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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](mailto:info@asiapacificadapt.net).

## APAN CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Training on “Managing Project Preparation for Climate Change Adaptation”

20 – 22 October 2016 | Colombo, Sri Lanka



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**Target participants:** The training is open to government officials that manage project proposal and development from participants from Asia and the Pacific.

**Venue:** Ozo Hotel, No. 36-38, Clifford Place, Colombo, Sri Lanka. <http://www.ozohotels.com/colombo-srilanka/>

**Registration deadline:** 7th October 2016. For more information regarding the training, registration and course fee payment contact [cca@ait.asia](mailto:cca@ait.asia)

**Course Fee:** USD 1,500 per participant. The course fee would include the course material as well as refreshments and lunch during the training. Participants are expected to make their own flight and accommodation arrangements.

**Training Description:**

A comprehensive three days training program to enable government officials to prepare

fundable project proposals for climate change adaptation. The training is offered jointly by The Climate Change Asia (CCA), Asian Institute of Technology and USAID (through their Adapt Asia-Pacific Project).

**Objectives:**

- help in understanding climate change realities and risks; how to manage risks, screen for sensitivities, and address key vulnerable groups and areas; how climate change adaptation can be grounded in national development plans and broader national adaptation policy and strategic frameworks.
- aid in identifying sources of international funding options and develop capacities for accessing those sources.
- build capacity in project preparation for climate change adaptation by illustrating 'how-to' methods, tools and processes for use in rigorous adaptation project/ program design in line with policies and plans.
- provide an introduction to Implementation and monitoring of projects.

**Organizer:**

The Climate Change Asia (CCA) at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) aims to meet the capacity building needs in the Asia Pacific region, in line with the Paris Agreement and 2030 Development Agenda. The overall goal of the CCA Program is to “assist countries to meet, and even surpass, the targets outlined in their INDCs by enhancing national capacities to meet diverse but specific needs—technical, institutional, and policy-related”. The Program has two broad outputs. First, to build capacities of government officials, private sector managers, NGOs and other key actors in the region in identifying and managing climate change responses, over the next five years, consistent with nationally determined contributions. Second, to translate these enhanced capacities into on-the-ground action, by equipping countries with the knowledge and skills required to prepare, secure financing for, and implement 'bankable' climate change mitigation and adaptation projects.

## **5th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2016 Adapting and Living Below 2°C: Bridging the Gaps in Policy & Practice**

**17 – 19 October 2016 | Colombo, Sri Lanka**

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) is organising its flagship Forum on 17-19 October 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The 5th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2016 is now open for registration. This year, the theme “Adapting and Living below 2°C: Bridging the Gaps in Policy & Practice” will explore platforms and concrete pathways for even greater partnerships by governments, civil society, and business. With the growing interest and with the recognition of adaptation not only as a development imperative but as an existential one as well, we are looking forward to welcoming more than 800 participants who will be looking towards meaningful outcomes during the event.

This Forum will bring together policymakers, scientists, donors, youth, and representatives from over 50 countries. With over 150 speakers and 30 sessions planned, the Forum is among the biggest climate change adaptation events in the region. Four Forums have successfully been co-organised by APAN since 2010.

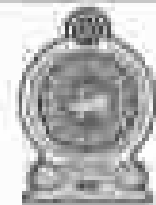
Forum Streams: 1. Adaptation Planning; 2. Financing for Adaptation; 3. Climate Resilient Development; 4. Multi-actor Cross Learning

To register and to learn more about the Forum Streams, visit the 5th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2016 website: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2016/>

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# 5<sup>th</sup> ASIA PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FORUM 2016

ADAPTING AND LIVING BELOW 2°C:  
Bridging the Gaps in Policy and Practice



## About the Forum

Gaining momentum since its inauguration in 2010 and with its most recent 2014 edition in Kuala Lumpur, the 5th APAN Climate Change Adaptation Forum will bring together policymakers, scientists, donors, youth, and representatives from over 50 countries. For this year, the forum will facilitate platforms and concrete pathways for even greater partnerships with governments, civil society organisations, and businesses. With the interest and growing recognition of adaptation not only as a development imperative but as an essential one as well, APAN is looking forward to welcoming more than 300 participants who will work towards more meaningful adaptation practices and solutions.

