.climateadapt.asia/events/Workshops%20/view/21>

Pacific Mission, 19 May–2 June

A mission to Samoa and Fiji is being undertaken by APAN. The objectives of the mission are to meet with all the key stakeholders at the national level to introduce APAN, generate and identify new contacts to create leads and referrals for APAN, discuss about the potential contribution of APAN, discuss about the current status of adaptation in the two countries, to gather information regarding – climate change legislations (including National Climate Change Adaptation Plans), identify key line agencies and roles and responsibilities of different government agencies.



Nepal Mission, 17 – 23 May

The mission included participating in the South Asia Media Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change, organized on 18 – 20 May in Kathmandu and Dhulikhel. Additionally, APAN met country partners for monitoring training needs assessment (TNA). Meeting was held with partners to monitor the current process of TNA, discuss challenges, as well as requirements towards preparation of the Training Modules Design Workshop in August. Meeting with local NGO was also held to explore the collaboration opportunities for capacity building on climate change adaptation.



Mongolia Mission (25 – 31 May)

The mission included co-organizing a Brainstorming Workshop on Establishing a National Climate Change Knowledge Platform. Other mission objective was to meet the country partners for monitoring training needs assessment (TNA) under the APAN project. Meeting was held to also discuss challenges, as well as about what needs to be prepared for the Training Modules Design Workshop in August.

Climate Change Adaptation team Retreat, Bangkok, Thailand, 9 May

Adaptation Knowledge Platform and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network jointly held an informal adaptation team retreat at Siam City hotel in Bangkok to review ongoing and planned activities and deliverables for 2011.

Partners Collaboration Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, 10 May

The Adaptation Knowledge Platform and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network co-organised an informal discussion with Bangkok based key partner organisations. The meeting aimed to have inputs on the agenda development and focus event/market place participation for the Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2011 which will be held in Bangkok on 27-28 October. Organizations present were EU, ADPC, Media Alliance, Asia Networks, MFF, RECOFT, FAO, UNDP and AIT-SDCC.

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Conference: Lessons for Future Action: Lessons learned from climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in small island developing states, Apia, Samoa, 23-26 May

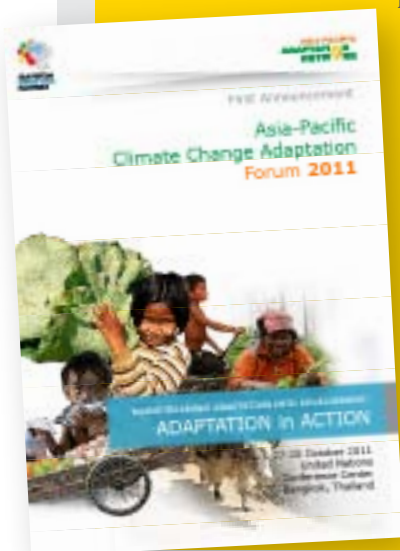
A senior climate change adaptation expert from APAN attended the Conference that is co-hosted by Australia and the South Pacific Regional Environment Program and is funded by the Australian Government, through the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and the Australian Agency for International Development. The aim of the conference is to share experiences and lessons learned in relation to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction among Small Island Developing States from the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Ocean, drawing in experiences from Australia and elsewhere.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Adaptation Forum 2011, Bangkok, Thailand 27-28 October 2011

The Adaptation Forum 2011 will provide a unique opportunity to share frontline findings and innovations, opportunities and challenges in mainstreaming Climate Change adaptation into development. Building on from Adaptation Forum 2010, the Forum this year aims to focus on "Adaptation in Action" signifying a shift from deliberations to decisions, plans to policies and policies to practices. The interactive Adaptation Forum 2011 will gather adaptation practitioners at global, regional, national, and sub-national levels. These could include government representatives from various line ministries, researchers, practitioners, NGOs, international organizations, regional intergovernmental bodies, youth, media and the private sector. The format will be a diverse range of plenary and keynote sessions, panel discussions, roundtables, thematic side events, market place, photo & poster exhibitions and film festival. Sessions will be facilitated by eminent climate scientists, adaptation experts and development planners from the region. Participants are requested to submit an abstract on the theme of Forum2011. For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2011/>

