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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) – the leading climate change adaptation network in the Asia-Pacific region. Our primary goal is to assist countries to build climate change resilient and sustainable human systems, ecosystems, and economies.

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

APAN ANNOUNCEMENT

APAN 5th Steering Committee Meeting, Pattaya, Thailand, February 21, 2014

The 5th APAN Steering Committee meeting is organised by the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP ROAP), as the Secretariat of the APAN Steering Committee, and in close collaboration with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), as the Regional Hub of APAN. APAN is governed by its Steering Committee that comprises renowned climate change scientists and senior government officials and representatives from donor agencies. This is the 5th annual meeting and the first for some new members. The meeting is organized to report back on APAN's activities, approve plans for the coming year, and guide the implementation of APAN activities. For more information, contact:

info@asiapacificadapt.net

APAN Network Meeting, Pattaya, Thailand, February 20, 2014

This meeting provides an opportunity for APAN and its partners to report back on their yearly activities and plans for the coming year. It also provides participants the opportunity to interact with the APAN Steering Committee members and donors. The meeting is organised by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), as the Regional Hub of APAN, in close collaboration with the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP ROAP). For more information, contact:

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

APAN/SPREP Workshop on M&E and the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change, Apia, Samoa, February 10-12, 2014

SPREP – APAN's sub-regional node for the Pacific – organized a three day workshop to take stock of Pacific countries progress against the six themes of the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) – a guidance framework to assist Pacific Island Countries and territories, regional organizations and partners in addressing climate change risks in the context of national sustainable development priorities. The workshop helped participants to populate and finalize their climate change country profiles as tools for the framework's M&E. The participants also discussed and reflected on best practices, key literature and available case studies on themes such as education and governance. For more information, contact:

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Policy Forum: Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation in the Agriculture Sector towards Food Security in Transition Southeast Asia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, February 6-7, 2014

SEARCA – APAN's thematic node for agriculture – organized a policy forum to deliberate on mainstreaming climate change adaptation in the agriculture sector to improve food security in the region. Around 30 representatives from government, academe and the private sector participated in the event. They discussed an array of adaptation strategies on coping with the challenges in agriculture and food brought about by climate change; sought to identify appropriate entry points at both policy and implementation levels for integrating climate change adaptation strategies into development plans; and explored possible partnerships between and among APAN, SEARCA, other APAN nodes, governments, and other development organizations to actively collaborate on research, capacity building, and other activities to mainstream adaptation strategies in the agriculture sector. For more information, contact:

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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Updated “Minimum Standards for local climate-smart disaster risk reduction” unveiled at COP19



Since 2011 a group of NGOs based in Indonesia and the Philippines have been working together under the Partners for Resilience (PfR) programme in a unique partnership that is building the resilience of the most vulnerable in society. They are working with both rural and urban slum communities on disaster risk reduction, explicitly integrating both the need to address a changing climate context, and the ecosystems context of disaster risk. As part of the partnership, they have been developing minimum standards for local climate-smart disaster risk reduction. These enable integration of local capacities into national climate adaptation strategies. For more information, please visit

<http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Minimum-Standards-for-climate-smart-DRR-Ver-2-Final-draft-11NOV13-1.pdf>

Workshop by Environment Matters: Building knowledge for adaptation to climate change- exploring policy options for urban planning in response to climate change, Chandigarh, India, December 7, 2013



The main aim of the workshop was to initiate actions at local level on climate change adaptation by involving municipal authorities and teachers. The workshop discussed needs to amend municipal byelaws and standards to take into account ‘what if’ scenarios of climate change related calamities. The workshop also looked into challenges in effective implementation of environmental regulations that are set for township projects including constructions. For more information, please visit

www.environmentmatters.asia



CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

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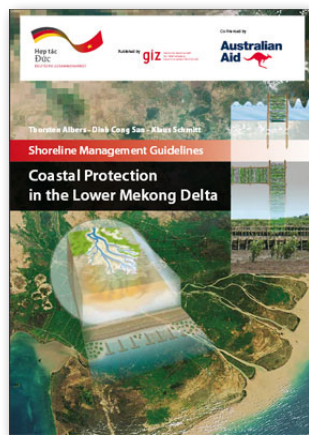
The story behind Nepal's knowledge management centre

This article looks back at how a CDKN project strengthened the core functions of the Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Centre. The article discusses what were learnt and achieved and what more needs to be done. For more information, please visit

http://cdkn.org/2013/12/feature-the-story-behind-nepals-knowledge-management-center/?loclang=en_gb

