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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

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

APAN/SPREP Monitoring & Evaluation Workshop on the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC), Apia, Samoa, February 10-12, 2014



The workshop took stock of Pacific Island countries' progresses on the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) that envisions "Pacific island people, their livelihoods and the environment resilient to the risks and impacts of climate change". The workshop also verified the countries' climate change country profiles and raised the awareness of the PIFACC and the new integrated strategy on climate and disaster resilient development for Pacific Island countries. The workshop further enabled the countries to identify needs and challenges in the Pacific that APAN's support should be provided for. For more information, please visit

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/are-we-walking-the-talk-when-it-comes-to-addressing-climate-change>

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

The 4th Annual Environmental Innovators Symposium, Yokohama, Japan, January 15-16, 2014

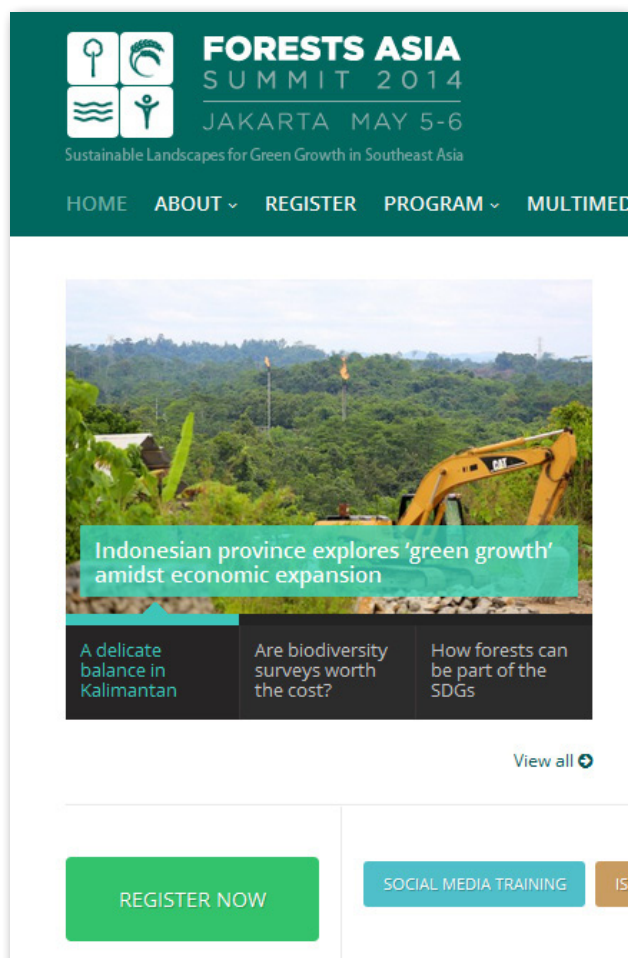


This symposium was organized by Keio University's Environmental Innovators Program, with cooperation from APAN and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). It brought researchers, professionals, community leaders and social entrepreneurs together for two days under the theme: "Embracing Change: Building Resilience with Communities." The symposium covered emerging issues such as renewable energy, post-disaster reconstruction, population dynamics, and social entrepreneurship. Participants also looked to practical issues including how to measure and understand vulnerability, and to consider the tools needed to develop a culture of practice with regard to change. For more information, please visit:

<http://ei.sfc.keio.ac.jp/symposium2014/english>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Forests Asia Summit 2014 – Sustainable Landscapes for Green Growth in Southeast Asia, Jakarta, Indonesia, May 5-6, 2014



The Summit, organised by Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and co-hosted by the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry, is a platform for Southeast Asian Ministers to engage, share and exchange knowledge on how to move towards new green growth pathways for development in the region. The Summit will address issues such as governance and trade and investment opportunities, climate change mitigation and adaptation, livelihoods, sustainable food systems and nutrition. For more information, please visit:

www.cifor.org/forestsasia/

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Fifth Online Course on Responding to Climate Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, March 1 – May 23, 2014



The ongoing online course targets professionals who are relatively new at implementing climate change adaptation initiatives in the agriculture and natural resources sectors. The online course will enable participants to appreciate core concepts and existing methods and tools that allow for effectively responding to climate change threats in agriculture and natural resource management. Lecturers include members of the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change. For more information, visit:

<http://www.searca.org/index.php/knowledge-management/learning-events/natural-resources-management/1288-non-formal-online-course-on-responding-to-climate-risks-in-agriculture-and-natural-resource-management-rcranrm>

Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) in Philippines cities

ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat will start implementing ACCCRN in selected Philippine cities in March 2014. Supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, ACCCRN comes with a tested guide and toolkit to help cities develop local climate change resilience strategies. Initial activities will focus on situational analysis of city's perceived sectoral climate change impacts as well as existing initiatives and response strategies related to climate change. For more information, please visit

www.acccrn.org

National Adaptation Plan (NAP) - Global Support Programme (GSP): Regional Training for Asian Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Pattaya, Thailand, February 17– 20, 2014