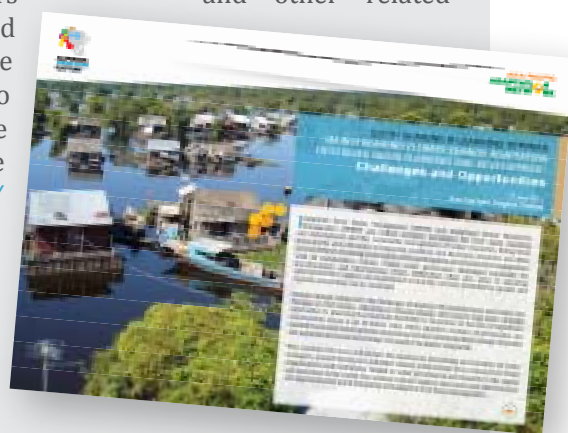
**6th Sharing and learning seminar: Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation into River Basin Planning and Development: Challenges and Opportunities in Bangkok, Thailand 27 June 2011**

The event is co-organized by Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (AKP), the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN), Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). This seminar will share and discuss the experience, knowledge and concerns of water managers, project developers professionals from various river basin organizations and institutions related to water governance and research in the region and elsewhere in the world. The seminar will also explore innovative and effective tools and approaches for more integrated and adaptive river basin management. For more information, please visit <http://www.climateadapt.asia/events/seminars/view/19>

Date : Monday, 27th June 2011

Time : 08.30 – 16.00 hrs

Venue: Siam City Hotel, 477 Si Ayuthaya Road (BTS:Phaya Thai)

**IGES opens its Regional Center in Bangkok, 3 June**

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) has been committed to conducting practical and innovative research for realizing sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. The IGES will open its Regional Center in Bangkok, Thailand to strengthen collaboration with partners and key stakeholders in the region to serve as a focal point for regional and international cooperation. The opening ceremony will take place on 3 June at Plaza Athenee. For more information, visit <http://www.iges.or.jp/en/index.html>

Upcoming CCA Events & Conferences

Youth Forum on Climate Actions and Mountain Issues, Katmandu, Nepal, 8-12 August

The Youth Forum 2011 is being held to celebrate the International Year of Youth 2010/11 and International Youth Day 12 August. The Forum is another event in the series of youth activities designed to help build the next generation of leadership in sustainable mountain development and climate change adaptation in ICIMOD's regional member countries. The event will take place in the context of the upcoming UNFCCC COP 17 meeting in December 2011 and Rio+20 meeting in 2012. The emphasis will be on issues specific to mountain development in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region and beyond, especially in the context of ICIMOD's work and ongoing and planned regional and global processes on relevant topics. Young professionals of 18 to 29 years of age from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan are eligible to apply. Some seats are available for young people from other Asia Pacific countries. For more information, visit <http://www.icimod.org/?q=3279>

National Climate Change Conference, 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 IIT Madras. The conference will cover major topics on scientific, technical, economic, and policy aspects of climate change relevant to India. The conference is intended to develop a network of climate researchers in the South Asian region. The main goals of this series of conferences are to enhance capacity for climate research and action in India by:

- Identifying existing institutions and activities that are engaged in climate-related work in India;
- Developing a common understanding of key issues;
- Identifying lacunae in science, policy, and action that need particular attention;
- Deepening and broadening institutional engagement, especially engaging smaller academic institutions and NGOs in local climate-related activities across all parts of the country;
- Strengthening a sense of 'community' among researchers;
- Initiating a platform for a dialogue between researchers, NGOs, and policy-makers

We invite abstracts from faculty and other researchers, students, and practitioners in the areas of climate science, impacts, adaptation and mitigation. Abstracts should provide evidence of independent research and be of direct relevance to the Indian context. Priority will be given to abstracts authored by individuals in South Asian organisations. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and should also contain author affiliation(s) and contact details. Abstracts should be sent to nccconf@gmail.com

YGL Indo-Pak initiative on climate change and DRR, Lahore, Pakistan, 8-9 July

The Forum of Young Global Leaders (YGL) of the World Economic Forum (Davos) has initiated a new effort to build cooperation between India and Pakistan on climate change, natural resource management and disaster risk reduction. The YGL Initiative on Indo-Pak Cooperation will focus on Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction: Managing Risks, Sharing Benefits'. This is a multi-year effort emphasising practical initiatives that will be launched in Lahore from 8-9 July 2011 at the Lahore University for Management Sciences (LUMS). A follow-up to this will take place at the World Economic Forum's regional summit in India in November 2011. dolan@csmworld.org

