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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](mailto:info@asiapacificadapt.net)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### AKP Report: Understanding Adaptation Planning: Selected Case Studies in Nepal, Philippines and Vietnam



This report highlights important insights into adaptation planning that:

- Participatory processes need to include all voices to be effective. Power imbalances – based on socioeconomic status, ethnicity and cultural traditions – marginalise some groups and limit their capacity to reduce their exposure and sensitivity to climate and disaster risk. To reduce vulnerability, these imbalances must be recognised and addressed, and marginalised groups must be empowered and engaged.
- Budgetary constraints matter. When funds are limited, smaller and less ambitious projects may be preferable to larger, more costly initiatives. However, in many places, transformational change is needed, and this will require large-scale funding. Planning is often done based on previous years, but with climate change, historical patterns will increasingly not be reliable predictors of future patterns. Science-based projections will need to be considered as well.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/understanding-adaptation-planning-selected-case-studies-nepal-philippines-and-vietnam>

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Regional Workshop on Training Needs and Gaps Assessment on Adaptation and Resilience to a Changing Climate in South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal, September 4-5, 2013



The event brought together around 46 participants from seven South Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) which included representatives from government agencies, regional bodies, and international non-government and civil society

organisations. The workshop equipped participants with knowledge on how to build a climate resilient society and the importance of water and food security and water cooperation in the climate change adaptation planning process. It also facilitated knowledge sharing among South Asia countries on how climate change adaptation initiatives can be implemented and the successes be replicated. For more information, visit:

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/regional-workshop-%E2%80%9Ctraining-needs-and-gaps-assessment-adaptation-and-resilience-changing>

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### **International Conference: Adaptation and Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Change in Asia Pacific: Integrating Scientific Aspects, August 30-31 2013**



Participants at the International Conference: Adaptation and Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Change in Asia Pacific: Integrating Scientific Aspects held on August 30-31 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. For the agenda and other information, visit:

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/loss-and-damage-2013>

### **Regional Workshop “Options for an Innovative Climate Finance Regime for South Asia”, New Delhi, India, August 19-20 2013**



This event was organised by the Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA), the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN), and the USAID funded ADAPT Asia-Pacific project and Low Emissions Asian Development Program (LEAD). The workshop brought together different stakeholders including government officials and civil society representatives. The two day deliberations enhanced understanding on existing public and private climate

finance mechanisms available in the region; facilitated discussion and exchange of knowledge on various sources of finance at the global and national level, threw light on the scope and role of private sources of climate finance and explored possible avenues for continuing national and regional coordination. For more information, visit:

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/regional-workshop-options-innovative-climate-finance-regime-south-asia>

### **Strengthening Capacity on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Initiatives in South East Asian Region, Quezon City, Philippines, August 13-14 2013**



APAN in partnership with its sub-regional node, the Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) Southeast Asia, provided participants from seven Southeast Asian countries with basic knowledge on M&E for CCA initiatives. Future activities are suggested to focus on developing key indicators for CCA in the region. For more information, please visit



<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/beyond-climate-change-adaptation-cycle-learning-and-re-learning-platform-peer-peer-knowledge>

## UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

### CSR Asia Summit 2013: Sessions on Climate Change, Disaster Preparedness and Business and biodiversity, Bangkok, Thailand, September 17-18 2013

As part of the annual CSR Asia Summit, three sessions aim to elevate Asian businesses' innovative solutions for climate change adaptation in the Asia and Pacific region. The session "Growth in a world of accelerated climate change: what's your strategy?" will explore the vulnerability of business to climate change and provide insights into how business can respond to these challenges. The session "Disaster Preparedness" will look into the role of businesses in helping communities prepare for disasters and

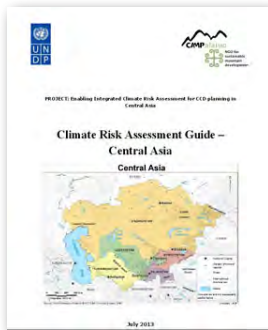


showcase good practices on the business involvement as well as effective models of the community-business partnership. The session "Business and biodiversity" will deliver an executive 90 minute Business and Ecosystems training with the objective to deepen the understanding of the links between biodiversity, ecosystems and business. For more information about the program please visit

<http://csr-asia.com/summit2013/issue.php#3e>

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

### Measuring climate risk: A practical guide



The UNDP's Central Asia Climate Risk Assessment Program (CA-CRM) is developing climate risk profiles, below the national level where possible, to provide the basis for better climate risk management. To support the development of these profiles, a Climate Risk

