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Welcome to the platform that gives you up-to-date information in the field of climate change adaptation (CCA). This monthly newsletter is brought to you by the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) – a program that merges the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (AKP) established in 2008 and the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) launched in 2009.

We will be happy to spotlight your CCA activities, announcements, events and new initiatives. All you have to do is send a brief write-up and URL to info@asiapacificadapt.net

ANNOUNCEMENT

Training-Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation in Watersheds for Water, Food, and Environmental Security, Laguna, Philippines, October 15-18, 2013



The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) and APAN are organizing a workshop with an aim to enhance the understanding on issues and challenges regarding watershed management and to analyze gaps and draw up an agenda for actions towards sustainable watershed in a changing climate. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/workshop-climate-change-adaptation-watersheds-water-food-and-environmental-security-southeast>

Policy Forum: Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation in the Agriculture Sector towards Food Security in Transition Southeast Asia, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, November 5-6, 2013

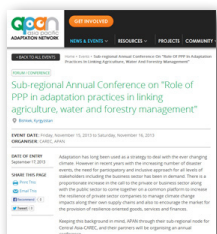


SEARCA, APAN, the Southeast Asia Climate Change Network (SEAN CC) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MOAI) of Myanmar will jointly conduct a Roundtable Discussion with the objective to discuss an array of adaptation strategies for agricultural and food security challenges

associated with climate change and to understand approaches and challenges for adaptation mainstreaming. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/policy-forum-mainstreaming-climate-change-adaptation-agriculture-sector-towards-food-security>

Sub-regional Annual Conference on the Role of Public-Private Partnership in Adaptation Practices in Linking Agriculture, Water and Forestry Management, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, November 15-16,



APAN through the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC), its sub-regional node for Central Asia, and their partners will organize this annual conference with an aim to raise a common understanding among researchers, policy advisers, decision-makers, civil society groups, and the private sector in Central Asia on public-private partnership. The conference seeks ways to increase the private sector's resilience to manage climate change impacts on supply chains and to encourage the market to provide resilience-oriented goods, services and finances. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/sub-regional-annual-conference-role-ppp-adaptation-practices-linking-agriculture-water-and>

Workshop on Supporting Climate Change Adaptation Policy and Action in the Hindu Kush Himalayas region: Strengthening Communication Approaches for Science-Policy-Practice Interfacing, Kathmandu, Nepal, December 3-4, 2013



APAN through the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), APAN's thematic node for mountains, will organize this workshop with the objective to reduce knowledge gaps between climate science and adaptation options in the Hindu Kush Himalayas context where culturally and socio-economically diversified groups of mountain people inhabit in physically inaccessible areas. The discussions will shed light on an effective flow of information and knowledge that is a key to ensuring effective policy actions and practices for addressing adaptation needs of mountain communities. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/supporting-climate-change-adaptation-policy-and-action-hkh-region-strengthening-communication>

Sub-regional Annual Conference on Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation in Southeast Asia - Linkage with Urban Biodiversity as an Emerging Issue, Chiang Rai, Thailand,



APAN through the ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability, APAN's sub-regional node for Southeast Asia, will organize this conference with an aim to enable diverse participants from the region to understand the emerging issues and challenges in adapting to a changing climate within the urban scenario and the dimensions of biodiversity, increasing population and related climatic uncertainties, and finally the monitoring and evaluation of the established policies. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/climate-change-resilience-and-adaptation-sea-linkage-urban-biodiversity-emerging-issue>

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Workshop on Vulnerability, Impact and Adaptation Assessment (VIAA) for Climate Change: Approaches, Methods and Tools, Hanoi, Vietnam, July 10-12, 2013



The workshop provided over 25 technical officers and executives from seven Southeast Asian countries with an overview of the approaches, methods and tools in vulnerability, impact and adaptation assessment as inputs to planning for climate

change adaptation. The workshop was co-organized for SEAN-CC by SEARCA and APAN. For more information, please visit

