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Welcome to the one platform, which gives you all the information you require or may want to share in the field of adaptation to climate change. This monthly newsletter is brought to you by the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (AKP) and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN).

We will be happy to spotlight your Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) activities, announcements, events and new initiatives. All you have to do is to send your submissions to info@climateadapt.asia

As we usher in another new year filled with new endeavors to mainstream adaptation in the Asia-Pacific, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our partners for their continued support and engagement in 2011. They made it possible for us to achieve our goals. And we hope they will continue to strengthen their generous involvement in all our projects and efforts in 2012.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Synthesis Workshop of the Research and Knowledge Generation Components of AKP Held

During 12-13 December 2011, the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (AKP) held "Connecting the Dots: A Synthesis Workshop of the Research and Knowledge Generation Components of AKP" at the InterContinental Hotel Conference Center in Bangkok. This workshop shared the key findings and lessons learned from the scoping, pilot and research activities conducted by AKP on the practice and implementation of climate change adaptation (CCA) across the South and Southeast Asia regions. National partners from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Laos, Nepal, Thailand and Viet Nam attended the workshop.



So far, AKP has conducted 11 scoping studies and conducted pilot activities in Viet Nam and Thailand. Preliminary activities were done in Cambodia. AKP has also conducted research on understanding adaptation planning in Nepal,

Philippines and Viet Nam; a comparative study on the difference between adaptation and development in Bangladesh and Viet Nam; and, the policy context of adaptation in Bhutan, Nepal, and Thailand.

The objective of the pilot activities was to support the pilot countries in strengthening their capabilities to introduce effective adaptation measures into policies and plans at the national sub-national and local levels. In many countries the planning process is sector and based under individual ministries. Therefore, planning is fragmented. A cross-sector approach to planning is needed, but more often than not neglected. Furthermore, planned adaptation responses tend to be centrally directed. Therefore, there is a need for two-way communication and collaborative relationships between service providers and recipients.

A key finding from the scoping studies was that knowledge and practice are separate entities. The actors belonging to the two components differ and have different priorities and ways of working. In effect "they speak different languages". An important challenge for AKP is to bring these two groups together.

In the research on understanding planning, two key insights are worth sharing:

- Adaptation is not just an activity; it is also a way of looking at all the components of development planning from a climate risk-perspective. Both case studies acknowledged strong links between natural resource management and climate change adaptation planning. For example, in Nepal, communities were already adapting to climate change and developing more resilient livelihoods. Both studies also identified the importance of involving stakeholders in planning processes, especially those communities affected by climate change, and hence, the value of a bottom-up approach.

- The community-based disaster risk reduction and management approach presents a strong framework on which to base the planning and implementation of adaptation in Nepal. Meanwhile, in Viet Nam community based approaches to DRM are also being introduced, these also offer an opportunity to introduce CCA planning. However, constraints to greater community participation still exist. For instance, despite the existence of developed community-based structures in Nepal, local elites still tend to dominate the decision-making and planning process, whilst other constraints include institutional conflicts. The studies also showed the risks of looking at adaptation in isolation, and its lack of integration with other sectors, which can often lead to unsustainable adaptation or “mal-adaptation”.

The findings from the study on the policy context of adaptation suggest that the policy making process is dependent upon an institution's or individual's capacity to understand and use information effectively to enforce the policy. The success of policy implementation is also dependent on an enabling environment. Enabling factors, include legal acts which enforce the policy, adequate financing, a strong NGO presence in the policy formulation process, and a high-level of public awareness concerning CCA and the policy making process. The value of effective communications and the sharing of knowledge, data and policies to policy implementers was also recognized; this is related to how information can be delivered effectively, so implementers can easily understand the policies.

Finally, based on the comparative study of adaptation and development in Bangladesh and Viet Nam, discerning between adaptation and development projects and programs is still a challenge one that was recognized by many of those interviewed. In addition, and within each country, there were differences in stakeholder priorities to consider.

Forthcoming Activities

Southeast Asia Climate Change Focal Points and Experts Consultation Meeting, February 8- 9, 2012 Manila, Philippines

The ‘Southeast Asia Climate Change Focal Points and Experts Consultation Meeting’ is scheduled to be held in Manila, Philippines from February 8 to 9 as a back to back event to the “APEC Symposium on Climate Change” that will kick-off from February 6 to 8 2012. The meeting will be organised by APAN in collaboration with UNEP and Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) with the objectives a) to introduce UNEP networking approach including APAN to climate change focal points and experts as well as the APAN sub-regional nodes and thematic nodes to the key stakeholders, b) identify potential national institutions for the network and their roles to respond in collaboration with APAN, c) identify concrete trainings on climate adaptation in the region based on the already identified needs for climate adaptation in the region, d) identify priority regional issues, support needs to overcome those challenges, and e) operationalization of APAN activities in Southeast Asia. The consultation meeting aims at bringing together the government officials, INGO/ NGOs, development practitioners, academicians and individuals working on or interested in CCA.