Africa-Asia Drought Adaptation Forum, Bangkok, Thailand, 14 - 15 June

The purpose of the forum is to bring together a dynamic and diverse set of participants engaged in a range of drought risk management issues in Africa and Asia to help establish effective modalities for identifying, exchanging and up-scaling good DRM practices, through south-south cooperation (SSC), within and between affected countries in the two regions. The event is organized by UNDP Drylands Development Center. For more information, please contact: UNDP Drylands Development Centre, Nairobi, Kenya.

Email: ddc@undp.org , www.undp.org/drylands

International Summer School in Food Security and Climate Change in Kathmandu, Nepal, 12-17 June

A group of 25 participants, local and international, will be able to participate in the summer school which is jointly organized by ISAS, HICAST and University of Pavia, Italy. From attending, one can learn and understand the issues and problems related to food security and climate change; and also to enhance analytical and planning capabilities of participants to address these issues. <http://www.isas.edu.np/cms/uploads/534ba030bb391e100f8308a4428e1974.pdf>

E-discussion on Sustainable Mountain Development in the Southeast Asian Region, 1-30 June

Topic in discussion: From Rio 1992 to Rio+20, 2012 and beyond – where do we stand – how can we make a difference and promote sustainable mountain development agenda? To be part of the discussion or take this as an excellent opportunity to present a global status report on achievements, challenges, and future opportunities in sustainable mountain develop that can show where we stand today and indicate where we need to move forward in the future, log on to <http://dgroups.org/groups/Rioplus20inSEA> between the 1-30 June 2010,

Monash University: International Gender and Climate Change Conference, Italy, 15-16 Sept

Will your organization stand up for Women on Climate Change? Gender, Leadership and Social Sustainability (GLASS) Research Unit at Monash University, Australia, in collaboration with Worldwide Universities Network, Gender justice and Global Climate Change (G2C2) will gather an international community of researchers, advocates, policy experts and community activists in Italy, 15-16 September, 2011. For more information visit: www.med.monash.edu.au/glass/

CCA News**Civil Society Forum on Climate Change formed**

Civil society activists in Sindh have formed a forum to mobilise organisations to join hands to protect the environment from climate change. At a workshop held in Hyderabad, experts observed that Sindh is vulnerable to disasters like cyclones, floods and droughts hence they emphasized the need to mobilize those organizations working on the same theme. The workshop was organized by the Research and Development Foundation (RDF) and was attended by senior officials of various organisations, including International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), WWF Pakistan, Strengthening Participatory Organisation (SPO) and others. The Civil Society Forum on Climate Change is aimed at mobilizing organisations to work together for the conservation of the environment.

UN Secretary-General highlights Indigenous Knowledge for Climate Change Adaptation

UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, at the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (16 to 27 May 2011) emphasized that “indigenous peoples have been living a ‘green economy’ for centuries” and that learning from them is the key to achieving

sustainable development. The forum focused on reviewing the progress made on issues ranging from economic and social development to the environment, and whether indigenous people have given free, prior and informed consent to decisions affecting their communities. For more information, visit <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38396&Cr=indigenous&Cr1=>

UN Champions of the Earth Announced

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has announced the five winners of this year's UN Champions of the Earth prize, which recognizes leaders who take action through visionary thinking, unwavering dedication and action towards global green growth. The five winners are President Felipe Calderon (Mexico), Dr. Olga Speranskaya (Russia), BROAD group / Mr. Zhang Yue (China), Mr. Louis Palmer (Switzerland) and Ms. Angelique Kidjo (Benin). <http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=2641&ArticleID=8729&l=en>

IPCC 34th Session in East Africa 18-19 November

The 34th session of the IPCC will be held back to back with the first joint Sessions of IPCC Working Groups I and II to approve and accept the IPCC Special Report on “Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation.” The session will also continue consideration of the IPCC review, among other matters. For more information, visit <http://www.ipcc.ch/> or Email, IPCC-Sec@wmo.int