<http://searca.org/index.php/news/1239-fourteen-southeast-asians-complete-workshop-on-viaa-for-climate-change-in-hanoi>

Training Program: Climate Change Adaptation Considering Loss and Damage Issues, Bangkok, Thailand, August 29, 2013



This workshop brought together ministries, universities, civil society organizations from 12 countries in the Asia-Pacific region to initiate the scientific understanding of the linkages between causes and effects of climate change; emergence of loss and damage associated with climate change; climate risk assessment for the business sector; and implementation of adaptation policies. The workshop shared good practices on how the Korean national adaptation policy has been implemented at the national and local levels. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/climate-change-resilience-and-adaptation-sea-linkage-urban-biodiversity-emerging-issue>

Regional Workshop on Training Needs and Gaps Assessment on Adaptation and Resilience to a Changing Climate in South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal, September 4-5, 2013

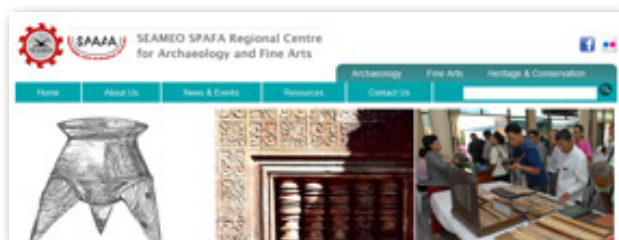


APAN through the Global Water Partnerships South Asia, APAN's thematic node on water organized the training workshop to assess and discuss the gaps and needs in climate change resilience in South Asia in water. The workshop showcased good practices on water security progress, indigenous knowledge and modern technology working towards resilience in water sector and laid emphasis on the framing of coherent policies and strategies in relation to integrated water resource management in the region. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/regional-workshop-%E2%80%9Ctraining-needs-and-gaps-assessment-adaptation-and-resilience-changing>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

SEAMEO SPAFA – Japan Foundation International Conference on Cultural Heritage and Disaster Risk Reduction, Bangkok, Thailand, November 18-20, 2013



The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts (SEAMEO SPAFA), with the support from the Japan Foundation, will hold an international conference with an aim to define the link between climate change and threats it poses to cultural heritage and to highlight the importance of adopting disaster risk reduction strategies. For more information, please visit

<http://www.seameo-spafa.org>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Workshop on Integrating Climate Change Adaptation in Development Plans and Investments, Laguna, Philippines, September 3-5, 2013



Fifteen representatives from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Sectoral Working Group (ASWG) in Fisheries and Livestock enhanced approaches and practical ways for mainstreaming climate adaptation into policies, action plans and projects of ASWG and applying climate proofing to selected ASEAN initiatives within the Sectoral Working Group Strategic Plans of Action of ASEAN Multisectoral Framework on Climate Change (AFCC). For more information, please visit

<http://www.searca.org/index.php/news/1287-training-workshop-for-asean-multisectoral-framework-on-climate-change-afcc-sectoral-working-groups-integrating-climate-change-adaptation-into-development-plans-and-investments>

CARE International's initiatives toward community-based mangrove management in responding to climate change



CARE International, the chair of the NGO Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) in Viet Nam, has conducted various policy dialogues on climate change issues under the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Environment of Viet Nam. A draft [workshop](#)

[report](#) on community-based mangrove management for climate change adaptation informs legal and Institutional frameworks on mangrove development and its good practices as well as challenges on the allocation of mangroves in communities. A recent publication through the Ecosystems and Livelihoods Adaptation Network (ELAN) titled [Community-based Mangrove Reforestation and Management in Da Loc, Vietnam](#) shares lessons learnt and success and risk factors for sustainability and replicability of the mangrove management. For more information, please visit the respective sites.

