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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

4th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1-3 October 2014

APAN is organizing its flagship 4th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum, under the theme *New Partnerships for Resilient Development: Government, Business and Society*. The Forum aims to help participants from all levels of government and in business and society become more effective in addressing the challenges of development in a changing climate. The Forum will focus on adaptation actors and how they collaborate to form partnerships and networks for resilient development. The Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forums are among the biggest climate adaptation events in the region. Three previous Adaptation Forums have been organised since 2010. Registration details about the Forum will be available soon on the APAN web portal:

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/>

Email Discussion: The APAN Exchange Series on Climate Change Adaptation – Bringing Realistic Adaptation Financing into the NAP Process, discussion closes 11 June 2014

Dr. Peter King is asking key questions for The 4th Exchange Series on Climate Change Adaptation, focusing on the need for realistic financing to be built into the NAP process under the UNFCCC. Dr. King is the Adaptation Project Preparation and Finance Team Leader for the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project. He is also the Senior Policy Advisor at the IGES Regional Centre based in Bangkok, Thailand. To participate in the discussion, please email: the-exchange@adapt-asia.org. This Exchange ends 11 June 2014. Previous Exchanges are available [here](#). The Exchange Series on Climate Change Adaptation is a facilitated knowledge exchange and open discussion among members of APAN's community of practice. It is managed by the APAN Knowledge Management Team and supported by the [USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project](#).

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Disaster Preparedness Forum 2014, Manila, Philippines, 22 July 2014



The second annual Disaster Preparedness Forum hosted by CSR Asia and sponsored by the Prudence Foundation aims to explore and discuss opportunities for cooperation on disaster recovery with a focus on building capacities well before a disaster occurs. The business sector has much to contribute in helping improve the speed and effectiveness of disaster recovery and building more resilient communities, small businesses and local economies. The forum will also shed light on business opportunities offered through such engagements. For more details and to register, please visit: www.csr-asia.com/dpforum2014/

CSR Asia Summit 2014, Hong Kong, China, 16-17 September 2014



This year's Summit will have a focused session on disaster preparedness. Against the background of increasing damages and losses from recurrent disasters in the region, the session discusses the need for more strategic private sector contributions that help meet community needs and business objectives. For more information and registration, please visit: www.csr-asia.com/summit2014/

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Live Online Chat - Supporting Women's Contribution to the Fight against Climate Change

Practitioners from various countries shared their experiences in accessing climate finance for gender responsive projects. Panelists shared their lessons learned from an ADB mitigation project and suggested the need for a more systematic and ambitious approach to auditing climate projects and finance flows. The participants discussed the recent developments in the climate finance landscape in anticipation of a new gender responsive Green Climate Fund and what role Multilateral Development Banks such as ADB could play to make climate finance work for women. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/news/events/live-online-chat-supporting-womens-contribution-fight-against-climate-change?ref=themes/climate-change/events>

Technical Assistance on Climate Resilience and Green Growth in Critical Watersheds Project, May 5, 2014 – October 31, 2016

The technical assistance will create plans for green growth and resilience in three critical watersheds in the Philippines by considering five dimensions:

- (1) economic development;
- (2) resilience to climate change;
- (3) biodiversity, ecosystems, and social development;
- (4) greenhouse gas emissions; and
- (5) poverty alleviation.

Through this project, it is expected that the national agencies and participating local government units will remain committed to implementing locally appropriate measures for green growth and resilience, and integrate them into local development plans. For more information, visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/2024-japan-funds-new-ccc-and-adb-project-on-climate-resilience-and-green-growth-in-critical-watersheds-in-the-philippines>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Impact of Climate Change on the Philippine Rice Sector: Supply/Demand Projections and Policy



This project aims to develop a modeling framework for assessing the effects and impacts of climate change and climate variability on rice production in the Philippines. Specifically, the project analyzes location-specific climate risks in relation to the rice production situation by province and assesses the suite of climate change adaptation measures in rice production. A focus group discussion was conducted in March to discuss the project's initial findings. For more information, visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1962-searca-conducts-fgd-on-impacts-of-climate-change-on-the-philippine-rice-sector>

Second Philippine National Consultative Meeting for the ASEAN Network on Promoting Climate Resilience of Rice and Other Crops, Los Baños, Philippines, April 14, 2014



The consultative meeting is one of the key national-level activities that supports regional initiatives of the ASEAN Technical Working Group in Agriculture and Research Development (ATWGARD). The meeting aimed to present the initial findings and outputs of the case study on climate change related threats and impacts, as well as best practices on climate change adaptation, focusing on rice and maize in the Philippines. For more information, please visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/1963-giz-searca-and-da-bar-conduct-2nd-national-consultative-meeting-for-the-asean-network-on-promoting-climate-resilience-of-rice-and-other-crops>