GUIDELINES

Shoreline Management Guidelines: Coastal Protection in the Lower Mekong Delta

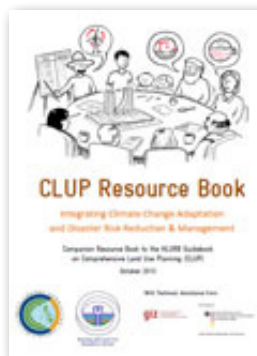


The guidelines enable planners and decision-makers to gain technical knowledge required for selecting site specific and appropriate erosion protection measures in the Lower Mekong Delta. The guidelines also provide an overview of coastal engineering, shoreline and coastal management strategies

and coastal design. For more information, please visit

<http://czm-soctrang.org.vn/Publications/EN/Docs/Shoreline%20Management%20Guidelines%20EN.pdf>

Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Resource Book: Integrating Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction & Management



This Resource Book summarizes the important considerations for climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) in each of the 12 steps required for the CLUP preparation in the Philippines. It includes the theoretical background, guide questions, data needs

and data sources, required analyses, samples from case studies or other available literature, checklists and directories of other appropriate resources. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/clup-resource-book-integrating-climate-change-adaptation-and-disaster-risk-reduction>

Guidance Note 1: Twelve reasons why climate change adaptation M&E is challenging

In this guidance note, SEA Change and the United Kingdom Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP) identify twelve challenges that make monitoring and evaluation of climate change adaptation (CCA) program difficult, and highlight strategies to address each. While most are not unique to CCA, they present a distinctive package of dilemmas that need to be addressed, responding to such question like 'How should we define, measure, and assess the achievements of an adaptation program?'. For more information, please visit

www.seachangecop.org/node/2728

Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) GUIDE: Addressing the barriers to climate investment

This guide from CDKN's Climate Finance Advisory Service summarizes the barriers to financing mitigation and adaptation activities, as well as discussing factors to consider when selecting and implementing financial instruments. The key financial instruments considered in this guide are discussed in relation to the Green Climate Fund, but the lessons are applicable to other channels for climate finance. For more information, please visit

http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/CDKN_GuideFinancialInstruments_final_web-res.pdf

PUBLICATIONS

Economics of Climate Proofing at the Project Level: Two Pacific Case Studies



This work supports ADB's thrust towards developing guidelines for climate adaptation and climate proofing of proposed projects in the Pacific developing member countries, which are extremely vulnerable to climate change, particularly to sea level rise. This study

mainly involved the development of economic models of cost and benefit analysis for the climate proofing of projects under different climate change scenarios, using two ADB-funded road development sector projects in the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste as case studies. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2013/economics-climate-proofing-project-level.pdf>

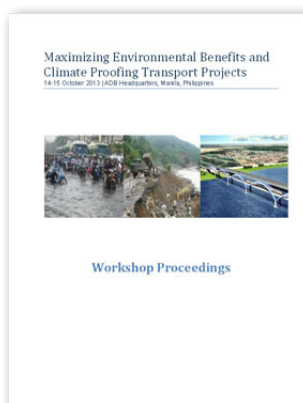
REPORTS

United Nations Climate Change Conference Warsaw, Poland (COP 19/CMP9) 11–23 November 2013

This report provides a summary of expectations and outcomes of, and Asian Development Bank's engagement in, the 19th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 19) to the United Nations (UN) Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that took place in Warsaw, Poland in November 2013. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/in457-13.pdf>

Maximizing Environmental Benefits and Climate Proofing Transport Projects

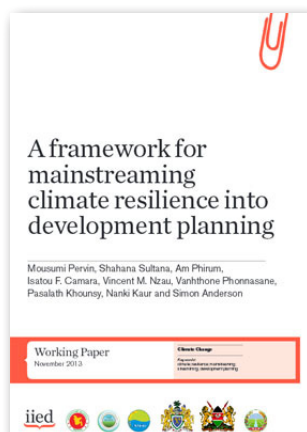


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<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2013/maximizing-environmental-benefits-climate-proofing-transport-projects.pdf>

A framework for mainstreaming climate resilience into development planning



In this unique report, a group of government officials from Asia and Africa put forward an approach to mainstreaming which is based on the reality of what can be achieved. In most cases it is external 'experts' which research and develop recommendations for how to improve the

policy-making process. The report presents the concept of climate resilience mainstreaming and provides a practical instrument for government planners to think through the integration of climate-resilient responses into policy. For more information, please visit

<http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Final-Working-Paper.pdf>

