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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

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The 5th Annual Environmental Innovators Symposium: New Programs and Leaders in Times of Massive Change, 4 March 2015, Keio University, Yokohoma, Japan



This one-day event aims to improve awareness of change, understand the gaps between expectation and reality and to develop solutions. The event comprises half-day of presentations followed by a workshop to develop proposals for a program of action which can be used to tackle the gap between policy strengthening and actions.

For more information, visit: <http://ei.sfc.keio.ac.jp/symposium/index-en.html#second>

Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals: Inter-linkages & Opportunities in South Asia, 24 Feb 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka

2015 is the year in which both UNFCCC and Post-2015 Sustainable Development processes will witness landmark global negotiations and agreements. In order to understand commonalities of the UNFCCC and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) processes and make them mutually supportive, the Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) organized a sub-regional conference titled “Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals: Inter-linkages & Opportunities in South Asia” on February 24, 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, through its regional and national partners, Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) & Janathakshan (Sri Lanka), respectively. The conference was aimed at regional policy-makers, civil society, academia and media.

For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/climate-change-and-sustainable-development-goals-inter-linkages-opportunities-south-asia>

Regional Adaptation Planning in South Asia – Review and Opportunities, 23 February 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) organized a sub-regional workshop titled “Regional Adaptation Planning in South Asia – Review & Opportunities” on February 23, 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The workshop presented effective evidence-based adaptation planning strategies which are essential for climate-proof development across South Asia. The workshop enhanced the understanding of the need for coordinated Regional Adaptation Planning through existing case studies for current & future needs. The workshop was aimed at regional policy-makers, civil society, academia and media.

For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/regional-adaptation-planning-south-asia-%E2%80%93-review-opportunities>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Tonga Climate Finance and Risk Governance Assessment underway



A national Climate Finance and Risk Governance (CFRG) Assessment is being undertaken by Tonga's Ministry of Finance and National Planning. The study assesses Tonga's national plans and policies on climate change and disaster risk reduction, funding sources, expenditure and public financial management, institutional coordination, human capacity, development effectiveness, and gender and social inclusiveness.

For the full press release, visit: <http://www.ro.undp.org/content/rbap/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2015/02/06/tonga-climate-finance-and-risk-governance-assessment-underway.html>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

Urban Climate Change Resilience – A Synopsis



This publication helps understand the direct and indirect impact of climate change on cities, particularly those with urban poor communities. The aim of this publication to provide the core concepts and principles, relevant iterative, inclusive and integrated processes to plan for resilience, experiences and outcomes gained from urban climate change resilience (UCCR) approach. This publication is aimed towards those interested in building UCCR or those working with the Asian Development Bank's Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund. For more information, visit: <http://www.adb.org/publications/urban-climate-change-resilience-synopsis>

Proceedings Report: 6th International Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) (funded by the Ministry of Environment, Japan, the Asian Development Bank, the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project, and others) jointly with the Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC) under the Korea Environment Institute (KEI) organized the 6th International Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation on 8 July 2014 in Inchoen, Republic of Korea. The symposium aimed to raised awareness, promoted sharing and dissemination of adaptation knowledge, and contributed to enhancing adaptive capacity of practitioners through sharing international and national good practices on climate change adaptation. For the report, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/6th-international-symposium-climate-change-adaptation>

USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific e-Newsletter – January 2015 Edition



Learn more about how USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific is working with countries in the region to improve their access to climate change adaptation financing.

The January 2015 edition of the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific e-Newsletter features stories on: (i) the project's support to India's National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to access US\$3.2 million and more from the Adaptation Fund; (ii) the need for Thai officials to better understand the economics behind climate change adaptation options; and (iii) a new USAID online gender sourcebook that helps support efforts to incorporate gender issues into climate change adaptation projects.

To view the newsletter, visit: <http://www.icontact-archive.com/MTSxZdk2o5fRRyZmmDAR0ijfjKiguJ ul?w=4>

Online Sourcebook: Integrating Gender in Climate Change Adaptation Proposals

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched an online sourcebook to help ensure that gender considerations and women's empowerment are incorporated into large-scale climate change adaptation projects. The online sourcebook enables project proponents to design gender responsive climate change adaptation measures as well as projects, particularly in developing countries, by providing targeted, sector-specific guidance and real-life examples that are easy to follow and navigate on laptops and mobile devices.

To view the sourcebook, visit: <http://asiapacificadapt.net/gender-sourcebook/>

FILM

Losing Ground: Climate Vulnerability of Cities in India

This documentary takes viewers to two coastal cities of India – Panaji, Goa and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The film portrays the vulnerability of infrastructure services in the two cities and acts as a learning source for city governments to adopt climate resilience practices. The viewers also hear TERI's findings and approach towards mainstreaming climate risk management in the city's planning process and to maintain the city's assets for the future. The film was prepared as part of a study supported by USAID's Climate Resilient Infrastructure Services (CRIS) Programme under the larger Climate Change Resilient Development (CCRD) Project.

To watch the video, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugHqR7o01Ug>

Video: Thoughts from the Adaptation Fund's National Implementing Entities (NIEs)



This video documents thoughts and insights from some of the Adaptation Fund's National Implementing Entities (NIEs) on the Fund's accreditation and direct access, including from India's National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

To watch the video, visit: http://youtu.be/YX-3DBly_6I

ARTICLES

Cook Islands applies for direct access to multi-million dollar Adaptation Fund

This article explores further Cook Islands' application to become accredited to the Adaptation Fund as the National Implementing Entity (NIE). This will allow Cook Islands to access the remaining USD5 million directly set out by the Adaptation Fund, without the presence of the middle man. If the application is successful, it will also allow Cook Islands to seek a similar status with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and become the first Pacific Island country to have been granted this status. For more information, visit: <http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/cook-islands-applies-for-direct-access-to-multi-million-dollar-adaptation-fund>

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