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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) – a program that merges the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (AKP) established in 2008 and the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) launched in 2009.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

AKP Report: Assessment of adaptation needs, policies and priorities: cases from Indonesian islands



This scoping assessment presents an overview of the needs of small islands in Indonesia in adapting to the impacts of climate change and climate variability. Civil society organisations who participated in the assessments identified research priorities for issues like food security and rights-based adaptation, and provided capacity-building recommendations. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/assessment-adaptation-needs-policies-and-priorities-cases-indonesian-islands>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Cambodia: Climate proofing of agricultural infrastructure and business-focused adaptation



On 14 March 2013, the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience Sub-Committee approved US\$4.5 million in grant funding and US\$5.0 million in credits for the project, Climate Proofing of Agricultural Infrastructure and Business-focused Adaptation, submitted by the Government of Cambodia and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Project Summary is available here:

https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/cif/sites/climateinvestmentfunds.org/files/CAM%20Rice-SDP%20Summary%20Project%20Approval%20Request_25_02_13.pdf

Governments present the building blocks to mainstreaming CBA



This article describes the progress on mainstreaming community based adaptation (CBA) undertaken by a government cohort, which comprises officials from Asia and Africa. The group has now prepared a draft working paper on the building blocks to mainstreaming adaptation. The idea is to look at what is realistic and feasible with the institutional, policy and funding constraints that exist. For more information, please visit

<http://cdkn.org/2013/04/news-governments-present-the-building-blocks-to-mainstreaming-cba/>

7th Annual Community Based Adaptation Conference (CBA7) completes with great success



The Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), a member of Climate Action Network South Asia, in partnership with the International Institute for Environment and

Development (IIED), organised the 7th Annual Community Based Adaptation conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 22-25 April 2013. The main objective was to share the latest thinking of climate scientists, policy makers and practitioners on the approaches for mainstreaming community-based adaptation into international, national, and local planning and processes. Many CSO actors contributed in sharing knowledge and best practices in the field of adaptation. For more information, please visit

<http://www.iied.org/climate-change-experts-head-adaptation-capital-world>

Asia-Pacific workshop focuses on indigenous knowledge on hydro-meteorological hazards and climate change adaptation, Manila, Philippines, 18-21 April 2013



This workshop enhanced sharing of challenges, experiences, and lessons learned on development self-assessment tools for communities and educational and awareness raising materials. The workshop also finalised work plans of activities for the third phase of the Strengthening Resilience of Coastal and Small Island Communities towards Hydro-Meteorological Hazards and Climate Change Impacts (StResCom) project. For more information, please visit

http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/priority-areas/sids/single-view-small-island/news/regional_workshop_on_integrating_local_and_indigenous_knowledge_related_to_hydro_meteorological_hazards_and_climate_change_adaptation_with_scientific_knowledge_lessons_learned_held_in_manila_philippines_18_21_april_2013/

5th ACCCRN Knowledge Forum identified two areas that require more capacity for sustaining action beyond the cessation of financial support



During the 5th Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network Knowledge Forum held in Can Tho, Vietnam, participants indicated the need for identifying innovative funding solutions to sustain action beyond donor support. They also felt it was important to continue

to identify and exchange relevant information such as case studies that guide replication of activities. For more information, please visit

<http://www.acccrn.org/news-and-events/entries/2013/04/25/blog-acccrn-knowledge-forum-identifies-key-steps-sustaining-action>

International seminar on “The impact of glaciers melting in Central Asia on National and Trans-Boundary Water Systems”, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 11-12 April 2013



This seminar identified problems associated with the lack of a full-fledged study and data for prognosis of future conditions of the glaciers of Central Asia and

highlighted a need for glaciers cataloging, as well as capacity building of research institutions to conduct more adequate analysis to take appropriate actions. For more information, please visit

<http://www.ec-ivas.org/main/213-discussions-were-held-on-the-glaciers-and-water-resources-issue-in-central-asia-were-held-within-the-framework-of-seminar-on-the-20th-anniversary-of-ivas.html>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

2013 Pacific Climate Change Roundtable, Nadi, Fiji, 1–5 July 2013



This bi-annual meeting will bring together regional and national governments, organisations, partners and donors responsible and involved in climate change.

