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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

COP19 Side Event: Networking for Adaptation Knowledge & Action in Asia-Pacific by APAN, Warsaw, Poland, November 18, 2013



APAN will be showcased at the upcoming 19th Conference of Parties (COP19) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Warsaw, Poland as an example that has driven the adaptation agenda closer to the expectations of its stakeholders, while addressing the adaptation needs of vulnerable communities and updating its programme to suit evolving demands. The event aims to provide inputs in the work stream of the UNFCCC adaptation committee. The event also aims to highlight the role and need for adaptation networks, shed light on the effectiveness of the networks in climate change adaptation, and create awareness about APAN and its activities. The side event targets government representatives, adaptation practitioners and experts, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, private sector entities and development agencies. For more information, please visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/cop19-side-event-networking-adaptation-knowledge-action-asia-pacific-asia-pacific-adaptation>

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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



The workshop provided 23 researchers and technical officers from five Southeast Asian countries with an avenue to better understand issues and challenges in watershed management in a changing climate, particularly with relation to the water-food-environmental security nexus. The workshop also improved the participants' skills in drawing up an agenda for actions towards sustainable watersheds in the context of research, education, policies and practices. The workshop was co-organized by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) and APAN. For more information, please visit

<http://www.climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1756-twenty-three-southeast-asians-learn-and-share-about-climate-change-adaptation-in-watersheds>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Symposium "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone of Soc Trang Province", Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, November 19, 2013



The aim of this symposium is to present experiences and lessons learnt from six years of implementation of the project "Management of natural resources in the coastal zone of Soc Trang Province". The symposium will focus on four specific topics, namely, mangrove rehabilitation, mangrove management, integrated coastal management, and erosion protection through bamboo wave breaker. The symposium will also provide a special session on environmental awareness as well a forum to connect a wide range of adaptation practitioners. For more information, please visit

<http://czm-soctrang.org.vn/Symposium/EN/About.aspx>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS): Inaugural Meeting of Water & Climate Resilience Programme (WACREP), Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, October 7-8, 2013



The 800,000-Euro program, WACREP, will be implemented in six South Asian countries, namely, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka with an aim to enhance water security and climate resilience in South Asia through better water resources management and integration of water security and climate resilience into development planning and decision-making processes. The main WACREP objective is to assist countries and regions in

- 1) integrating 'no regrets' water security and climate resilience investments into their development plans, budgets and programmes;
- 2) solution-making for addressing critical water security challenges;
- 3) developing knowledge and capacity required for enhancing water security and climate resilience; and
- 4) networking with strategic allies and stakeholders to integrate water security and climate resilience in the development process. For more information, please visit

<http://www.gwp.org/en/gwp-south-asia/>



Training Workshop for ASEAN Multisectoral Framework on Climate Change Working Groups: Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Development Plans and Investments, Bangkok, Thailand, September 24-26, 2013



Sixteen representatives from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Sectoral Working Group (ASWG) in Forestry and Crops enhanced their understanding of climate change impacts and the need to mainstream climate adaptation into policies, action plans, and projects in their respective fields of work. The workshop also improved the participants' skills in applying the climate proofing methodology and mainstreaming of climate adaptation in strategies and activities at ASEAN and at the Member State level.

Non-Formal Online Course on Responding to Climate Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (RCRANRM), October 5 2013 – 10 January 2014



SEARCA and the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) are currently conducting this online course with an aim to enable participants to appreciate core concepts and available knowledge-based methods and

tools to effectively respond to climate change threats on agriculture and natural resource management. Lecturers include members of the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC). For more information, visit

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction/climateasiadataportal>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

Saved health, saved wealth: an approach to quantifying the benefits of climate change adaptation: Practical application in coastal protection projects in Viet Nam



This publication addresses the often-debated question of how to assess the total value of an adaptation project by introducing an innovative quantification concept that allows the comparison of adaptation projects. A new study conducted by GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für

Internationale Zusammenarbeit) uses indicators of 'saved wealth' and 'saved health' to identify most promising adaptation options ex-ante and monitor and evaluate project results ex-post. 'Saved wealth' covers the monetary value of public infrastructure, private property and income loss, while 'saved health' assesses avoided disease, disability and life loss. Among the interesting study results is that the wealth benefits are five times higher for a mangrove project than for a dyke upgrade. For more information, please visit

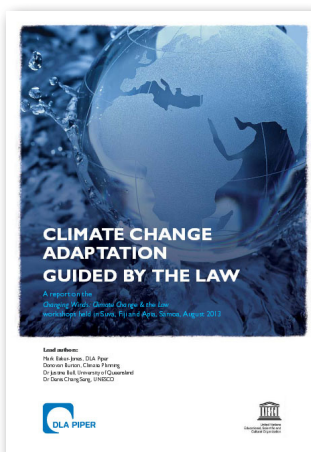
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<https://gc21.giz.de/ibt/var/app/wp342deP/1443/index.php/knowledge/monitoring-evaluation/further-reading/>

REPORTS

Climate change adaptation guided by the law: A report on the Changing Winds: Climate Change & the Law workshops held in Suva, Fiji and Apia, Samoa, August 2013



This research report looks at how an understanding of climate legal risk is crucial for organisations when dealing with liability arising from climate change impacts. The report follows a series of pro bono workshops held in the Pacific in August 2013, in partnership with the Centre for Asia-Pacific Pro Bono (CAPPB)

and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). For more information, please visit

<http://www.dlapiper.com/files/Uploads/Documents/climate-change-adaptation-guided-by-the-law.pdf>

WEBSITE

Knowledge Center on Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management in Southeast Asia (KC3)



SEARCA's KC3, an online platform for knowledge sharing across the region, has added new features on its website such as new projects, learning events, publications, and other climate change initiatives. For more information, please visit

<http://www.climatechange.searca.org/>

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for applications: International Climate Protection Fellowships

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's fellowship program allows young climate experts from transition and developing countries to spend a year in Germany working on a research-related project of their own choice in the field of climate protection. Fellows are free to choose their own hosts. Up to 20 fellowships will be granted. The application deadline is 15 March 2014. The fellowship will commence on 1 March 2015. For more information, please visit

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/icf.html>

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