This training provided a venue for exchanging experiences on in-country NAP processes among policy makers and technical officials from eight Least Developed Countries (LDCs) from Asia - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Lao PDR, Nepal, and Yemen. The training also facilitated South-South exchange between Asian LDCs, China and Korea on adaptation strategies and planning as well as discussion on African case studies. The training enabled participants to identify strategic areas of support required to advance their NAP processes for the next 18 months, including (1) actions and activities to be undertaken with their own resources (2) activities that require support from NAP-GSP and its partners and (3) activities that will need additional external financial support. For more information, please visit

www.undp-alm.org/nap-regional-training-workshop-asian-ldcs

Training on Geospatial Applications and Analysis for Climate Resiliency, Mitigation, and Adaptation Planning for Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL) Antipolo, Philippines, February 10-11, 2014



The training enabled 25 technical personnel from the Rizal province of the Philippines to increase their knowledge and technical skills in the application of geospatial technology in the context of climate resiliency, mitigation and adaptation. For more information, please visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1871-searca-and-ergons-conduct-training-on-geospatial-applications-and-analysis-for-climate-resiliency-mitigation-and-adaptation>

Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture Sector towards Food Security in Southeast Asia: 10th Policy Roundtable on Building Capacities for Agricultural Competitiveness of Transition Countries in Southeast Asia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, February 6-7, 2014



The Policy Roundtable Series is a regular forum that tackles issues of regional importance, particularly in Southeast Asian countries with transition economies. This year's roundtable improved participants' knowledge on an array of climate change adaptation strategies for agriculture and food security, adaptation mainstreaming approaches and challenges, and appropriate entry points at both policy and implementation levels for integrating adaptation strategies into development plans. For more information, please visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1868-searca-apan-and-maff-partner-to-organize-policy-roundtable-on-mainstreaming-climate-change-adaptation-in-the-agriculture-sector>

Climate Resilience and Green Growth in the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL): Demonstrating the Eco-town Framework, Manila, Philippines, February 4, 2014



The project demonstrated the eco-town framework in the UMRBPL and strengthened the capacity of five local government units in the province of Rizal, Philippines, for mainstreaming green, climate resilient growth options in development planning. The major activities included the conduct of full socioeconomic profiling at the UMRBPL, climate modeling and risk assessment, greenhouse gas inventory and production of GIS maps. For more information, please visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1869-searca-ergons-present-bio-physical-and-vulnerability-assessments-on-the-upper-marikina-river-basin-protected-landscape>

No Impact Week at ADB 2014, Manila, Philippines, February 22 - March 2, 2014

ADB held its 2nd No Impact Week to encourage personnel to transform their work and personal lifestyles to lessen their impact on the planet and our communities. During the week, participants consumed less, produced less trash, and made more sustainable choices in terms of transportation, food, energy use, food and water consumption. For more information, please visit

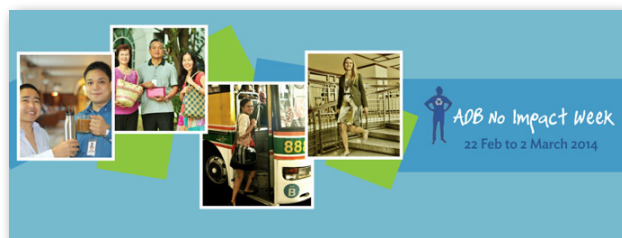
<http://www.adb.org/news/events/no-impact-week-adb-2014?ref=themes/climate-change/events>

Kick-off Workshop on the Promotion of Climate Resilience in Rice and Other Crops, Pattaya, Thailand, January 21-22, 2014

A new project aimed at promoting climate resilience of rice and other crops in the region was launched in January 2014. The project intends to advance the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integrated Food Security and the ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture and Forestry towards Food Security. Resource persons from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam will undertake their respective case studies on climate change impacts of the selected sectors. For more information, please visit:



www.searca.org/index.php/news/1416-searca-atwgard-giz-network-tackle-the-promotion-of-climate-resilience-in-rice-and-other-crops-in-the-asean-region



CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

GUIDELINES

Guidance Note 3: Theory of Change Approach to Climate Change Adaptation Programming

In this guidance note, SEA Change and the United Kingdom Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP) describe the Theory of Change (ToC) approach and explain why it is a good fit for climate change adaptation programming. The note highlights its differences with the more familiar logic model – logical framework ('logframe') approaches – and also shows how they can be used together. The note also guides the readers through the steps of a hypothetical ToC exercise, and explains how to avoid the disadvantages and pitfalls that can occur when applying this model. The note concludes by highlighting a 'real world' example of how one agency has used ToC to enhance its work. For more information, please visit

www.seachangecop.org/node/2933

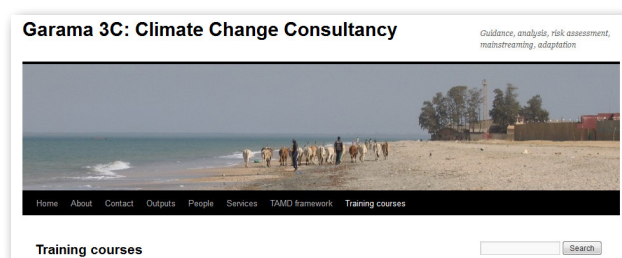


OPPORTUNITIES

Short training courses on Climate Change Adaptation, Norwich, United Kingdom

Garama 3C offers short professional training courses on 'Climate Change Adaptation & Mainstreaming for Development Professionals' and 'Monitoring & Evaluation for Adaptation'. The detailed information on the courses, dates and costs can be found at

www.garama.co.uk/training/



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