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Welcome to the platform that gives you up-to-date information on climate change adaptation activities happening in the region. This monthly newsletter is brought to you by APAN – a leading climate change adaptation network working across the Asia-Pacific region. Through this E-Communique and other activities, APAN is mobilizing knowledge and building capacities for climate resilience.

We are happy to spotlight your climate change adaptation activities, announcements, events and new initiatives. To be featured in our newsletter, all you have to do is send a brief write-up and a web link to info@asiapacificadapt.net

APAN ANNOUNCEMENT

APAN-ICLEI Regional Training Workshop “Resilience Building in River Basin Management” 19-20 November 2014, Marikina City, Philippines

As a continuation of the ICLEI-APAN’s capacity-building efforts in addressing needs in Southeast Asia, this training workshop will be held during the “Reviving Rivers, Rebuilding Civilization: 2nd International River Summit” on 19-21 November 2014 in Marikina City, Philippines. The workshop aims to build capacity on integrating climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction into government policies, programs, and projects in the context of river management. For more information, visit: <http://seas.iclei.org/index.php?id=2653>

APAN'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

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

The United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia Pacific, the Institute of Global Environmental Strategies, the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific at the Asian Institute of Technology, the Stockholm Environment Institute and other partners co-organized the 4th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum that held on 1-3 October in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the aegis of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN). Hosted by the Office of the Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia and with technical support from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative, the Forum was a venue to identify new adaptation solutions across the region and it contributed to the "Science to Action Programme" of Malaysia, inspired by the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The Forum was attended by Ministerial-level participants from Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Japan and Indonesia as well as the UN Resident Coordinator of Malaysia. Additionally, over 500 adaptation practitioners and high-level participants from business, research and civil society from the region were in attendance. The Forum was widely covered by international and national media. During the event, the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy of Sri Lanka formally expressed interest to host the Adaptation Forum 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2014>

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ADAPTATION NETWORK

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

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Over **500 climate change adaptation practitioners** joined public and private sector officials and top experts at the 4th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum in October 2014.

With **over 150 speakers and 30 sessions**, the Forum is among the **biggest climate change adaptation events in the region**. Three Forums have been co-organised by the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) since 2010.

Explore this site to find out more.

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Panel presentation files are being uploaded here [▶](#)

Inter-Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Ecosystem-based Approach to Adaptation and Accessing Adaptation Finance, 30 September – 3 October 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The GEF-funded Ecosystem-based Adaptation through South-South Cooperation (EBA-SSC) project conducted an inter-regional training workshop on accessing climate change adaptation finance and mainstreaming ecosystem-based approach to adaptation (EBA), under the project's component on inter-regional coordination and capacity building for developing countries to plan and implement EBA. The workshop was attended by 30 stakeholders representing eleven countries from Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific and several international organizations. The key learnings from this workshop included new knowledge on the importance of mainstreaming EBA, new means of accessing adaptation finance, developing a concept note for EBA project, and understanding the concept of cost-benefit analysis for EBA related projects.

For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2014/inter-regional-training-workshop-accessing-climate-change-adaptation-finance-and-mainstreaming>



Regional Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Evaluation, 30 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The training was hosted by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea and co-organized by Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change / Korea Environment Institute and APAN, in conjunction with the Adaptation Forum 2014. The training aimed to improve the capacity of national and local authorities, practitioners and stakeholders in their adaptation planning for climate change and the evaluation of their current planning and implementing tools. Over 30 invited practitioners and resource persons from 15 countries attended the event. The participants agreed that limited knowledge on M&E is a main obstacle to advance national climate change adaptation efforts and that appropriate evaluation can help level the gap between environmental and economic benefits of adaptation, and provide useful tools for decision makers. For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/cca-evaluation>



Loss and Damages Workshop, 30 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Loss and Damage Workshop held on 30 September 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was hosted by the Asia-Pacific Network on Global Change Research (APN) and organized by the international Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). It attracted a wide range of participants from practitioners, researchers, government officials, advisors, and academics from all across the region. The workshop not only helped to introduce the large-scale initiative by APN to fund disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and loss and damage in the Asia Pacific but also created a platform for participants to discuss their upcoming research projects. For more information, visit: www.lossanddamageforum.org

APAN Photo Contest 2014 – The Results



APAN challenged photographers in the Asia-Pacific to take their best shot and show: “How do you see climate change adaptation in your life?” This is APAN’s first-ever photo contest conducted to increase awareness of climate change adaptation to wider stakeholders: students, media, and the general public. The APAN Photo Contest, which began in 28 July 2014, drew 371 photos from around 140 photographers across the Asia-Pacific region. To view the winning photos, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2014/photo-contest>

Asia-Pacific Youth Forum and Training Workshop 2014: Adaptation in the Mountains: Issues and Gaps beyond Boundaries, 21-24 September 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal

This four-day youth forum and training workshop brought together 47 young professionals from 17 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. The young professionals were provided a platform to interact with high-level bureaucrats, youth leaders, researchers, thought process leaders and tech innovators from the region working in the area of climate change adaptation and green technologies.