Assessment Guide has been developed to provide a practical process for assessing climate risk in Central Asia. This risk measuring process was developed with an effort to develop and test a methodology for a data-driven assessment of climate risks in regional countries, especially at sub-national levels. For more information, please visit

[http://cdkn.org/2013/08/report-measuring-climate-risk-a-practical-guide/?loclang=en\\_gb](http://cdkn.org/2013/08/report-measuring-climate-risk-a-practical-guide/?loclang=en_gb)

### Building Critical Mass Awareness of Climate Change - Engaging Media, Advertising and Entertainment Sectors, Manila, Philippines, August 22 2013



This event stimulated dialogue and cooperation between different sectors in addressing climate change. It encouraged participants to seek to answer the question:

"How do they, and can they, work together to address critical mass awareness for a rapid national, regional and global response to climate change?" this one-day seminar was held around Asia by the "Redraw The Line" climate change awareness campaign, the No Impact Project and the Asia-Pacific Media Alliance for Social Awareness. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/news/events/building-critical-mass-awareness-climate-change>



## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

### PUBLICATIONS

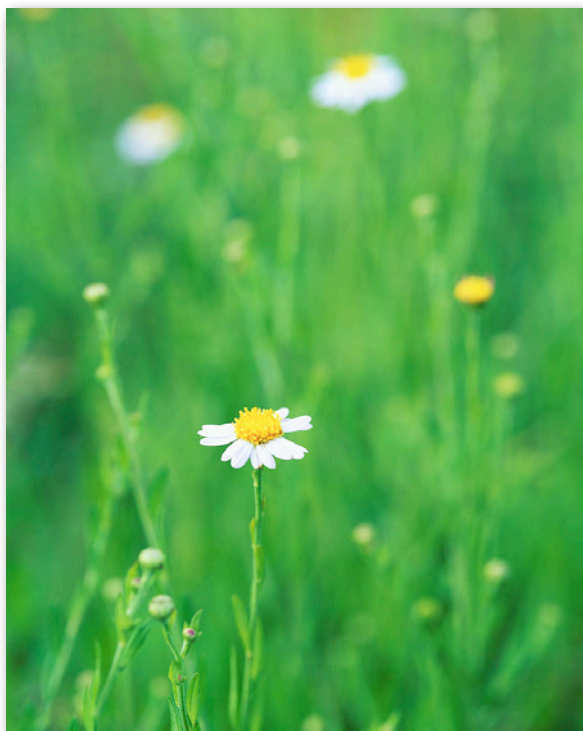
#### Resilience in Action: Lessons from Public-Private Collaborations Around the World



Greater engagement by the private sector in managing disaster risk and promoting climate resilience is vital to curb increasing losses from disasters. Not only would this benefit businesses themselves but it would also help to provide the resources and solutions for tackling disaster risk

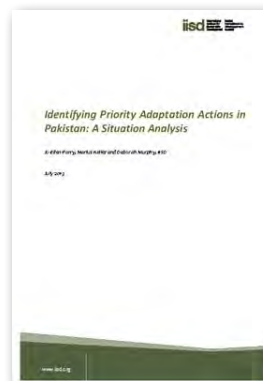
in society as a whole. Evidence of such benefits is given in this new publication, which distils lessons learned from over 100 examples of innovative public-private partnerships and private-sector initiatives, and showcases nine innovative cases. For more information, please visit

[http://cdkn.org/2013/08/news-lessons-from-the-private-sector-for-building-resilience/?loclang=en\\_gb](http://cdkn.org/2013/08/news-lessons-from-the-private-sector-for-building-resilience/?loclang=en_gb)



### REPORT

#### Identifying Priority Adaptation Actions in Pakistan: A Situation Analysis



As part of the support to the Government of Pakistan to develop a Climate Compatible Development work programme, this new report outlines priority actions on adapting to the impacts of climate change in the country. The report describes: issues that influence adaptation options;

how international climate policy outcomes impact on Pakistan's options; efforts in other countries to develop climate change adaptation plans and measures; and potential options for adaptation actions in Pakistan that could help the Government to achieve its adaptation priorities and desired outcomes. For more information, please visit

<http://cdkn.org/2013/08/news-priority-adaptation-actions-identified-in-pakistan/>

#### Revealing the potential of climate diplomacy to boost poor countries' interests

A new policy brief from the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) explores the potential for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to use 'climate diplomacy' to promote more ambitious international action on climate change, both inside and outside the formal, global talks. The policy brief urges the leaders of LDCs to integrate climate messaging into many aspects of foreign and diplomatic affairs, arguing that this allows 'climate diplomats' to more likely catalyse ambitious, collective action both outside the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and within. For more information, please visit