GEF Publishes Roadmap for Accessing LDC Climate Fund

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) has published a road map to show the Least Developed Countries (LDC) the steps required to access funds for climate change adaptation and mitigation through the LDC fund. This fund is known to support LDCs in the preparation and implementation of NAPA. The publication is titled “Accessing Resources under the Least Developed Countries Fund”. For more information, visit http://www.thegef.org/gef/sites/thegef.org/files/publication/23469_LDCF.pdf

Call for Papers**Special Issue “Sustainable Policy on Climate Equity” - Sustainability (ISSN 2071-1050)**

Sustainability is an international, peer-reviewed open access journal of environmental, cultural, economic and social sustainability. This issue will be fully open

access – it increases publicity and promotes more frequent citations. They are inviting manuscripts on “Sustainable Policy on Climate Equity” and this should be submitted by 30 November 2011. For more information, visit http://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/climate_equity/

The International Telecommunication Union Launches Green ICT Application Challenge

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has launched a Green Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Application Challenge, which aims at identifying the best and most innovative concept for an application that would help combat climate change. The challenge is open until 17 June 2011. The applications may be any kind of software tool or game for the web, a personal computer or a mobile device. The best and most innovative concept will receive US\$10,000 and the winning entrant will be invited to present his/her concept at the ITU Green Standards Week to be held in Rome, Italy, on 6 September 2011. The winning application may also be developed and showcased during a side event to be held at the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 17) to the UNFCCC to be held in Durban, South Africa, at the end of 2011. For more information, visit http://climate-l.iisd.org/news/itu-launches-green-ict-application-challenge/?referrer=climate-change-daily-feed&utm_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Climate+Change+Daily+Feed+-+13+May+2011+-+Climate+Change+Policy+%26+Practice

CCA Information Resources & Knowledge Products

Reports

Global Corruption Report: Climate Change

The Global Corruption Report is the first comprehensive publication of its kind to explore the corruption risks related to tackling climate change. From international policy-making to national level mitigation and adaptation strategies and with a special focus on the forestry sector, the GCR draws on the expertise of more than 50 experts and practitioners from the anti-corruption movement and the climate change field. http://www.transparency.org/news_room/in_focus/2011/gcr_climate_change

Findings and Implications from a Coarse-scale Global Assessment of recent selected Mega-fires

This report was presented by FAO at the 5th International Wildland Fire Conference in South Africa. As climate change conditions may be intensifying the growing number of mega-fires around the world, the fires may also themselves be a contributing factor to global warming. And with the changing climate the issue is becoming urgent. The report studies the recent fires in Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Indonesia, Israel, Greece, Russia and the United States and provides a basis for more effective land management policies, plans and practices across these fire-prone areas. <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/74214/icode/>

Background paper for Experts Workshop on Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation for Community-based and Local Adaptation, CARE UK, London

The workshop related to community based adaptation (CBA) to climate change is a community-led process based on the needs, priorities, knowledge and capacities of the community which would help empower people to plan for and cope with impacts of climate change. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the design of an open-source M&E methodology for local and community-based adaptation that can be used by planners, practitioners, and researchers across the field. To read the compiled report, go to: <http://www.climatecentre.org/downloads/File/Newsletter/Background%20paper%20to%20PME%20for%20CBA%20Workshop.pdf>

Money matters: Cash transfers for Adaptation

Developed nations have promised US\$100 billion every year to help poor nations adapt to climate change. The money should be sent in the form of cash transfers and they have a strong record in reaching those most in need in terms of nutrition, education and income needs – all of which are vital for sustainable adaptation to climate change. Cash transfers can help meet existing needs, cope with shocks such as floods or droughts, reduce pressure to engage in damaging coping strategies, facilitate innovation, support productive investment and ease migration all to help build adaptive capacity in the poor nations. They are said to represent a win-win use of adaptation finance. To learn more about cash transfers, <http://pubs.iied.org/17092IIED.html>

Rethinking Adaptation for a 4° World

The paper advances the understanding of adaptation decisions with a long lifetime (sum of lead time and consequence time), and contrasts them with other, simpler, adaptation decisions. It presents an initial classification of decision types that is aimed at helping decision-makers to arrive at better adaptation solutions. The paper synthesizes a number of issues previously raised in the literature to link the categories of interactions to a variety of risk-management strategies and tactics. <http://rsta.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/369/1934/196.full.pdf>