BBC's Climate Asia - Data Portal Launch

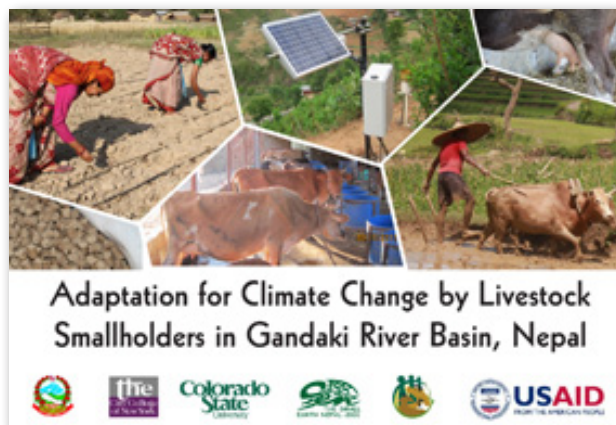


BBC Media Action has launched a study of people's daily experience with climate change in Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan and Vietnam, revealing how

people are impacted by, and responding to, changes in their environment and where communities are struggling and adapting. The survey results from over 33,500 people can be accessed at its Climate Asia Data Portal, which allows you to explore [the country and regional data](#); read and download the [research findings](#); explore how to use pages for [media](#), [non-governmental organisations](#) and [policy makers](#); download information on the [research methods](#); download the [tools](#) used to conduct the research; and develop your own communications strategy, using its [Communication Guide](#). For more information, please visit

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction/climateasia-dataportal>

Climate Adaptation by Livestock Smallholders in Gandaki River Basin, Nepal



The Small Earth Nepal, in collaboration with the City University of New York and Colorado State University, is conducting a research project aimed at enhancing the understanding of how climate change is impacting economies and ecosystems essential to the livelihood of livestock keepers in Nepal. The project looks into the frequency of hydro-meteorological extremes over the past few decades and water availability scenarios to gauge climate change impacts on smallholders' livestock health and productivity in the Gandaki River Basin. The project will also develop low cost adaptation techniques. For more information, please visit

<http://www.smallearth.org.np/detail.php?cid=153&id=6>

GCAP and WWF Pakistan work on issues revealed by BBC's Climate Asia's survey in Pakistan

Global Climate Adaptation Partnership (GCAP) will assist WWF-Pakistan to learn how best to support community-based planning for climate adaptation actions in two Pakistani pathfinder communities (i.e. Keti Bunder and Kharo Chan). This initiative responds to the survey result that shows, owing to the limited reach of public funds for flood defenses, Pakistan's respondents have largely had to make do without adequate state support. For more information, please visit

<http://www.climateadaptation.cc/>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

Research Priorities on Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation



This publication demonstrates 33 topics related to vulnerability, impacts and adaptation that are recommended for research. The topics are classified into three categories: information to support policymaker decisions; systems and regions; and emerging topics. Each of the topics describes why the research is needed as well as specific activities that respond to that need. The topics reflect a balance between research 'supply' from expert communities and research 'demand' from policymakers. For more information, please visit

<http://www.unep.org/provia/RESOURCES/Publications/tabid/55299/Default.aspx>

Policy Brief Series: Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture in Southeast Asia: Broad Trends and



This policy brief analyzes the broad trends on climate change adaptation in the agriculture sector in Southeast Asia. It highlights the adaptation process framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that includes: 1) assessment of impacts, risk, and vulnerability; 2) planning of adaptation action for climate change; 3) implementation of CCA; and 4) monitoring and evaluation. For more information, please visit

<http://www.climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-resources/1645-climate-change-adaptation-in-agriculture-in-southeast-asia-broad-trends-and-some-policy-and-research-recommendations>

TOOLKITS

Climate Resilience Framework: Training Materials

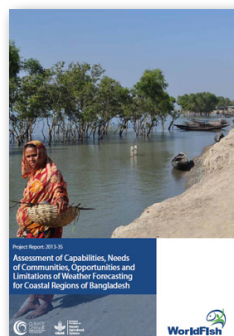


This interactive resilience planning toolkit enables planners and communities to develop networked resilience and address indirect and slow-onset climate impacts or natural disasters. This product is accompanied with training series, case studies, policy briefs, technical reports, and additional tools that were developed based on ISET's international partners' experiences of building resilience in Asian cities. For more information, please visit