## Theme

2015 has delivered four major global agreements relevant to adaptation: Framework for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the Sustainable Development Goals in New York, USA; the Paris Agreement (COP21) in Paris, France; and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan. Countries are now embarking on the implementation of their commitments to these global agreements.

The agenda for the 2016 Forum is aligned with these global outcomes, with the sessions (organised) under four major streams: Adaptation Financing, Financing for Adaptation, Climate Resilience Development, and Multi-sector cross learning. For each of these streams, the Forum will explore approaches that translate policies into practice and special practice into policies; and especially how additional participation from the private sector can be elicited. There will be that deliberate effort to learn lessons from a decade of adaptation policy and action, looking not only at what worked, but also at what did not.



## Streams

### Lead

#### Adaptation Planning

The stream will cover adaptation planning as a tool for long-term vulnerability reduction, best practices for maximizing synergies, climate services for addressing uncertainty in adaptation planning, mainstreaming climate change into development planning and budgeting, and monitoring progress.



#### Financing for Adaptation

Technical sessions under this stream will cover traditional and innovative financing schemes including green finance and public-private partnerships, exploring government support beyond the provision of finance, and how private finance can be attracted to work for and invest in adaptation.



#### Climate Resilience Development

Session will cover climate planning, expanding regional infrastructure investments, linkages between disaster risk reduction and adaptation, the role of ecosystems in adaptation and climate-proofing, links to agriculture and resilience, sea and drought, and convergence of approaches for adaptation and mitigation. Strengthening resilience to migration gender and to address issues like human resources will also be included.



#### Multiscale Cross Learning

Practical inter-linkages between climate change adaptation, SDGs, DRR, and financing at different levels, sectors, and people. The sessions in this stream will also explore new and innovative climate-smart technologies and their uses, urban applications, and social and integrated models for women and outreach.



**Forum APAC: The Asia Pacific Climate Change Forum** (previously known as **Forum Asia**) is a high-level, multi-stakeholder forum that provides a platform for dialogue and exchange of views on climate change and related issues. The forum is organized by UNEP in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan. The forum is held in a rotating basis among the member states of the forum. The forum is held in a rotating basis among the member states of the forum.

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We invite other organizations to take part in this initiative.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2016/](http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2016/)

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## UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

### **Water Security and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities in Asia**

**29 November – 01 December 2016 | AIT, Bangkok, Thailand**



The conference will be a platform for engaging leading experts in the region and beyond in discussion on water security issues – such as increasing population, socio-economic development, urbanization, migration, in Asia in order to facilitate the path towards water-secure societies. The conference is organized by the exceed centers CNRD (Cologne) and SWINDON (Braunschweig) together with the Asian Institute of Technology.

For the complete information on the conference, visit <http://sea.exceed-swindon.org/water-security-conference/>

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

### **PH provinces, cities and municipalities to integrate urban climate resilience into local decision-making**

**15 September 2016 | Pasig City, Philippines**



A call for urban development and management to be better protected and more resilient was made by local government leaders, mayors, and local authorities in a dialogue event jointly organized by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners and the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) in collaboration with the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP), League of Provinces of the Philippines, and the League of Municipalities of the Philippines.

Building on recent efforts by the national government to consult with different stakeholders in updating and reviewing the National Urban Development Housing Framework (NUDHF), the dialogue event identified issues and generated inputs and feedback from local government leaders on their needs in order to make the updated NUDHF relevant for their respective localities.