Managing Uncertain Climate Risks- Developing Countries

This paper sets out principles that aim to reduce the impact of uncertainty on decision-making. It draws out some interconnected messages for decision-makers, including: (1) it is crucial to integrate adaptation planning within the existing priorities; and (2) adaptation strengthens the case for pushing faster and harder? on development priorities. The paper argues that adaptation and development are not opposing priorities that must be weighed up against each other. http://www.cccep.ac.uk/Publications/Policy/docs/PP_uncertainty-climate-risks-policy-making.pdf

Drawing up a National Climate Change Adaptation Policy: Feedback from five European case studies

The paper addresses the issues involved in defining a climate change adaptation policy from three different angles, using a comparative analysis of national policies in five European countries (Germany, Spain, France, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom). It examines the role of research and the way in which

adaptation policies are structured to guide the public decision-making process. http://www.cdcclimat.com/IMG/pdf/11-03-31_climate_report_no27_-drawing_up_a_national_adaptation_policy.pdf

Women as key players in climate adaptation

Gender often dictates who gains and who loses in environmental disasters. For instance, where women lack basic rights, more will die from natural disasters than men; where they enjoy equal rights, the death rate is the same. In this edition of the briefing series Joto Afrika highlights ways to improve gender analysis and increase representation in climate adaptation. It draws on case studies and local action in various countries across Africa. <http://www.alin.or.ke/Joto%20Afrika>

Climate Change and Health in Cities

This review reports on climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies in cities and assesses their potential to improve urban health. It summarizes epidemiological studies primarily from 2005 to 2010 on mortality and morbidity related to two climate hazards in cities: increasing temperatures and the modifying influence of air pollution. <http://tinyurl.com/6x96wju>

UNFCCC Publishes Report on Cooperative Activities

The UNFCCC Secretariat has published a report summarizing cooperative activities with UN entities and intergovernmental organizations, to contribute to the work. The report outlines the major activities the Secretariat has been involved in since the 32nd session of SBSTA. http://climate-l.iisd.org/news/unfccc-publishes-report-on-cooperative-activities/?referrer=climate-change-daily-feed&utm_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Climate+Change+Daily+Feed+-+17+May+2011+-+Climate+Change+Policy+%26+Practice

Integrating Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management

Climate-smart disaster risk management is an up-and-coming approach which combines acting on the changes to the magnitude and frequency of hazards, preparing for elevated uncertainty as well as tackling increasing vulnerability. The Climate Change Research team at IDS, UK, has prepared a guide on strengthening climate resilience to reflect the key issues and integrated thinking that is being done in this area with links to relevant research. To view the guide, go to <http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/climate-change>

Island Management Plan for Namdrik Atoll, Marshall Islands

As a component of “Building the Resilience of Communities and their Ecosystems to the impacts of Climate Change in the Pacific”, a draft for the Resource Management Plan has been prepared as is under final revision. The plan will address key issues and put in place an appropriate management plan and a set of actions to help the locals deal with changes- especially climate. The final version will be published and disseminated in the next few weeks, but to get a brief idea of what the plan refers to visit <http://community.eldis.org/.59deef0e/Blog/.59ece925>

Framing climate change adaptation in policy and practice

In policy development and decision-making, climate change adaptation can be understood and addressed in many different ways, depending on factors such as diversity of stakeholders involved, existing knowledge and dominant values. The working paper explores the framing issues, using examples of common adaptation approaches and methods for climate change assessment. <http://www.vcccar.org.au/content/pages/framing-project>

Riders under storms: Contributions of Nomadic Herders’ Observations to Analyzing Climate Change in Mongolia

This article argues that a more robust analysis and prediction of climate change at local levels can be inferred from the integration of local people’s observation of change with meteorological records and models. The example proposed in this article is the analysis of climate change in the desert-steppe region of Mongolia. It shows that combining two knowledge systems (local people’s observations and climatology) holds the potential to provide more reliant and relevant investigation and allows for better planned adaptations. <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/node/313>

Publications**Climate and Disaster Resilience in Cities**

The book highlights the issues of resilience through a region, national, city and community- based studies. It reflects a unique aspect of multi-stakeholder perspective. It highlights how to enhance actions at local levels and how the plans can be implemented. It focuses on the climate-related disasters in the Asian region.