International Training on Climate change mitigation and adaptation, February 10-11, Manila, Philippines

An international training on ‘Climate change mitigation and adaptation’ will be held in Manila, Philippines from February 10-11, 2012 which will be co-organised by APAN, UNEP and the Local governments for sustainability (ICLEI). The training aims to enhance the understanding of national and local governments on climate issues at local, national and global level and thus improve their capacity in adaptation and mitigation planning for climate change. The objectives of providing conceptual clarities on the impacts of climate change and ways to address these impacts while introducing different dimensions and approaches of climate change adaptation including the different measures and mainstreaming approaches is intended to be achieved through experts’ presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW DATES OF THE SECOND ASIA-PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FORUM, MONDAY, 12 & TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2012

2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

The Second Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum, which had to be put off due to the alarming flood situation in Bangkok in October, will now be held at the United Nations Convention Centre (UNCC) from 12 to 13 March 2012.

The interactive Forum aims to focus on “Adaptation in Action” signifying a shift from deliberations to decisions, plans to policies, and from policies to practices.

Confronted with the threat of flooding, the Forum, earlier scheduled from October 27 to 28, 2011, had to be postponed at the last minute. Bangkok was in the grip of floods, which had led to the closure of the UNCC, besides prompting the Thai Government to declare a long holiday on days that coincided with the dates of the Forum.

We hope the deliberations at the Forum, which will gather leading adaptation practitioners from across the globe, will help put behind us this painful chapter in the history of Thailand.

The format of the Forum will remain the same, with a diverse range of plenary and keynote sessions, panel discussions, roundtables, thematic events, market place and film festival. Sessions will be facilitated by eminent climate scientists, adaptation experts and development planners from the region.

The Forum will focus on:

1. Linking knowledge to adaptation actions;
2. The governance of adaptation decision-making;
3. Insights from practices – Learning from experiences on the ground.

Some sessions will focus on key sectors or areas vulnerable to the impacts of Climate Change impacts whereas others will deal with issues that cut across sectors and places. These broad themes will be discussed in the context of sustainable development, and with the objective of stimulating concrete and practical actions that will impact the most vulnerable ecosystems and societies.

The Adaptation Forum is being organized by the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (Adaptation Knowledge Platform), the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

For more information, please visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2012/>



CCA News

e-discussion on Strengthening Research Capacity of HKH universities, Kathmandu, 2–12 Jan

The Himalayan University Consortium (HUC), a membership-based network for promoting education, research and capacity building, and training for sustainable mountain development of HKH region, which covers many large, vulnerable, and fragile ecosystems in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan, held a series of e-conferences in Kathmandu from January 2 to 12. This was a run-up to meetings of two dozen vice-chancellors and other university representatives from the region later in the month. The e-discussions focused on how HKH universities could adopt a more socially and economically relevant and inclusive agenda for knowledge development and dissemination, and the kinds of institutional changes required to target knowledge development in support of poor and marginalized communities.

NCKMC (NAST-CDKN) Climate Change Policy Dialogue and Consultation, Kathmandu, 4 Jan

Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Center (NCKMC) successfully organised a Policy Dialogue and Consultation on Climate Change in Kathmandu. Minister for Science and Technology Kalpana Dhamala declared the programme open amidst a gathering of over 130 participants representing 33 institutions working on climate change issues. Minister Dhamala underlined the need to devise adaptation tools to cope with the adverse effects of climate change and generate science-based knowledge for its long-term solution. In the context of Nepal, she urged the experts to come up with plausible adaptation models to protect vulnerable groups, especially women in the rural areas. The programme was chaired by Vice-Chancellor of Nepal Academy of Science and Technology Professor Surendra Raj Kafle.