A new water system for over 2,000 residents launched in Hihifo, Tonga

The Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Project in Tonga has brought about a new water supply system in the Hihifo District with the objective to strengthen the capacity to supply and store water and to better able to manage the demand and use of water. Before the project implementation, 95% of the village population received water supply with low water pressure providing water only in the mornings and at night. Now, over 2,000 residents in Hihifo have access to water at all times of the day. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/his-majesty-king-tupou-vi-launches-new-water-system-for-hihifo-district>

New reservoir increases water security on Majuro, the Marshall Islands

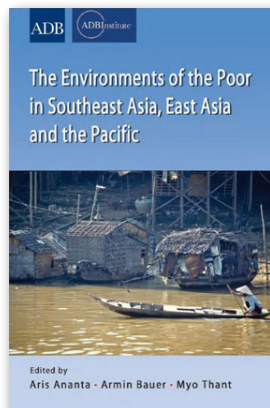
Majuro, the main atoll in the Marshall Islands, witnessed the opening of its newly renovated reservoir in April. The opening represented the culmination of several years' work by the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) project, which aimed at increasing the resilience of the atoll nation to climate change impacts. The reservoir, which is the major source of freshwater for the 28,000 people of Majuro, now has both increased capacity and measures to reduce evaporation loss, meaning that the island's water supply is much more resilient to the periodic droughts suffered by the country. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/new-reservoir-increases-water-security-on-majuro>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

BOOK

The Environments of the Poor in Southeast Asia, East Asia and the Pacific



This book introduces a spatial approach to poverty, and argues that a triple win -- reducing poverty, protecting the environment, and responding to climate change -- is possible. The book provides evidence from Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific as a basis for recommending triple-win development

policies. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2014/environments-of-poor-southeast-asia.pdf>

GUIDE

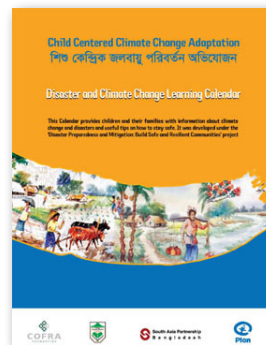
Tip Sheet: Gender-Inclusive Disaster Risk Management



The Gender Tip Sheets are a reference guide for staff and consultants of ADB and its developing members for conceptualizing, designing, and implementing gender inclusive projects. This issue focuses on the critical role of women in disaster risk management. For more information, please visit:

http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/gender-inclusive-disaster-risk-management_0.pdf

Disaster and Climate Change Learning Calendar



This colorful and informative Calendar provides children and their families with information about climate change and disasters and useful tips on how to stay safe. The material can be used both in a classroom and for peer to peer education with the objective to raise awareness

of climate change among students. This Calendar was developed under the 'Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation: Build Safe and Resilient Communities' project implemented by Plan International Bangladesh, Dhaka Ahasania Mission and South Asia Partnership Bangladesh. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/disaster-and-climate-change-learning-calendar>

FILM

Climate Compatible Development - Voices for Change

This film provides expert opinions from around the world on the progress being made toward climate compatible development on a daily basis. It discusses the key objectives of climate compatible development: to provide jobs, improve access to healthcare and education, while addressing climate related impacts and improving climate resilience and low carbon development. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/05/cdkn-in-conversation-the-global-team/?loclang=en_gb

FILM

**It's Getting Hot in Here
(Vietnamese with English
Subtitles)**

This animated short film has been to spread awareness on climate change. The film covers three topics: the basic science behind global warming; the effects of climate change on the environment; and the steps people can take to reduce the negative effects. It is suitable for children and classroom use, but can be enjoyed by people of all ages. For watching the film, please visit:

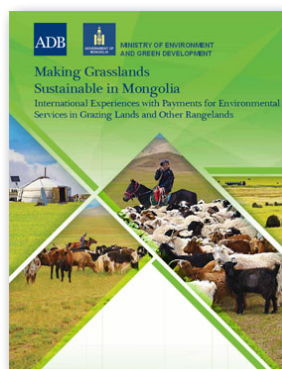
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7wzcJ0-E5w>

**Action Research - Child
Centered Climate Change
Adaptation in Northern
Thailand**

As part of Plan International's Child centered climate change adaptation (4CA) project in Thailand, children and youth in Chiang Rai, Thailand participate in an action research to find out how climate change and disasters affect their hill tribe community in the mountains of Northern Thailand. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=336pZ46p94M>

REPORT

**Making Grasslands Sustainable
in Mongolia: International
Experiences with Payments for
Environmental Services in Grazing
Lands and Other Rangelands**

This report identifies potential financing mechanisms that the Government of Mongolia and relevant stakeholders can potentially adopt and incorporate into their specific climate change and environmental strategies and plans. The report explains the types

of environmental services and provides information on existing payments for environmental services schemes in Mongolia and internationally as well as recommendations for implementation of payments for environmental services. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2014/mongolia-making-grasslands-sustainable-environmental-services.pdf>

**Central and West Asia Working
Paper Series: Climate Change
and Sustainable Water
Management in Central Asia**

This report shows the results of the research on Water and Adaptation Interventions in Central and West Asia, combining field observations with sophisticated satellite-based data and created models to demonstrate the impacts of climate change on the hydrology of the Aral Sea Basin. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2014/cwa-wp-005.pdf>