[http://cdkn.org/2013/09/news-revealing-the-potential-of-climate-diplomacy-to-boost-poor-countries-interests/?loclang=en\\_gb](http://cdkn.org/2013/09/news-revealing-the-potential-of-climate-diplomacy-to-boost-poor-countries-interests/?loclang=en_gb)

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

### ADB's new publications on climate change adaptation in the Pacific



The Asian Development Bank published a set of seven new flyers on adaptation issues and challenges facing developing member countries in the Pacific. These include *disaster risk management; shift from risk to resilience; resilience of their coastal and marine ecosystem; evaluation of the economics of climate change; inclusive and sustainable transport development; country-specific sector development programmes for stepping up adaptation; and their funding needs*. For more information, please visit respective links.

### Working Paper: Supporting international climate negotiators: Lessons from CDKN



This working paper sets out the CDKN's initial thinking on how climate change negotiators from poorest and most climate-vulnerable countries can be supported to have effective, influential voices. It presents a range of examples drawn from the literature and CDKN's experience to date. For more information, please visit

<http://cdkn.org/2013/06/report-warmer-world-will-keep-millions-of-people-trapped-in-poverty>

## OPINIONS

### CSR Asia Weekly Articles: private sector's preparedness for climate-related disasters, health and livelihood impacts, and supply chain disruptions

These three articles describe ways in which the private sector can engage more effectively with the climate change threats and begin to build resilient businesses and communities. The article "*Ice melt could sink Asia: What should business do?*" recommends a set of concrete activities that the private sector can carry out in order to more effectively engage with climate change threats. The second article "*Climate change threat to Asian supply chains*" suggests that companies with supply chains in Asia help outsourced manufacturers to prepare for climate related disasters and make their facilities more robust and less susceptible to storms and water inundation. The recent article "*Climate change impacts on health and livelihoods require a private sector response*" highlights a significant role of the private sector in the disaster preparedness and designing of community investment programmes for vulnerable people with climate change in mind. See more at <http://www.csr-asia.com/>

## VIDEO

### Asia-Pacific Training on Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Adaptation

Three videos from the training held in March 2013 reveals various views on migration as an adaptation strategy as well as other related issues faced by the Asia Pacific region. For more information, please visit



<http://www.gcsp.ch/Sidebar/News/IOM-releases-Videos-of-Asia-Pacific-Training-on-Migration-Environment-Climate-Change-and-Adaptation-supported-by-the-GCSP>

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Regional Training Workshop: Paleoflood Hydrology in Flood Risk Assessment, Bangkok, Thailand, November 11-15 2013

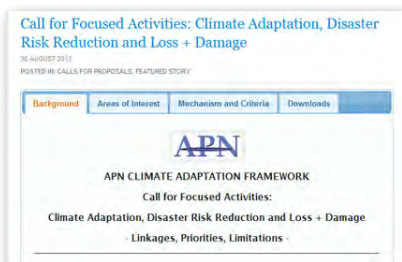


The Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) is organising this workshop with the objective to assist participants in

paleoflood data collection, analysis, and application in flood risk estimation. Paleoflood hydrology helps produce a long-term flood record by reconstructing the magnitude and frequency of past floods. Paleoflood hydrology further enables quantification of flood risks in areas that are short of flood records and developing flood risk management plans. For more information, please visit

<http://www.rimes.int/em/paleoflood-hydrology-in-flood-risk-assessment/>

### Call for Focused Activities: Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Loss + Damage



The Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) is calling for expressions of interest for regional-based

multi-disciplinary research and capacity building in the themes of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and loss and damage. Areas might focus on agriculture, ecosystems, disaster prevention; gap analyses on regional needs and the present status quo; limits to adaptation; the development of policy and planning strategies to address loss and damage. The deadline for the submission is 22 September 2013. For more information, please visit

<http://www.apn-gcr.org/2013/08/30/call-for-focused-activities-climate-adaptation-disaster-risk-reduction-and-loss-damage/>

### The Climate Development Business Network: supporting business to business partnerships with climate and development outcomes

CDKN is piloting a new initiative to enable business to business partnerships that demonstrate the potential to deliver sustained climate, poverty reduction and economic growth benefits. CDKN will look to use the pilot to build evidence on how business partnerships can be an effective way to engage the private sector to deliver such benefits and to show how targeted support may be used to lower the barriers that currently prevent business partnerships from happening. For more information, please visit

