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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

### 2-Day Conference on Loss and Damage on 30-31 August in Bangkok, Thailand



APAN – one of the regional networks of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) – is jointly organising a two-day conference on loss and damage entitled “Adaptation and Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region: Integrating Scientific Aspects” from 30-31 August 2013 at Sukusol Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. The event will bring together international climate change experts to deliberate on this topical issue. The sessions will be focused on sharing scientific knowledge on adaptation and loss and damage to improve the resilience in the region, including small island states. Other highlights include discussions on assessing climate change associated loss and damage at the country-level, identifying capacity gaps, and finding ways to overcome those gaps to reduce residual impacts. Around 35 internationally renowned speakers and over 60 participants from academia, international organisations and civil society organisations from across the Asia-Pacific region are expected to attend. For more information, please visit

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

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### Forum-Workshop on Vulnerability, Impact and Adaptation Assessment for Climate Change: Approaches, Methods and Tools, Hanoi, Vietnam, July 10-12 2013



This forum-workshop aims to familiarise climate change focal points in Southeast Asian countries in planning CCA initiatives that address the projected impacts of climate change in the agricultural and natural resources management sectors of their respective areas. The forum-workshop will present and demonstrate methodological approaches for assessing capacities and gaps, and share appropriate and replicable practices and tools. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/forum-workshop-vulnerability-impact-and-adaptation-assessment-climate-change-approaches>

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### SEAN-CC Regional Training Workshop: Building Capacity on Access to Funds for Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives, Bangkok, Thailand, June 24-26 2013



The UNEP-led Southeast Asia Climate Change Network (SEAN-CC) and APAN, in collaboration with its sub-regional node, ICLEI- Southeast Asia, organised this training workshop. Participants included SEAN-CC focal points and representatives from relevant government agencies from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Participants enhanced their knowledge on adaptation financing sources available in the region and their application details, and improved their skills in writing adaptation proposals. For more information, please visit

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/regional-training-workshop-building-capacity-sean-cc-focal-points-access-funds-climate-change>

### AKP report: Understanding the Policy Contexts for Mainstreaming Climate Change in Bhutan and Nepal: A Synthesis



AKP published a synthesis report of two studies that sought to understand the policy contexts for addressing climate change adaptation and key conservation issues in Nepal and Bhutan. The purpose of this synthesis is to compare the policy contexts for mainstreaming climate change adaptation in Bhutan and Nepal, and to draw lessons that might help improve policies in the two countries and beyond. For more information, please visit

<http://asiapacificadapt.net/resource/understanding-policy-contexts-mainstreaming-climate-change-bhutan-and-nepal-synthesis>

## UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

### 5th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP2013): Paving the Way for a Sustainable Asia-Pacific - Regional Perspectives on Green Economy, Yokohama, Japan, July 23-24 2013



In building a green economy, ISAP 2013 will focus on incorporating sustainability concepts into business practices, local initiatives for smart cities and emerging networks of researchers in low-carbon development. Discussions will be held with diverse stakeholders focusing on sustainable development. For further details, please visit

<http://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2013/en/index.html>

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

### Inception Workshop to Establish a Regional Climate Projections Consortium and Data Facility in Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, June 27-28 2013



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is organising the development of a regional climate consortium and data facility to deliver robust and decision-oriented climate data and projections in support of climate risk and vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning. Representatives from implementing agencies from India, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand, international and regional climate centers, bilateral and multilateral agencies, and climate research institutes discussed the scope of activities and modalities of implementation at the inception workshop. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/news/events/inception-workshop-establish-regional-climate-projections-consortium-and-data-facility>

### South Asia Regional Consultation on Climate Change Adaptation Managing Risk for Resilience, Delhi, India, 24-27 June 2013



Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs), one of the APAN's sub-regional nodes, contributed to this consultation workshop by sharing experiences on information gaps in accessing adaptation

funds. For more information, please visit

<http://cansouthasia.net/component/k2/item/131-regional-cooperation.html>

### CSIRO applies their knowledge in transboundary river basin management to help improve climate resilience in the Himalayas