REPORT

Addressing heat-related health risks in urban India: Ahmedabad's Heat Action Plan

This report, one of Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)'s Inside stories on climate compatible development, looks at how the city of Ahmedabad in Western India is preparing for the increasingly extreme heat of the city, through an early warning system and heat preparedness plan. Ahmedabad is the first city in South Asia to comprehensively address the health threats of extreme heat. For more information, please visit:

<http://cdkn.org/2014/05/addressing-heat-related-risk-india/>

Integrating climate change concerns into disaster management planning: The case of Gorakhpur, India

This case study describes how an action research programme on climate mainstreaming is currently addressing a considerable increase in the intensity and frequency of floods that Gorakhpur District has faced. The study looks at how the programme was developed, what factors have contributed to its success, and evaluates how the programme might inspire other local governments in a similar position. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/05/integrating-climate-change-into-disaster-planning-gorakhpur/?loclang=en_gb

Integrating urban agriculture and forestry into climate change action plans: Lessons from Sri Lanka

This case study illustrates how the Western Province in Sri Lanka, the most urbanised province in the country, is promoting urban and peri-urban agriculture and forestry as a strategy to reduce vulnerability to climate change, while at the same time enhancing urban livability and livelihoods. For more information, please visit:

<http://cdkn.org/2014/05/report-integrating-urban-agriculture-and-forestry-into-climate-change-action-plans-lessons-from-sri-lanka/>

LDC Briefing: NAPAs and NAPs in Least Developed Countries

This brief summarizes the differences and similarities between NAPAs and NAPs; activities that can be funded under the NAP process based on the existing priorities and circumstances of LDCs, including “no-regret” measures and the integration of NAPs into national development

plans and strategies; NAP financial and technical support; and NAP monitoring and evaluation. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/LDC-briefing_NAPs.pdf

Climate and Development Outlook – Bangladesh Special Edition

The special edition features how Bangladesh should focus on putting its substantial climate policies into action; different drivers for, and types of, climate-related migration and the opportunities and challenges it provides; an overview of the extensive activity around community-based adaptation in Bangladesh; a feature on the Government's international leadership in addressing climate-related loss and damage and CDKN's technical support to this work program. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/05/report-climate-and-development-outlook-bangladesh-special-edition/?loclang=en_gb

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Climate and Development Outlook – Nepal Special Edition

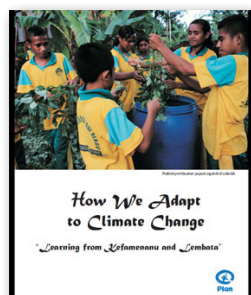
The special edition provide an overview of CDKN's training programme to increase the capacity of Nepali climate negotiators; a study to assess the economic impacts of climate change on Nepal's key sectors such as agriculture and water; the Government of Nepal's work to strengthen knowledge management on key climate change areas. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/04/report-new-climate-and-development-outlook-nepal-special-edition-now-available/?loclang=en_gb

Economic impact assessment of climate change for key sectors in Nepal

This report assesses how climate change will affect key economic sectors in Nepal such as agriculture, water and energy. This study estimates the potential impacts and economic costs of climate change for three major risk areas, i.e. agriculture, hydroelectricity and water-induced disasters, and identifies climate compatible development options to address these. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/05/report-economic-impact-assessment-of-climate-change-for-key-sectors-in-nepal/?loclang=en_gb

How We Adapt to Climate Change: Learning from Kefamenau and Lembata

This booklet shares 17 stories about how children and community members from Kefamenanu and Lembata in Indonesia have benefitted from their participations in the Plan International's Child centered Community Adaptation Project (4CA). The

4CA project fosters safer and resilient communities in which children and young people contribute to managing and reducing the risks associated with climate change. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/how-we-adapt-climate-change-learning-kefamenau-and-lembata-indonesia>

Operational Plan for Integrated Disaster Risk Management 2014-2020

The Operational Plan for Integrated Disaster Risk Management, 2014–2020 seeks to strengthen disaster resilience in the developing member countries of ADB. The operational plan has three key objectives

- to promote an integrated disaster risk management approach in ADB's operations;
- to strengthen ADB's developing member country integrated disaster risk management capabilities, knowledge, and resources; and
- to mobilize additional public and private partnerships and resources for integrated disaster risk management.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/documents/operational-plan-integrated-disaster-risk-management-2014-2020?ref=themes/climate-change/publication>

Development Asia May 2014 - From Aceh to Tacloban: Lessons from a Decade of Disaster

This magazine features the perspective of the President Benigno Aquino III of the Philippines on what else needs to happen to reduce risks in one of Asia's most disaster-affected countries. Also, the magazine shares exclusive insights of ADB President Takehiko Nakao into how the

region's economic growth could suffer unless it acts collectively on disaster risk. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2014/devasia16.pdf>

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