For more information, visit: <http://www.icimod.org/?q=14861>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

International Conference on Climate Change Innovation and Resilience for Sustainable Livelihood, 12-15 January 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal



This international conference will focus on the approaches from the physical and social sciences to support economic development in both mountain and lowland South Asia region. The aim of the conference is to stress innovative applications of scientific and technical research to promote rural enterprise and broad-based improvements in health, nutrition and living standards. The conference will attract scientists, government officials, policy makers, and development workers in nonprofit and profit organizations.

For more information, visit www.climdev15.org

Mountain People Adapting to Change: Solutions Beyond Boundaries Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice, 9-12 November 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal

This international conference will bring together over 200 experts and stakeholders from around the world which includes government officials and dignitaries from the Hindu Kush Himalayan Region. The aim of this conference is to strengthen links, further promote knowledge sharing as well as explore holistic solutions for adaptation that transcend political, sectoral and national boundaries. The conference will focus on current adaption science, adaptation policies and action, innovative and good adaptation practices and solutions from Hindu Kush Himalayan region, and the way forward for adaptation in this region.

For more information, visit <http://www.icimod.org/adapthkh>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

National Conference on Climate Resilient Coastal Cities, 10 Oct 2014, New Delhi, India

The conference focused on generating awareness and initiating dialogue on climate change issues and climate resilience planning of coastal cities in developing countries. It was attended by practitioners, academicians, multilateral/bilateral organizations, stakeholders from state governments, peer organizations, and, networks working in the field of climate resilience and cities. At the conference, participants shared the outcomes and experiences from a year-long study entitled 'Climate Resilient Infrastructure Services'. The aim of the study was to assess the impact of sea-level rise on the infrastructure and assets in the cities of Panaji, Goa and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Three reports were released at this conference:

- 1.) Case Study Brief Panaji – <http://www.teriin.org/eventdocs/files/Case-Study-Panaji.pdf>
- 2.) Case Study Brief Visakhapatnam- <http://www.teriin.org/eventdocs/files/Case-Study-Vishakhapatnam.pdf>
- 3.) Working paper, "Planning for Climate Resilient Coastal Learnings from Panaji and Visakhapatnam"- <http://www.teriin.org/eventdocs/files/Working-Paper-climate-resilient.pdf>

For more information, visit: http://www.teriin.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=details&id=722&Itemid=110

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Workshop on Integrated Flood Management with Focus on Coastal Zones of Bangladesh: Development of a Pilot Project on Coastal Flood Management in Selected Areas of Bangladesh, 24-25 October 2014, Dhaka, Bangladesh

A national consultation workshop was held on 24-25 October 2014 in Dhaka, Bangladesh under the title "Integrated Flood Management with Focus on Coastal Zones of Bangladesh: Development of a Pilot Project on Coastal Flood Management in Selected Areas of Bangladesh". The workshop aimed to gather parties involved in the management of coastal areas in Bangladesh, with the ultimate goal of implementing a pilot project on integrated coastal flood management. Some key issues discussed include: the exclusion of women in decision-making; the limited coordination between metrological and hydrological services; and the inadequate drainage of polders leading to water logging. A pilot project will be developed with backstopping from the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP) - Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM). Photos are available [here](http://www.apfm.info/?p=3440). For more information, visit: <http://www.apfm.info/?p=3440>



Training: Removing barriers towards climate change adaptation in Central Asia, 25-26 of September 2014, Almaty, Kazakhstan

On 25-26 of September 2014, a two-day regional practical training aimed at removing barriers towards climate change adaptation in Central Asia was conducted in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Around 30 young professionals, dealing with environmental issues (water, agriculture, waste energy, etc.) from all countries of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan) coming from governmental agencies, NGOs, private sector and academia participated in the training. The training provided an essential platform to exchange experiences and information between stockholders. During the training, participants reviewed the climate change challenges emerging in socio-economic and environment sectors in each country of Central Asia and developed skills to formulate adaptation plans, as well as identify barriers hampering the progress of the development sectors towards resilience and adaptation to climate change impacts. For more information, visit: <http://www.carecnet.org/2014/10/02/klimaticheskij-risk-etone-tolko-ugroza-okrzhayushhej-srede/>