In a collaborative four-year project, scientists from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

(CSIRO) will provide technical assistance to the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development's (ICIMOD) Koshi Basin Programme in developing an integrated basin-wide modelling system to improve management of the Koshi River Basin. The system will contribute to development in the Koshi Basin in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner, and support national and transboundary water reforms. For more information, please visit

<http://www.csiro.au/en/Portals/Media/Australia-extends-its-expertise-in-water-resource-management-to-Asia.aspx>

### LDCF and SCCF receives \$198 million in member pledges for climate change adaptation programs



The governing Council of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund (LDCF/SCCF) received a combined \$198 million in new pledges, bringing

total international commitments for investment in climate change adaptation programmes to more than \$1 billion. For more information, please visit

<http://www.thegef.org/gef/news/nations-pledge-198-million-ldcfscf-climate-change-adaptation>



## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Guidelines for Climate Proofing Investment in the Energy Sector



This publication provides a step-by-step methodological approach to help project teams assess and incorporate climate change adaptation measures into energy investment projects. While the focus of the guidelines is at the project level, an improved understanding

of climate change impacts should also be used to incorporate climate change considerations into energy planning and policy development at the country level. For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/documents/guidelines-climate-proofing-investment-energy-sector?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

#### Guidebook: Increasing Climate Change Resilience of Urban Water Infrastructure



This guidebook describes a practical approach to bridge the gap between theoretical analyses of climate change impacts and the planning decisions that need to be made by city authorities and utility managers to increase climate change resilience of the water sector in the city of

Wuhan, Hubei Province in the People's Republic of China (PRC). For more information, please visit

<http://www.adb.org/publications/guidebook-increasing-climate-change-resilience-urban-water-infrastructure?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

#### Addressing uncertainty in adaptation planning for agriculture



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This study aims to help farmers adapt to an uncertain future through pathways that are beneficial regardless of future growing conditions. The study demonstrates a framework for prioritising adaptation approaches at a

range of timeframes. The framework is illustrated by four case studies from developing countries including Sri Lanka, each with associated characterisation of uncertainty. For more information, please visit

<http://www.pnas.org/content/110/21/8357>

### TOOLS

#### ICLEI's Urban toolkit for building City Resilience Strategies



ICLEI has developed a new guide and toolkit aimed at helping municipal governments in Asia build City Resilience Strategies to cope with the growing impacts of climate change as

part of its engagement with the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN). In the long term, it is expected that more local governments in Asia and beyond integrate City Resilience Strategies into their planning processes and catalyse a range of new interventions. For more information, please visit

<http://accrn.org/news-and-events/entries/2013/05/31/iclei-completes-urban-resilience-toolkit-accrn-scales-new-countr>

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

### ACCCRN's Blog about poverty and its impact on climate change resilience



This blog introduces a case-based example demonstrating that it is not always easy for cities facing the threat of climate change to consider

which urban groups are most vulnerable and which groups most resilient. Based on a recent ACCCRN session at Bonn, Germany, participants concluded that while building resilience to shocks becomes more important as crises increase, resilience efforts must also consider equity in order to foster long-term solutions. For more information, please visit

<http://accrn.org/news-and-events/entries/2013/06/11/blog-poverty%E2%80%99s-impact-vulnerability-and-resilience>

## VIDEOS

### IIED speaks about building climate change resilience for the urban poor

Filmed at the 2013 Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation in Bonn, Germany, this interview with David Satterthwaite, Senior Fellow, Human Settlements, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), focuses on how the urban poor are impacted by climate change. For more information, please visit



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tLNqx6M\\_JA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tLNqx6M_JA)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Solution Search Contest for the best nature-based solution to climate adaptation

RARE and The Nature Conservancy have launched a contest that will award \$20,000 to the most innovative and replicable nature-based solution to climate adaptation. The winner will be featured in The Nature Conservancy's magazine and receive \$20,000 to help replicate their solution around the world. Academic institutions, NGOs and communities are all encouraged to submit their entries to [www.solutionsearch.org](http://www.solutionsearch.org). The entry deadline is July 19 2013.







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