To buy copies: [http://books.emeraldinsight.com/Electronic copy: http://www.emeraldinsight.com/book.htm?issn=2040-7262](http://books.emeraldinsight.com/Electronic%20copy%20http://www.emeraldinsight.com/book.htm?issn=2040-7262)

Inspection copy: <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/books/info/inspection.htm>

The Stockholm Memorandum – tipping the scales towards sustainability

This document refers to the key issues from the 3rd Nobel Laureate Symposium on Global Sustainability which took place in Stockholm, Sweden on 16-19 May 2011. The document talks about how human beings pay a high price to be the dominant species - high price in terms of unsustainable patterns of production, consumption, and population growth. It also lists out priorities for a ‘Coherent Global Action’ which includes managing the climate and many others. For more information, visit. <http://globalsymposium2011.org/news-and-media>

Future references from ICIMOD

ICIMOD provides access to all their publications either in full-text or chapter-wise format. They can be searched for and downloaded straight from their website. They have also provided a list of publications for climate change, water and agriculture which was compiled by their distribution team. The publications can also be searched for at the following link <http://www.icimod.org/publications>

Articles**ISRO: 75% of Himalayan Glaciers Retreating**

A study of 2190 glaciers using ISRO satellite images over a period of 15 years (1989-2004) and around 50 experts and 14 organizations were involved in the project. It revealed that the Himalayan glaciers are on the retreat, but will they disappear in the near future as said previously in various articles? To read the article, go to http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2011-05-16/global-warming/29548269_1_himalayan-glaciers-ipcc-report-himalayan-environment-and-development

Ozone Friendly Technologies Get on the Road

Bangkok: The Republic of Maldives hosted Asia’s first ever ozone- and climate-friendly technology exhibition – the “Ozone2Climate Technology Road Show”. The objective of the event was to showcase technological alternatives and knowledge that will contribute to the achievement of the common goal of protecting the ozone layer along with the climate system from the increasing global production of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs). The article can

be found at: <http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=2641&ArticleID=8724&l=en&t=long>

SPC Highlights Impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture

Inoke Raukalou, Acting Director of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), stressed on two points in two recent climate change meetings – 1.) Protection of SIDS' agriculture sector from impacts of climate change and 2.) Climate change should be considered a development issue, not just environmental. <http://sids-l.iisd.org/news/spc-highlights-impacts-of-climate-change-on-agriculture/>

Climate Adaptation Funds Bypassing Governments, conflict states

Figuring out how to raise the \$100 billion a year in climate change assistance promised to poor nations is tough enough, but spending the money fairly and effectively may prove an even bigger challenge, climate finance experts warned this week. <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/climate-adaptation-funds-bypassing-governments-conflict-states-experts>

Wetlands and Climate Change

It is said that peat only covers 3% of the world's land surface; it is estimated to be the largest carbon store, with an estimated 550 gigatonnes of carbon worldwide. This article considers the role of wetlands as carbon sinks to mitigate the effects of climate change and also their as important assets in adaptation strategies that could help increase resilience and reduce the adverse impact. To read the article go to: http://climate-l.iisd.org/guest-articles/wetlands-and-climate-change/?referrer=climate-change-daily-feed&utm_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Climate+Change+Daily+Feed+-+17+May+2011+-+Climate+Change+Policy+%26+Practice

Adapting to Climatic Changes: Agro-pastoral Communities in Himalaya

The article talks about the growing dependency for the various communities of the Himalayan Mountains for food supply from farmers downstream. The people are also struggling with basic amenities in health, education, water, and sanitation to name a few. The article mentions that research and scientific projects are present in the region, but the information and results are not known by the local communities. The article also provides various suggestions towards sustaining traditional knowledge and climate change adaptation for the region. To read the article, go to <http://vajpai.org/2011/05/17/adapting-to-climatic-changes-agro-pastoral-communities-in-himalaya/>

Pakistan's Climate Change Policy up for Cabinet Nod

In November 2010, the government had announced initiating a draft climate change strategy following extensive damage by floods. In recent news, Pakistan's environment ministry has been said to have cleared the draft of its first national climate change policy (NCCP) which puts emphasis on the increased investments in research on mitigation and adaptation. <https://hendrawanm.wordpress.com/2011/05/20/pakistans-climate-change-policy-up-for-cabinet-nod-scidev-net/>