Photo Essays from the Pacific: The Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Initiative supported by SPREP and UNDP, and other projects

Pacific Island Countries (PICs) are benefiting from the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Initiative supported by Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as well as projects supported by other development partners. A series of photo essays were developed to highlight how some PICs are building climate resilience and reducing vulnerabilities. To view these stories, visit: <https://undp.exposure.co/providing-a-safe-haven>; <https://undp.exposure.co/pacc-fiji>; <https://undp.exposure.co/pacc-tuvalu>; <https://undp.exposure.co/af-solomon-islands>; <https://undp.exposure.co/coast-to-coast>; <https://undp.exposure.co/mobility-matters>; http://asia-pacific.undp.org/content/rbap/en/home/ourwork/environmentandenergy/successstories/Protecting_drinking_water_from_drought_and_sealevel_rise/

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

Climate & Development Outlook – India Special Edition

This publication shares news of projects across the diverse and climate-affected country of India. Many of the projects in the country focus on building climate resilience and disaster risk management, particularly amongst vulnerable populations. The publication has been developed to provide decision-makers in India with the best knowledge on climate change and development to further design and deliver climate compatible development.

For more information, visit: http://cdkn.org/resource/outlook-climate-development-outlook-india-special-edition/?loclang=en_gb

Disaster Risk Management in Asia and the Pacific



Drawing from authors' extensive regional experience in disaster risk management and climate change, this book studies key trends in the Asia-Pacific region in terms of disaster incidence, sources of vulnerability and social and economic challenges.

This book uses two international frameworks—the Millennium Development Goals and the Hyogo Framework for Action, a program focused on disaster risk management—to study the key trends. As both frameworks draw to a close, international debate is taking place during the period 2012–2015 on their current progress. This book seeks to help readers understand the process better.

For more information, visit: <http://www.adb.org/publications/disaster-risk-management-asia-and-pacific?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

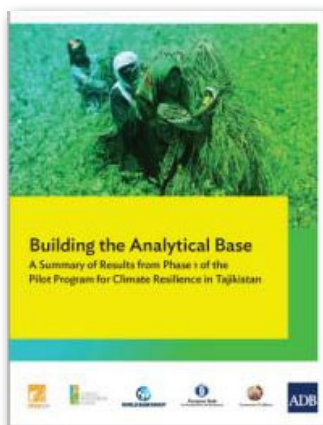
REPORTS

Technical Report: Current Trends in Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture in Southeast Asia

This report by SEARCA or the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture consolidates and synthesizes current adaptation interventions and identifies critical intervention gaps. The report aims to provide a critical review of the overall landscape of available knowledge on climate change adaptation in agriculture in the region and could serve as basis for sound decision making. From this study, it was observed that both autonomous and planned adaptation measures have been implemented all over Southeast Asia; however there is a need to transform reactive efforts to proactive undertakings. Based on the analysis, the report also provides research areas and key policy recommendations enhancing the Southeast Asian agriculture sector's resilience to climate change.

For more information, visit: <http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-showcases-5/other-publications/2138-technical-report-current-trends-in-climate-change-adaptation-in-agriculture-in-southeast-asia>

OPPORTUNITIES

**Building the Analytical Base:
A Summary of Results from
Phase 1 of the Pilot Program
for Climate Resilience in
Tajikistan**

The Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) is a global initiative to help put countries on a climate-resilient development path that is consistent with poverty reduction and sustainable development goals. In Tajikistan, it is being implemented in two

phases and covers six priority investment areas. This report provides an overview of the technical assistance under PPCR's phase 1 completed in 2010. Phase 1 looks at hydroclimate modeling, the energy sector, sustainable land management approaches and measuring of adaptive capacity and raising awareness in Tajikistan to determine level of climate resilience. The report also reviews the investment package/framework for phase 2 of the project.

For more information, visit: <http://www.adb.org/publications/building-analytical-base-summary-results-phase-1-pilot-program-climate-resilience-tajikistan?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

**Call for Teams: Global
Resilience Challenge**

The three-stage competitive grant process will bring together multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary teams to identify and help solve the toughest obstacles to building resilience for population in Sahel, the Horn of Africa, and South and Southeast Asia. Teams that are selected to advance to the subsequent stages of the challenge will collaborate to build and implement bold and innovative solutions that overcome the identified barriers. The overall aim of the challenge is to understand and improve the regional vulnerabilities, strengths, and interdependencies while fostering collaboration, increasing capacity and building resilience on a large scale. The deadline for the first stage of the process is on 19-21 November 2014.

For more information, visit: <http://www.globalresiliencepartnership.org/#global-resilience-challenge>

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