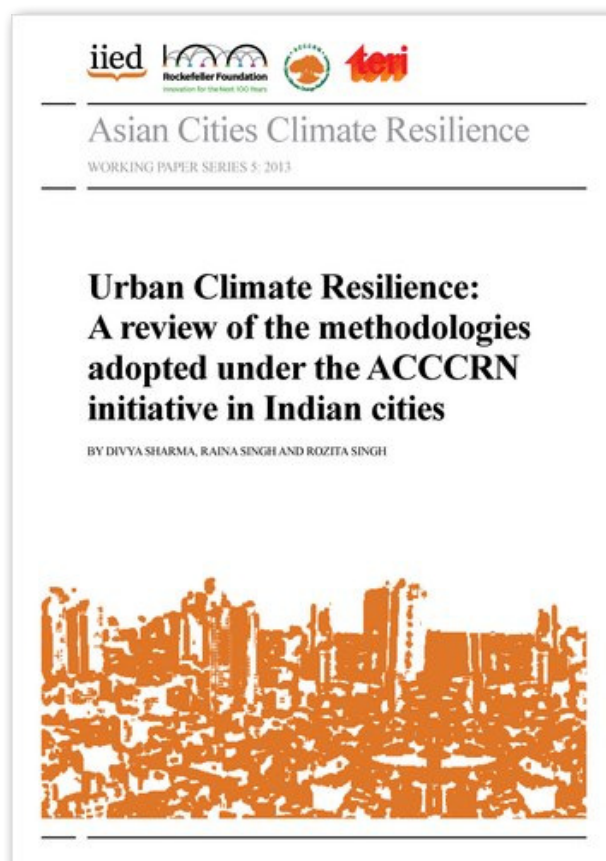
WORKING PAPER

Watershed Development in India: Economic Valuation and Adaptation Considerations

This paper examines how economic valuation can improve our understanding of watershed development and how to overcome challenges related to data collection, valuing direct and indirect benefits, and climate change adaptation. These considerations are explored through an analysis of watershed development and climate change adaptation projects under the partnership between the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR). For more information, visit:

http://www.wri.org/sites/default/files/wsd_in_india_0.pdf

Urban Climate Resilience: A review of the methodologies adopted under the ACCCRN initiative in Indian cities



This paper aims to document and analyze the several methodologies and processes for addressing urban climate resilience that are adopted in the seven Indian Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) cities: Surat, Indore, Gorakhpur, Shimla, Bhubaneswar, Mysore, Guwahati. The paper brings out the inherent challenges, gaps and opportunities in achieving this. For more information, please visit

<http://pubs.iied.org/10650IIED.html>

REFERENCE MATERIALS

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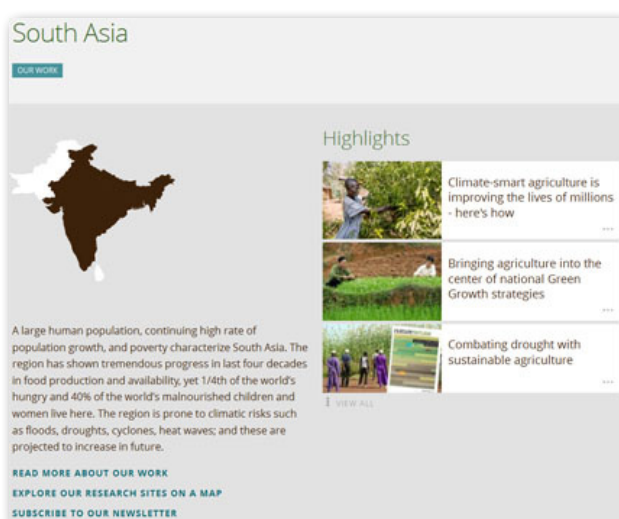
Demonstration of the Ecotown Framework: The Case of San Vicente, Palawan, Philippines

This brochure informs initial results of the Philippine Climate Change Commission's Ecotown Framework Demonstration initiative in San Vicente,

Palawan- a coastal community in the Eastern part of the Philippines. For more information, please visit what were learnt and achieved and what more needs to be done. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/demonstration-ecotown-framework-case-san-vicente-palawan-philippines>

NEWSLETTER

Climate Smart Agriculture Learning Platform, South Asia Newsletter

This newsletter features projects, events and publications of the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security program (CCAFS) undertaken in South Asia by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). For more information, please visit

<http://ccafs.cgiar.org/regions/south-asia>

OPPORTUNITIES

Online course on Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM), February 24 – March 26, 2014

This four-week course introduces concepts, tools and mechanisms to help design and implement community-based disaster risk management programs. The course presents examples of partnership programs, micro-finance schemes, and formal and informal educational approaches that aim at developing a culture of prevention. Further, it underscores the need for greater engagement with people and a better understanding of their risks and resources. On-line registration is open until February 21 through

<http://www.emi-megacities.org/ndrmp-form>

ClimateTechWiki (CTW) Webinar, February 25, 2014

CTW offers a platform for a wide range of stakeholders in developed and developing countries who are involved in technology transfer and the wider context of low emission and low vulnerability development. The goal of the webinar is to inform you about what CTW offers and to learn from you what are ways to promote CTW as a valuable resource and solicit thoughts and feedback for how it could improve. For sign-up, please visit

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/meeting/join/208207493>

Griffith University Coastal Hazard Management Short Course - 2nd Edition -2014, Brisbane, Australia, April 30 - 2 May, 2014

This short course will cover coastal hazard management theory and practice relevant to Australia and the Asia Pacific region. A 5% discount is offered to three or more registrants from the same organization. For registration, please contact the Griffith Centre for Coastal Management, Griffith University (gccm@griffith.edu.au).

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