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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 Report: Emerging Climate Change Adaptation Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region



APAN members produced a report to address pertinent and relevant issues in the region. This report aims to raise awareness and build the capacity of policymakers to adapt to climate change. The report highlights emerging priority issues at the national and sub-regional levels in addition to major developments, the latest policies and strategies, new institutional support frameworks, and analysis of key studies within APAN. The chapters of this report address aspects of planning climate adaptation projects, seeking and mobilising funds, and implementing adaptation in Asia-Pacific sub-regions or within climate-sensitive sectors.

To access the full report, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/emerging-climate-change-adaptation-issues-asia-pacific-region>

The APAN Exchange Series – “Effective Capacity Building for Accessing Climate Finance”

For the 10th APAN Exchange, Dr. Peter King, Adaptation Project Preparation and Finance Senior Advisor for the *USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific* project teamed up with Dr. Piyachatr Pradubraj, USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific’s Regional Technical Coordinator to engage APAN community members in a robust email-based discussion. Dr. Pradubraj runs *a successful program* that supports government officials get training so that they can develop better adaptation proposals and access financing. In this discussion, they raised key questions focusing on “Effective Capacity Building for Accessing Climate Finance”.

For the full transcript of the discussion, visit: <http://asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/10th-exchange-series>

Workshop on Advancing National Adaptation Planning Asia-Pacific: Aligning national, local and sectoral initiatives for maximum impacts, 2015, 29-30 October, 2015, Pattaya, Thailand



The workshop brought together 46 participants who are in charge of NAP process and actions in different sectors. The aim of the workshop was to share lessons on successful stakeholder coordination experiences from countries, to understand the process of integration and mainstreaming of the NAP process at local/sectoral levels, to understand the link between the NAP process, programmatic approaches and implementation of project-based adaptation and to look at specific cases of adaptation planning. The workshop was organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and hosted and co-organized by the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Thailand.

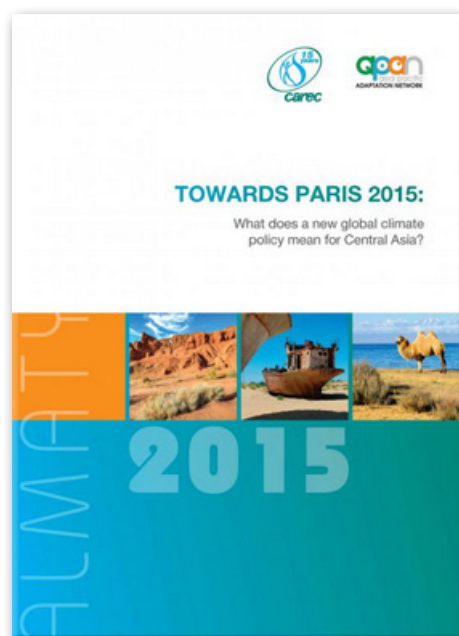
For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/workshop-countries-asia-pacific-region-advancing-national-adaptation-planning-asia-pacific>

NAP Process and Actions (10 Case studies and Lessons in the Asia-Pacific Region)

The Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) undertook an initiative to develop case studies of the NAP processes and adaptation actions in different sectors which have been implemented in the Asia-Pacific region. This initiative consists of ten case studies (five for the NAP processes and five for adaptation actions), which include background, institutional arrangements, process of several phases, and lessons learned and policy recommendations. Based on these case studies, summary of lessons learned from the NAP process and its implementation were developed in an inductive way. The case studies serve to help policymakers and other stakeholders to learn lessons and good practices from existing NAP process and adaptation actions and to utilize them in future planning and actions.

For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/nap-process-and-actions-10-case-studies-and-lessons-asia-pacific-region>

Towards Paris 2015: What does a new global climate policy mean for Central Asia?



This report aims to inform the countries of Central Asia and the international community about the key findings of the climate negotiations in Lima (COP 20, 2014) and expectations from the global climate treaty adopted in December in Paris (COP 21, 2015). The report also provides an update on the status quo of Central Asian countries on their national climate policies and joint regional vision towards a new era of global climate actions.

