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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

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability – report from Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

The 10th Session of Working Group II (WGII-10) was held from 25 to 29 March 2014 in Yokohama, Japan. At the Session, the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (WGII AR5) was approved and the underlying scientific and technical assessment accepted. The report said that the effects of climate change are already occurring on all continents and across the oceans. The world, in many cases, is ill-prepared for risks from a changing climate. The report also concluded that there are opportunities to respond to such risks, though the risks will be difficult to manage with high levels of warming. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ipcc-wg2.gov/AR5/>

Workshop: Renewing commitment to climate-smart sustainable development goals (SDGs), Jakarta, Indonesia, March 19, 2014

Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) organized a workshop aimed at exploring the linkages between climate change and the post 2015 sustainable goals agenda.

Given the expiry date of the millennium development goals (MDGs) is approaching in 2015, the global development community seeks to identify a suitable successor to the MDGs, most likely in the form of SDGs. A large group of policy-makers, academics and civil society members attended the workshop for a challenging discussion on how to design a post 2015 development agreement which mainstreams climate change. For more information, please visit:

<http://cdkn.org/2014/04/feature-renewing-commitment-to-climate-smart-sdgs-in-indonesia/>

National Consultative Meetings for the ASEAN Network on Promoting Climate Resilience of Rice and Other Crops, Philippines (February 17, 2014), Cambodia (February 21, 2014), Lao PDR (February 21, 2014) and Vietnam (March 11, 2014)

The country meetings aimed to:

- (1) Identify areas where there are climate change vulnerable elements in the supply of rice and other crops;
- (2) Identify good practice case studies for climate adaptation of rice and other crops; and
- (3) Use the lessons from these case studies to stimulate and spread meaningful adaptation responses across the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region.

The meetings are part of the regional initiative of the ASEAN Technical Working Group in Agriculture and Research Development supported by the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) funded German-ASEAN Program on Climate Change (GAP-CC). For more information about each country meeting, please visit the following links.

- Philippines:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1923-searca-and-philippine-atwgard-facilitates-first-national-consultation-for-the-asean-network-on-promoting-climate-resilience-of-rice-and-other-crops>

- Cambodia:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1924-asean-giz-searca-and-cardi-convene-national-consultative-meeting-on-promotion-of-climate-resilience-of-rice-and-other-crops-in-cambodia>

- Lao PDR:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1925-searca-and-nafri-spearhead-laos-1st-national-consultative-meeting-under-the-gap-cc-project>

Mangrove crabs helping Palau adapt to climate change



PACC Palau team with members of the Palau Aquaculture Farmers Association during a recent crablet handover

A new climate change adaptation strategy - community rearing of mangrove crabs - is taking off in Palau under the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) project. The primary purpose of the project is to improve food security in the small island nation through crab farming for their own food consumption as well as for selling to hotels and restaurants in the country. This will further help farmers raise incomes as well as tackle the over-reliance on imported foods. Moreover, the project has seen a 'spill-over' conservation effect; in 2013, the hatchery released nearly 400,000 crablets into the ocean in an attempt to boost mangrove crab populations. For more information, please visit

<https://www.sprep.org/climate-change/mangrove-crabs-helping-palau-adapt-to-climate-change>

Training on Economic Valuation for Climate Change Resilience and Green Growth: Benefit-Cost Analysis of Integrated Natural Resource Management in Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL), Los Baños, Philippines, February 20-21, 2014



The training aimed to strengthen the knowledge and capacity of key technical staff of the local government units of Antipolo City, Rodriguez, and Tanay and the Protected Area Management Board members for integrating economic variables in climate-resilient natural resource management. For more information, please visit

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1926-searca-conducts-adb-and-ccc-sponsored-training-on-economic-valuation-for-climate-change-resilience-and-green-growth-in-upper-marikina>

Training on Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Communities and Local Government Units (LGUs), Antipolo City, Philippines, March 13-14, 2014



The training engaged the participants from Local Government Units LGUs of Rodriguez, San Mateo, Tanay, Baras and Antipolo City to discuss climate change adaptation and to enable the participants to identify and prioritize adaptation options that are appropriate for their localities. For more information, please visit

<http://www.searca.org/index.php/news/1456-eco-town-project-concludes-adaptive-capacity-training>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

GUIDE

CDKN Guide: What does it take to mainstream disaster risk management in key sectors?

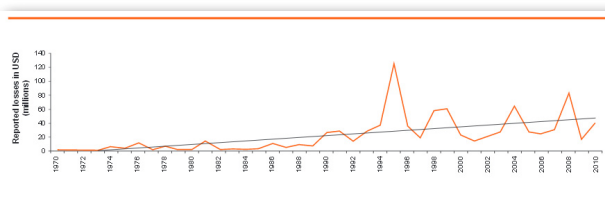
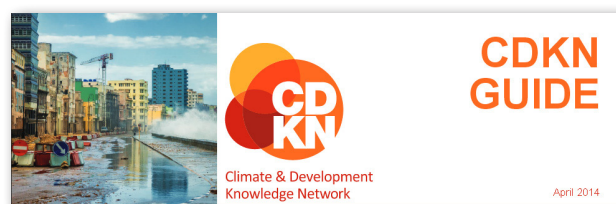


Figure 1: Economic losses due to all types of disasters in Asia and Pacific, 1970-2009
Source: UNISCAP/UNISDR (2012) **

This guide explores why mainstreaming disaster risk management (DRM) into development policy has had widely varying results between countries, drawing on the experience of CDKN's programs on climate-related disaster risk management within the context of climate compatible development. The guide attempts to delve beneath the surface of mainstreaming and identify the ways forward for integrating short- and long-term considerations for disaster risk reduction in important development sectors. For more information, please visit

http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/CDKN_Guide_Mainstreaming_dr_management_final_rev_web-res.pdf

OPINION

CDKN Opinion: How to win the argument on climate change: a five-point plan

This paper offers a five-point plan on how to win the public and policy argument on climate change; a plan is necessary because climate change policy is contested and has winners and losers. The five points are:

1. Find a simple way to tell the story. The key is to simplify high-level scientific analysis and find a way to make personal connections, using images, facts and figures;
2. Create a positive message on the transformational benefits of taking action. Actions can be taken to avoid disasters and exploit the potential of climate-induced changes in the world economy. Emphasizing the positive impacts, especially on poor people's livelihoods, can create positive messages from these actions.
3. Craft a policy package that aids transition and helps losers. This requires careful analysis of winners and losers, and of the sequencing of reform; packages should then be designed to protect the welfare of those affected by policy.
4. Build a leadership group that will deliver a long-term consensus. The group can include: parliament, think tanks, and climate-specific multi-stakeholder processes involving governments, the private sector and civil society.
5. Focus relentlessly on implementation. New lessons are emerging on how to set high-level objectives, monitor progress over time and set up processes that break bottlenecks.

For more information, please visit

http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Simon-Maxwell-OpinionPaper_Final_WEB.pdf

REPORT

CDKN Working Paper: How to scale-out community-based adaptation to climate change

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:

http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/CDKN_Working_Paper_community_adaption_Final_web-res.pdf

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