Tools

Sustainable Land Management Technologies for Climate Change Adaptation in Africa

The International Institute for Environment and Development and the Centre for International Cooperation vrije Universiteit are pleased to be to offer free copies of their new DVD. This contains mini-films showing two sustainable land management (SLM) technologies that have a proven track record in Africa: Stone Lines and Fanya Juu. To obtain free copies of the DVD email: newbooks@iied.org

UN Programmes and Partners Launch Online Platform for Adaptation and Mitigation Innovation and Technology

UN Programmes and Partners launched the online platform – ClimateTechWiki to support adaptation and mitigation innovation and technology. The site offers in-depth information on mitigation and adaptation technologies, technology case studies, information on the application of technology under the CDM, a user forum to facilitate a 'community of technology practitioners' etc. This site is still a work in progress and its collaborators are inviting feedbacks about the content of the site and also looking for potential partners who may be interested in contributing to the online platform. The website can be accessed through the following link: <http://climatetechwiki.org/>

IMF – A Tool for Integrated Flood Management

This tool provides information covering different approaches that countries adopted in their quest to address adaptation to climate change related to floods and associated hazards including sediment disasters, storm surges and sea-level rise. It extracts nine case studies from the following countries and a regional organization, namely US, UK, France, Germany, Netherlands, Japan, China, South Korea, and EU. http://www.apfm.info/pdf/ifm_tools/Case_studies_CCA.pdf

FAO Launches Web Portal on Capacity Development on Climate Change

This new web portal focuses on learning materials and sources for capacity development on climate change. It aims to provide resources for member States, partners, UN staff and development actors to facilitate experience-sharing. The site contains FAO's database of climate change related learning materials, integrated learning packages and training programs offered, e-learning trainings etc. <http://www.fao.org/climatechange/learning/en/>

Profile**Adapting to Climate Change in China (ACCC)**

Adapting to Climate Change in China (ACCC) is a major collaborative project between China, the UK and Switzerland involving over 25 partners at international, national and provincial levels. ACCC aims to improve international knowledge on the assessment of climate impacts and risks, and develop practical approaches to climate change adaptation, by helping China integrate climate adaptation into the development process to reduce its vulnerability to climate change, and by sharing this experience with other countries. ACCC works nationally and in three provinces – Ningxia Autonomous Region, Guangdong, and Inner Mongolia, and focuses on five socio-economic sectors – agriculture, water resources, health, disaster risk reduction & grassland livestock. For more information, visit, <http://www.ccadaptation.org.cn/en/>

Global Initiative on Community Based Adaptation (GICBA)

The GICBA was launched during the 5th Community-Based Adaptation Conference which was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The launch of this initiative is a response to the growing interest in Community Based Adaptation approaches and strategies to climate change in developing countries. To enhance this initiative the possibility of linking various efforts of other NGOs and research organizations have been taken into consideration. This will enable sharing and complement efforts of organizations working on community based adaptation to climate change. For more information, visit, www.weadapt.org/gicba

Transparency and Accountability Initiative: A donor collaborative

The Transparency and Accountability Initiative was created in 2010 by a group of global, private and government funders – the initiative supports policy innovations and encourages all those working in the sector to learn from their success and failures so they can have a greater impact in the future. They focus on 3 main areas – policy innovations, new technologies and learning. Under the learning component, climate change is one of their focus, they help ensure that climate change financing is transparent. <http://www.transparency-initiative.org/workstream/policy-innovations/climate-change>