<http://training.i-s-e-t.org/>

REPORTS

Assessment of Capabilities, Needs of Communities, Opportunities and Limitations of Weather Forecasting for Coastal Regions of Bangladesh



This project report provides a range of background materials in relation to weather event forecasting, forecast information dissemination, and the implications of weather events and forecasting for communities and their livelihoods. The report identifies areas for which

institutional efforts and funds have been focused, as well as recommendations for potential investments in these areas. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/assessment-capabilities-needs-communities-opportunities-and-limitations-weather-forecasting>

REPORTS

Participatory Action Research on Climate Risk Management, Bangladesh



This report documents methodologies and results of the participatory research appraisal aimed at analyzing the vulnerability of people in four villages that are experiencing different levels of soil salinity.

The study evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of current coping strategies and assessed the potential of an index-based insurance scheme, designed diversification and better information products to improve adaptive capacity. For more information, please visit <http://www.apan-gan.net/resource/participatory-action-research-climate-risk-management-bangladesh>

Climate Resilient Urban Development: Vulnerability Profiles of 20 Indian Cities



This executive summary provides an overview of methodologies and findings of vulnerability assessments undertaken in 20 Indian cities as well as recommendations for future actions. The full report will soon be published. For more information, please visit

<http://accrn.org/resources/documents-and-tools/2013/08/01/climate-resilient-urban-development-vulnerability-profiles->

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Agriculture and Development Notes on Climate Change Adaptation (ADN-CCA)



SEARCA publishes four new briefing papers, which showcase climate change adaptation efforts and mechanisms in Southeast Asian countries. The publications include: *Bell and Bottle Technology: Community-based Early Warning System*; *Hydraulic Ram Pump: A Practical Solution to Climate Change*; *Watershed Management and Governance in a Changing Climate*; and *REDD+ for Climate Change: Ensuring the Rights of the Local Communities*. For more information, please visit the respective links.

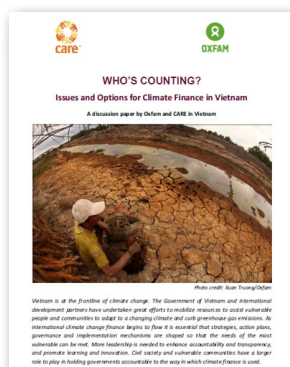
Asia-Pacific Training on Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Adaptation



The brochure provides a short overview of the approach of Plan International's child centred climate change adaptation program and presents four case studies on how the program is taking shape in Southeast Asia. The program runs in 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific region with an aim to build the awareness of children and their communities about climate change and to empower them to be active participants in adaptation efforts, directly engaging with over 26,000 children and their communities. For more information, please visit

<http://plan-international.org/where-we-work/asia/publications/act-to-adapt-child-centred-climate-change-adaptation-4ca>

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Who's counting? Issues and Options for Climate Finance in Vietnam

This joint discussion paper by Oxfam and CARE explores different issues and options around climate finance in Vietnam. It is intended to support dialogues and debates between civil society, research institutes, the Government of Vietnam and international

donors about the evolving nature of climate finance in the country. The paper ends with a number of recommendations on improving the delivery of climate finance, to ensure that it meets the needs of the most vulnerable people and communities, and to enhance transparency and accountability. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/who%E2%80%99s-counting-issues-and-options-climate-finance-vietnam>

Towards Climate Smart Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia

This publication highlights the process and action agenda for applying climate smart disaster risk management approaches (CSDRM) and a case analysis of disaster risk management undertaken through the CSDRM approach in Odisha, India. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/towards-climate-smart-disaster-risk-reduction-asia>

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