For more information, visit <http://unhabitat.org.ph/2016/09/19/ph-provinces-cities-and-municipalities-to-integrate-urban-climate-resilience-into-local-decision-making/>

## Assessing risk and vulnerability in the context of Ecosystem-based Adaptation

15 September 2016 | Online Webinar

The webinar organized by the Global Project Mainstreaming EbA focused on the experiences and challenges of risk and vulnerability assessments in the context of ecosystem-based adaptation. Moderated by Alexandra Köngeter (GIZ, Global Project Mainstreaming EbA), there were three themes addressed highlighted three themes: (1) Guidelines for vulnerability impact assessment under EbA by Cordula Epple of UNEP/WCMC, (2) Vulnerability assessment in EbA projects – Experiences from high mountains in Central Asia by Benedikt Ibele of GIZ, and (3) How to build capacity for applying EbA tools by Isabel Renner.

For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/node/13456>

## More Vietnamese women's engagement to climate change adaptation urged

05 September 2016 | Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Viet Nam is urged to strengthen the role of women in climate change adaptation and natural disaster risk management, heard a roundtable workshop held in Ha Noi.

The call was made in the context of climate change and natural disasters becoming more complicated in the coastal country.

Statistics from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development showed that natural disasters, including drought, saltwater intrusion, torrential rains with whirlwinds, and prolonged severe cold weather in the first six months of this year, killed 37 people, injured 108 others, and causing damages estimated at VNĐ16.9 trillion (US\$757 million). The damage during the first six months of this year is nearly double than that of the entire 12 months of 2015.

For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/content/more-vietnamese-women%E2%80%99s-engagement-climate-change-adaptation-urged>



## New Climate Change Help For Island Nations

02 September 2016 | East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii



U.S. President Barack Obama announced US\$ 40 million in programs to help island nations and other communities vulnerable to climate change during the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress.

The new programs include a new USAID Climate Ready Program, which will direct \$9 million toward helping governments (link is external) develop policies that “promote resilience, enhance access to climate finance, and improve national capacity to manage and monitor adaptation programs.” Those countries include Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The U.S. also said it would direct up to \$5 million to Pacific regional organizations through the Institutional Strengthening in Pacific Island Countries to Adapt to Climate Change (ISACC) program, and \$15 million toward disaster-risk reduction initiatives in the region.

For more information, visit

1 <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/node/13454>

2 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/01/fact-sheet-obama-administration-announces-new-policies-promote>

3 <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/09/261730.htm>

## Facilitating the Implementation of Sri Lanka’s NAP

18 August 2016 | Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka organised a workshop to discuss the facilitation of transparent and inclusive implementation of Sri Lanka’s National Adaptation Plan in August 2016. The workshop organised by Southern Voices on Adaptation, SLYCAN Trust, Janathakshan (GTE) Ltd and CANSA Sri Lanka. As a civil society initiative for promoting effective and equitable adaptation, Southern Voices has developed Joint Principles of Adaptation (JPA), which promotes multi-stakeholder participation in the shaping of policies on climate change adaptation.

For more information, visit <http://www.slycantrust.org/2016/08/30/facilitating-the-implementation-of-sri-lankas-nap/>



## CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS PUBLICATIONS

### **Adaptation Fund Gathers 30+ Countries for Asia-Pacific Workshop in India to Enhance Region's Climate Finance Access and Readiness**

**23 – 25 August 2016 | Mumbai, India**

A climate finance readiness workshop was co-hosted by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), United Nations Environment Programme, and Climate Action South Asia in Mumbai, India. Participated by more than 30 countries with over 65 participants, the workshop featured success stories and experiences from Cook Islands, India, Indonesia, and the Federated States of Micronesia as well as its plans to expand its pool of national implementing entities (NIEs) to give more Asia-Pacific countries the opportunity to build their climate resilience and adaptive capacity directly through its pioneering Direct Access modality.

