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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 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](mailto:info@asiapacificadapt.net).

## APAN ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Save the date: 5th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2016 17-19 October 2016 | Colombo, Sri Lanka**

The Fifth Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum will be held from 17-19 October 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, with the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment of the Government of Sri Lanka hosting the Forum. The Asia-Pacific Adaptation Forum is among the biggest climate change adaptation events in the region, drawing hundreds of climate change adaptation practitioners, as well as public and private sector officials and top experts. The year's Forum will be considering topics such as the national adaptation plan (NAP) process, financing for adaptation, climate resilience, and urban adaptation.

More information about the Forum will be available on the APAN web portal soon: <http://asiapacificadapt.net/>

### **e-Discussion: The APAN Exchange Series – “How Gender Integration Leads to Better Climate Change Adaptation”**

Join Dr. Peter King, Adaptation Project Preparation and Finance Senior Advisor for the [USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific](#) project and Brianna Ficcadenti, USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific's Senior Technical Specialist for Climate Change Adaptation and Gender for the 11th APAN Exchange on “How Gender Integration Leads to Better Climate Change Adaptation”. To read and reply to the discussion questions, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/11th-exchange-series>. The APAN Exchange Series is a facilitated email information exchange platform operated and supported by USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific. The Exchange seeks to capture, consolidate and share tacit, experience-based knowledge from APAN community members.

If you would like to join and contribute to the APAN Exchange Series, simply send an email to [the-exchange@adapt-asia.org](mailto:the-exchange@adapt-asia.org) and follow the conversation in your inbox.

## 6 Things to Know about Urban Adaptation: From the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific Urban Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience (UCCAR) Training Course



This new, easy-to-read publication highlights six key learnings from the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific Urban Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience (UCCAR) training course. The course, developed in collaboration with the East-West Center, aims to improve climate change knowledge among mid- to senior-level managers working in urban and infrastructure planning and, in turn, help them design better adaptation projects.

To access the publication, visit: <http://asiapacificadapt.net/resource/6-things-know-about-urban-adaptation>

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

### Story Fellowships for Environmental Data Journalism in the Hindu Kush Himalayan Region

**Application deadline: 22 April 2016, The Third Pole and Earth Journalism Network**



The Third Pole and Earth Journalism Network are inviting eligible journalists to apply for grants to produce data-driven stories that highlight issues of water and climate change in Hindu Kush Himalayas especially from those interested in multimedia and data journalism. Grants of up to USD 1,500 are offered depending on the proposal and method of coverage. The proposed reports should include multimedia and/or data-driven content. Data visualization software can be used and reporters should be able to collect data, interpret and make simple understandable maps for their stories.

For more information on the application, story themes and format, please visit: <http://earthjournalism.net/opportunities/story-fellowships-for-environmental-data-journalism-in-the-hindu-kush-himalayan-region/>

### Announcement of Earth Care Awards 2016



The Earth Care Awards 2016 acknowledges the climate change mitigation and adaptation actions by communities, entrepreneurs, innovators, large scale industries, and urban local bodies. The award recognizes, verifies, and promotes the replicable initiatives and interventions on the greenhouse gases (GHG) emission reduction, natural resource conservation, energy efficiency improvement, development and promotion of innovative eco-friendly alternatives across various sectors of development.

The awards are given for the following categories: Community based mitigation and adaptation in water resources, agriculture, forestry and other land use, Innovations for climate protection, GHG mitigation in Large Enterprises and Leadership in Urban Climate Action.

For more information about the application and processes, please visit: [www.earthcareawards.com](http://www.earthcareawards.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Initiatives For Economic Development Through Climate Adaptive, Toxin Free Agriculture  
23 March 2016 | Padavishripura and Morawewa, Sri Lanka**

This capacity building workshops were organized by SLYCAN Trust in partnership with the Nagenahiru Development Society as part of a programme to educate the farmers on the impacts of climate change to the agricultural sector, and how adapting to the impacts through crop diversified farming. The workshop for farmers of the Trincomalee district focused on understanding climatic impacts on agriculture, shifting from toxin based to organic farming, and chemical fertilisers and impacts on global warming.

For more information, please visit: [http://cansouthasia.net/projects\\_information.php?id=14&title=initiatives-for-economic-development-through-climate-adaptive-toxin-free-agriculture#sthash.oKpxIz4c.k0xzCjZ1.dpuf](http://cansouthasia.net/projects_information.php?id=14&title=initiatives-for-economic-development-through-climate-adaptive-toxin-free-agriculture#sthash.oKpxIz4c.k0xzCjZ1.dpuf)

**Opening: Senior Programme Specialist for Climate Change Adaptation**

**Application deadline:**  
**10 April 2016 | Asian Institute of Technology, Pathumthani, Thailand**

The Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) is an institute-wide centre of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) that provides resources for policy setting towards sustainable development, acting as a science-policy interface by processing and assessing information and knowledge for governments, local communities and other stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region.

The successful candidate will head the Adaptation component of RRC.AP's Climate Change thematic cluster. The major duties involve: Leading technical work (40%), Project management (30%), and Resource mobilisation (30%). Among other qualifications, the aspiring candidate must have 7 years of progressively responsible experience in technical assessment, data analysis, and application of scientific information into policy-making in the field of climate change adaptation. The deadline for application is on 10 April 2016.

For more information about the opportunity, please visit: <http://www.hro.ait.ac.th/job/show/368>

**CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES  
AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS****BLOG****Making Communities Resilient  
Against Recurrent Disasters:  
SEEDS****21 March 2016 | Climate Action  
Network South Asia**

Under Flood Resilient Environmentally Enhanced Disaster Management (FREEDM) project, Sustainable Environment & Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) focused its intervention in Eastern state of India. Climate change is wreaking havoc on ecosystems, economies and communities in this region. Hence, a need for concerted efforts for adaptation was felt. The main objective of the intervention was to make the communities resilient against recurrent disasters. The community based approaches under this intervention have fostered leadership amongst women to express their needs and take key role in decision making processes.

Read more at <http://cansouthasia.net/blog/making-communities-resilient-against-recurrent-disasters-seeds/>



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