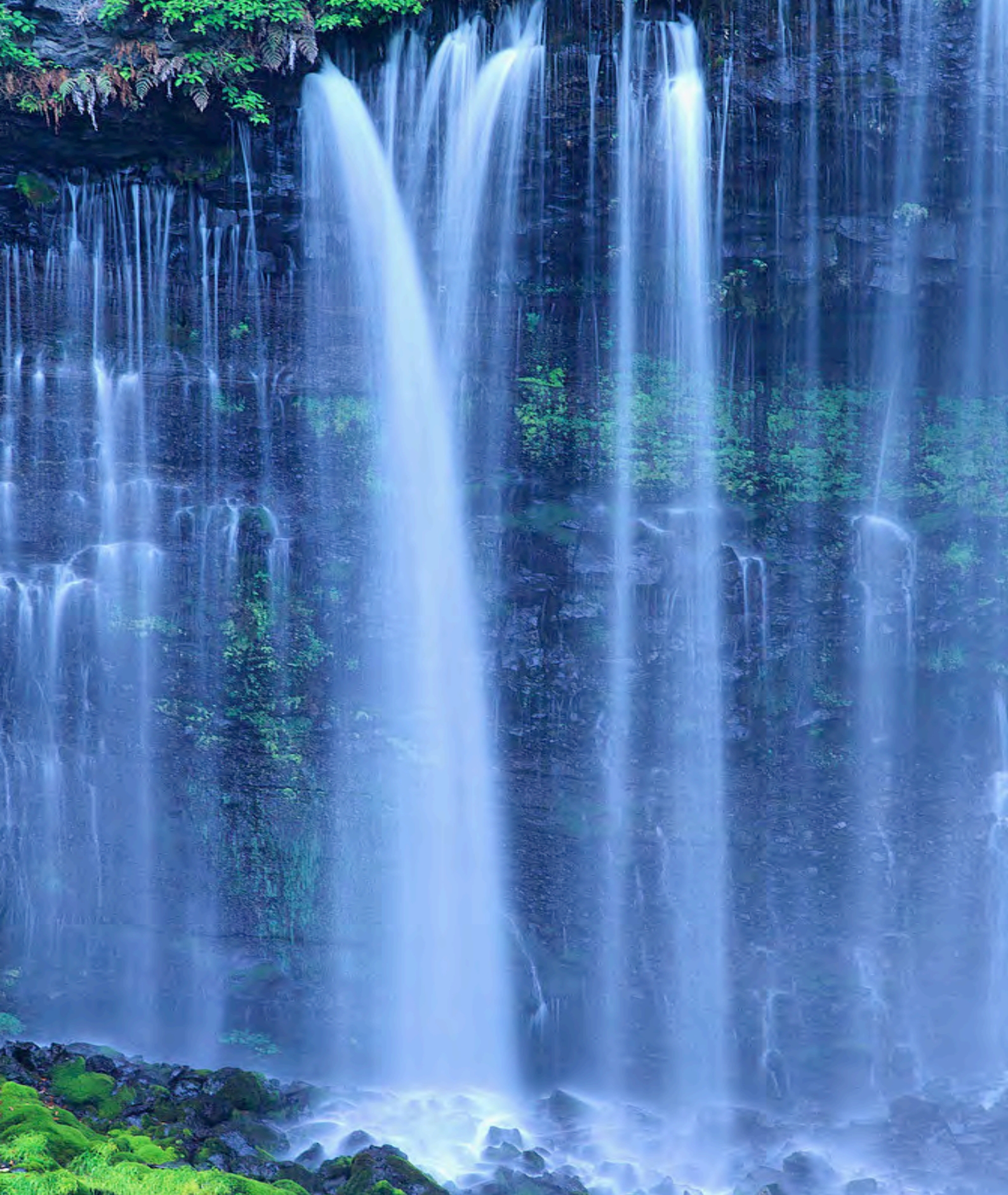
<http://cdkn.org/2013/08/the-climate-development-business-network-supporting-business-to-business-partnerships-with-climate-and-development-outcomes/>

### Job opportunity: Knowledge Management Coordinator position at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) Regional Centre in Bangkok, Thailand

The IGES Regional Centre based in Bangkok is seeking a dynamic person with strong interest and relevant experience in knowledge management, event planning, and handling external affairs for the position of Knowledge Management Coordinator. The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for coordinating and implementing climate change knowledge management activities and organising large-scale, regional climate change events for the USAID funded Climate Change Adaptation Project Preparation Facility for Asia and the Pacific (ADAPT Asia-Pacific) project. To some extent, he or she will also contribute to knowledge management activities for the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN). For more information, visit:

<http://www.iges.or.jp/en/employment/201309.html>





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