For more information, visit

1 <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/readiness/news-seminars/>

2 <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/node/13452>

### **Action for Mountain Adaptation: Solutions beyond the Boundaries of Science, Policy, and Practice**

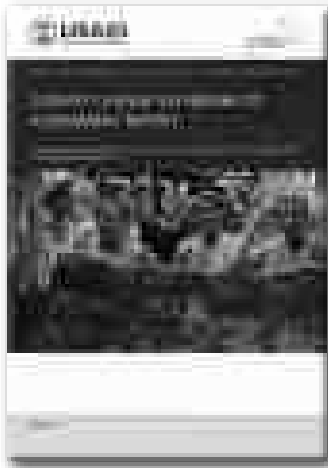


This working paper details the key recommendations for effectively supporting mountain communities in adapting to climate change. The paper emerged from the international conference on 'Mountain People Adapting to Change: Solutions beyond boundaries bridging science, policy, and practice', held in Kathmandu from 9 to 12 November 2014, where over 300 experts and stakeholders from around the globe drew together the latest knowledge, policies, and practices on adaptation and to strengthen the interface between science, policy, and practice for mountain adaptation.

To access the publication, visit <http://lib.icimod.org/record/32107>

## Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Report

July 2016 | Bangkok, Thailand



RECOFTC and USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific have developed a framework for better understanding and assessing climate change vulnerabilities in a context of multiple competing interests in a CF landscape. The pilot site for developing this approach was a women-led

Community Forestry User Group (CFUG) in the Terai of Nepal; the Bishnupur community forest. The context in Bishnupur reflects challenges associated with the ecologically fragile Chure Forest, but also one of growing opportunities for economic development due to the close proximity of the Indian border. The community has served as a valuable, and generous, testing ground for the approach and a continuing pilot site for the implementation of interventions identified through this Vulnerability Assessment process.

For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/climate-change-vulnerability-assessment-report-developing-demonstration-site-nepal-community>

## Community forestry-based climate change adaptation: a practitioner's brief

June 2016 | Bangkok, Thailand



In 2014, the USAID Climate Change Adaptation Project Preparation Facility for Asia and the Pacific (USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific) teamed up with RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests to establish a demonstration site in the Bishnupur community of Sarlahi district of Nepal, on

planning, financing and implementing community forestry-based climate change adaptation (CF-CCA). This publication presents a brief best practices overview of the CF-CCA framework that was developed for community driven assessment of climate change vulnerability in Bishnupur community and provides those interested in replicating the methodology with examples for understanding local financing options as well as prioritizing and designing interventions.

For more information, visit <http://www.recoftc.org/brief/community-forestry-based-climate-change-adaptation-practitioner%E2%80%99s-brief>

## REPORTS

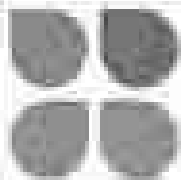
### **International Conference on Mountain People Adapting to Change**

The 'international conference on Mountain People Adapting to Change: Solutions beyond boundaries bridging science, policy, and practice', held in Kathmandu from 9 to 12 November 2014, sought to break down the boundaries between science, policy, and practice in adaptation to climatic and other changes in the mountains and downstream areas of the Hindu Kush Himalayas. Organized by ICIMOD in partnership with the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment, Nepal, the conference brought together over 300 policy makers, development practitioners, climate experts, researchers, and journalists working in the area of climate change and adaptation. It provided a platform for the sharing of information and fostered rich discussions between policy makers, researchers, and practitioners.

This publication presents the proceedings and outcomes of the conference, which aimed to find holistic approaches to adaptation that extend beyond political, sectoral, and national boundaries, and that bridge mountain and non-mountain interfaces. Sessions were devoted to consolidating global and regional knowledge and translating them into systematic policy and action; transboundary and transdisciplinary benefit and knowledge sharing; disaster risk reduction and preparedness; the vulnerability and resilience of communities and livelihoods; adapting global climate science and models to the HKH context; and emerging fields of climate research such as black carbon and its impacts on the cryosphere. The conference also addressed a number of crosscutting themes such as gender and power imbalances, knowledge management and dissemination, and enhanced communication between stakeholders. These themes were integrated into the discussions at several sessions as key concerns for adaptation science, assessing policies, and formulating action.

For more information and to access the proceedings, visit <http://lib.icimod.org/record/32103>





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