The main objectives of this roundtable are to share ideas on various climate change issues faced by the region and to ensure coordination in support of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) efforts on climate change. For more information, please visit

<http://www.pacificclimatechange.net/index.php/pccr>

9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, Suva, Fiji, 2-6 December 2013



The conference will be organised within the framework of promoting natural solutions to threats of climate change while developing community resilience through sustainable development and conservation of natural and physical resources. The submission of proposals for convening parallel sessions will close on 31 May 2013. The registration is open until 31 August 2013. For more information, please visit

<http://www.sprep.org/pacificnatureconference/about-the-conference>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

REPORTS

Shanxi farmers embrace modern irrigation methods to adapt to climate change



This publication gives an overview of how ADB's agricultural development support met the rising challenges in water security, food production, and climate change faced by communities in

the Shanxi Province of the People's Republic of China. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/publications/shanxi-farmers-embrace-modern-irrigation-methods-adapt-climate-change?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

Agriculture and Climate Change Learning from Experience and Early Interventions Case Study Compilation

Developing country leaders have had dialogues throughout 2012-2013 on how agriculture's contribution to climate change adaptation and mitigation could be effectively adopted under UNFCCC. Practical case studies of early efforts to develop climate-smart agriculture are now presented in this collected volume which provides comparison across diverse initiatives from Africa, Asia and South America. For more information, please visit

<http://cdkn.org/2013/04/report-new-case-studies-and-lessons-for-policy-making-on-climate-smart-agriculture/>

REPORTS

Country Report: Mainstreaming climate change resilience into development planning in Cambodia

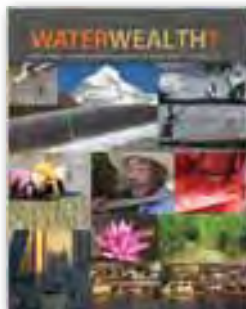


This report helps to explore Cambodia's experience against three building blocks of an enabling environment, policies and planning, and projects and programmes for successful mainstreaming. This builds on discussions from government staffs from diverse backgrounds facilitated by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

<http://pubs.iied.org/pdfs/10047IIED.pdf>

PUBLICATIONS

WaterWealth? Investing in Basin Management in Asia and the Pacific



This publication highlights how people work together to secure water for all by undertaking innovative approaches for managing river basins. It presents a total of 20 case studies collected from Central Asia, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asian and Oceania. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/publications/waterwealth-investing-basin-management-asia-and-pacific?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

PUBLICATIONS

Environment Operational Directions 2013-2020



This publication aims to provide a coherent overview of ADB's environment operations and to articulate how it will step up efforts to help the region achieve a transition to environmentally sustainable growth or green growth. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/documents/environment-operational-directions-2013-2020>

NEWSLETTER

ACCCRN Asia Resilience Brief e-Newsletter (April 2013)



The latest quarterly edition of the ACCCRN e-newsletter showcases exciting climate change adaptation projects now underway, new case studies, video blogs taken on the sidelines of key regional conferences and the latest ACCCRN op-eds and media stories. For more information, please visit

<http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=5e61f404aed445cfe1dbb07a9&id=2193c1ed1e>

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Building Resilience to Climate Change: Adaptation Technical Resources



This brochure has been updated and includes a summary of the technical resources available to support ADB's operations departments and its DMC partners to identify climate change risks to development investments, and to plan for, implement, monitor and

evaluate climate risk management interventions. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/publications/building-resilience-climate-change-adaptation-technical-resources>



OPPORTUNITIES

Visiting research position for PhD Students or Post Docs



The International Center for Climate Governance (ICCG) is now accepting applications for a six-month visiting research position for PhD Students or Post Docs. The successful candidate will be encouraged to develop his or her research project linked to various aspects of climate change governance such as the role of institutions, interests, and alternative models of governance for the control of climate change and the evaluation of climate and energy policies at international and national levels. The deadline for the application is 31 May 2013. For more information, please visit

<http://www.iccgov.org/StaticPage.aspx?IDSM=65&IDPG=118&Lan=en-US>

Online Course: Climate Change Adaptation, Loss and Damage, 3 June - 7 July, 2013

This course aims to facilitate international negotiations and public sector work in relation to climate change impacts and adaptation measures through an enhanced understanding of climate change science and policy framework. Participants, including mid to senior level government officers, will learn to comprehend climate science, define adaptation and loss and damage and explain its policy framework and appraise the key issues in the ongoing international climate change negotiations. For more information, please visit

<https://www.unitar.org/event/climate-change-adaptation-loss-and-damage>



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