For more information, visit: <http://asiapacificadapt.net/resource/towards-paris-2015-what-does-new-global-climate-policy-mean-central-asia>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENT

International Forum on Sustainable Future in Asia, 27 - 28 January 2016, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand



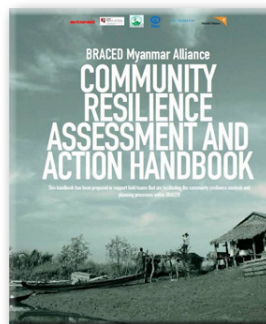
This forum is jointly organized by the Asian Institute of Technology, the National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan, and the Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science of the University of Tokyo, Japan. The forum brings together researchers from universities and governmental institutions, experts from governments and industries, and graduate and post-graduate students with interests in discourses on sustainable development in Asia in order to seek new ways of building bridges between science and policy. This is done through stimulating discussions among key stakeholders, catalyzing coherent researches on relevant policy issues through knowledge networks and institutional mechanisms to support trans-boundary thinking and problem-solving, and determining feasible paths towards truly sustainable societies through converting aspirations into actions at local, national and regional levels. The deadline for online registration to attend the Forum is on 20th January 2016.

For more information, visit: <http://www.rrcap.ait.asia/ifsfa/Pages/default.aspx>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATION

BRACED Myanmar Alliance: Community resilience assessment and action handbook



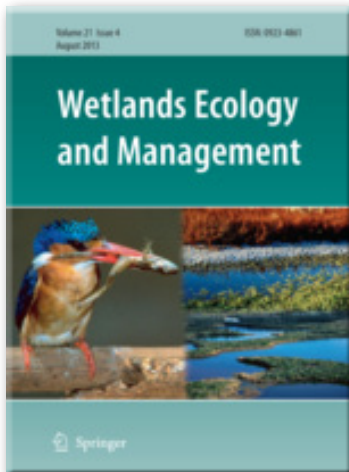
This handbook is an evolved version of the community resilience assessment cycle guidance note developed during the BRACED programme development phase. It draws on established tools and methods and provides tailored context specific

guidance at each stage of the process in the context of Myanmar. This community resilience assessment framework handbook serves as a user friendly guide for field staff, development practitioners, local government and communities on how to collect and analyse data that can be used to assess the resilience of a community in order to define specific interventions that will strengthen resilience.

For more information, visit: <http://www.braced.org/resources/i/?id=127f0e24-a44a-4468-abca-96db853f6558>

New digital book: "Mainstreaming climate compatible development"

Drawing on the Climate and Development Knowledge Network's (CDKN) programme in more than 70 countries, "*Mainstreaming climate compatible development*" shares practical approaches to seven key challenges. The book is intended for decision-makers, development planners and practitioners - including civil society groups - as well as donors working to address climate change in developing countries. It aims to offer a rich source of learning based on CDKN's practical experience. The book was also launched at COP21 in Paris. The authors encourage readers to comment on the chapters. They intend to produce a revised version in 2016, based on reader feedback. Read and comment on the book at: www.cdkn.org/mainstreaming

**CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES
AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS****ARTICLE****Dyke design, floodplain restoration and mangrove co-management as parts of an area coastal protection strategy for the mud coasts of the Mekong Delta, Vietnam**

The author carried out a detailed study of dyke design along the coast of the hamlet Mo O in Soc Trang Province, located along the mangrove-mud coasts of the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. The article describes how unsustainable use of natural resources

and development in coastal zone are threatening the protection function, therefore restoration of flood plains and mangrove rehabilitation is only possible after the erosion level is reduced by physical barriers. The article uses hydrodynamic loads, including water levels and waves, to create an adapted and optimized dyke design.

For more information, visit: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11273-015-9441-3>

Pacific Ministers and Senior Officials prepare for UN Climate Change Conference in Paris

This article briefly describes the High Level Support Mechanism Meeting which aims to prepare the Pacific Island Ministers and senior officials as the world signs off a global climate change agreement at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP 21) and to review strategic approaches to the negotiations.

For more information, visit: <https://www.sprep.org/climate-change/pacific-ministers-and-senior-officials-prepare-for-un-climate-change-conference-in-paris>



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