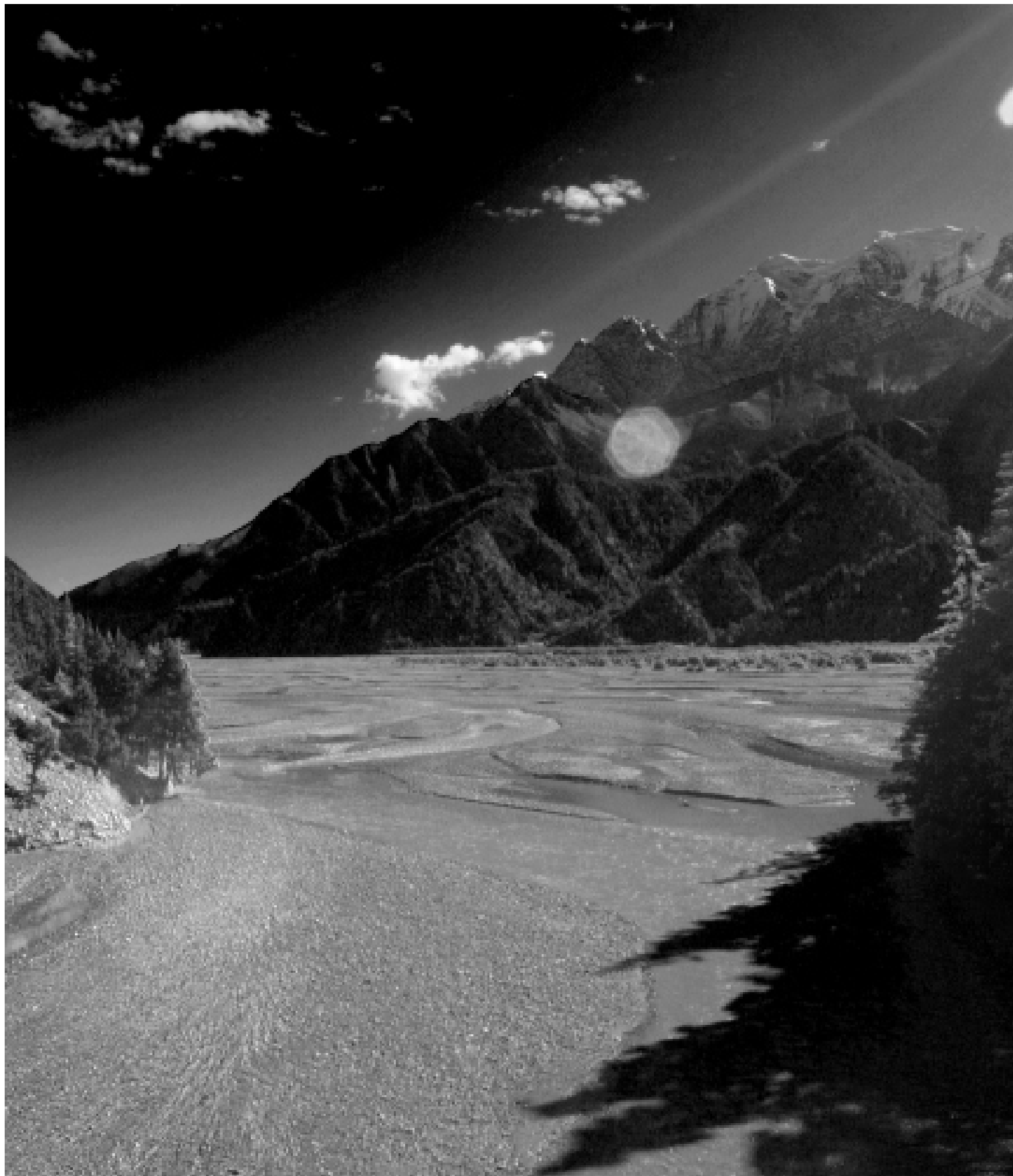
Integrating Knowledge for Sustainable Societal Choices

The Amsterdam Global Change Institute (AGCI) is a new venture at VU University Amsterdam: <http://www.agci.vu.nl>. AGCI brings together more than 200 researchers from five institutes and departments across the three Faculties of Earth and Life Sciences, Economics and Business Administration, and Social Sciences. AGCI will carry out excellent interdisciplinary research on global change, sustainability and our environment. Through more integrated research we will be able to contribute better to informing and shaping societal choices and innovations.

Solution Exchange for Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Community in Bangladesh

Solution Exchange is a knowledge facilitation service that provides an email based space for practitioners to discuss issues, share information and gather solutions to existing or anticipated challenges that they face on a day-to-day basis. Members of the Community of Practice (CoP) come from a range of organizations: government, NGOs, development partners, private sector, research institutes and academia.

Solution Exchange was first launched in India in 2005. Solution Exchange was also replicated in Bhutan, Cambodia, the Philippines, Russia, and the Pacific. Bangladesh's first Solution Exchange Community—the Urban Poverty Reduction Community was launched in March 2011. The Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR) Community will provide knowledge services to harness Bangladesh's vast knowledge pool on climate change and disaster risk reduction for more effective and smarter ways of doing the business – from policy, planning, or practical issues of implementation. cddr-bd@solutionexchange-un.net



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