Himalayan Universities to Join Hands on Knowledge Generation, Kathmandu, 23–24 Jan

Universities and research institutions working in the mountain and hilly regions of Bangladesh, China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan have agreed to work together as a network for mountain-focused teaching, research, and outreach in the Hindu Kush–Himalayan (HKH) region. This collaboration was cemented at a conference of more than two dozen vice-chancellors, deans, professors, and researchers held at the headquarters of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). The conference was convened by the

ICIMOD-based Himalayan University Consortium (HUC), with financial support from the Canada-based International Development Research Centre (IDRC). In the opening address, Dr David Molden, Director General of ICIMOD, spoke of ICIMOD's readiness, as a regional knowledge and learning organization, to work with the universities to generate new knowledge and technical solutions to address challenges of climate change, poverty, and environmental degradation in the region.

Workshop on Building Resilience with Common Capital, Tokyo, 23–25 Jan

APN, DIVERSITAS, International Human Dimension Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP) and United Nations University-Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP) held a workshop on "Building Resilience with Common Capital: Managing Shared Resources, Meeting the Challenges of a Rapidly Modernizing World under Climate and Ecosystem change", in Tokyo. National and local governments and private institutions in the Asia-Pacific region are expected to develop new sustainable ecosystem and rural landscape management policies and measures as an output of this workshop. The workshop was funded by APN, Hyogo Prefectural Government and UNU-ISP. Details on <http://isp.unu.edu/events/2012/building-resilience-with-common-capital.html>

CCA Events

1st National Conference on Community-Based Adaptation, Dhaka, 9–10 April

Action Research for Community Adaptation in Bangladesh (ARCAB), a long-term action research programme on Community Based Adaptation (CBA) to climate change in five major ecosystems in Bangladesh, is going to organize 1st national CBA conference in April 2012 to demonstrate the theories and practices of CBA in Bangladesh. The two-day event will provide knowledge-sharing spaces to academicians, practitioners, researchers and CBA communities. It will feature four plenary sessions and eight parallel sessions on different aspects and themes of CBA. ARCAB is jointly managed by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). For more information, visit www.arcab.org

Ph.D. Workshop on International Climate Policy, Freiburg, 3–4 May

The 24th Ph.D. Workshop on International Climate Policy will be held at Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg (ALU) and the Fraunhofer Institute for

Solar Energy Systems Freiburg (ISE), in Germany from May 3 to May 4. The ICP workshops series is organized twice a year under the auspices of the European Ph.D. Network on International Climate Policy. It aims to offer doctoral candidates the opportunity to present their research ideas and results, receive feedback, and exchange information and assistance in an informal setting. PhD students from all disciplines working on topics relevant to climate policy are invited to submit applications. The 24th ICP workshop will cover topics of relevance for climate change mitigation and adaptation, such as policy instruments, carbon markets, science-policy interface, climate and development, renewable energy and forests in a changing climate, as well as climate change negotiations and post-Kyoto governance architectures. Participation is free of charge, but workshop participants are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses. For more information, visit: <http://www.wipo.uni-freiburg.de/tagungen/24icpworkshop>

Resilient Cities 2012, Bonn, 12–15 May

ICLEI–Local Governments for Sustainability, which organized the Durban Local Governments Convention at COP17, will convene the third global forum on urban resilience and adaptation at Bonn in Germany from May 12 to 15. The forum on ‘Resilient Cities 2012’ will be held during the UNFCCC Bonn Climate Talks. For details, visit <http://www.apn-gcr.org/2011/12/14/resilient-cities-2012-call-for-contributions/>

Learning Opportunities

New PG Programme in Climate Science

The University of Sussex is inviting applications for MSc in ‘Climate Change and Development’ for entry in September 2012. This course aims to provide state-of-the-art training to meet the growing demand for development professionals with specialization in climate change. It also offers 10 partial scholarships of £3,000 each. For details, please visit: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg/2012/taught/3931/25103>

ELLA Learning Programme Launched

Join a six-month learning programme between Latin American, African and South Asian policy makers and practitioners that offers learning from common problems and solutions besides a chance for networking. The first round starts in March with three courses. Join at <http://ella.practicalaction.org/learning-alliances-3>

Call for Proposals: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in South Asia

SysTem for Analysis Research and Training (START), an organization dedicated to building capacity among people and institutions in developing countries through grants, fellowships and training programmes, has announced a Call for Proposals (CFP) for research on integrating disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation for resilient development in South Asia. This research is being funded by CDKN. Applications are due by 29 February. For more information, please visit: <http://www.apn-gcr.org/2012/01/23/call-for-proposals-by-start/>

Learn to Build Resilience to Climate Change

UNU’s Institute for Sustainability and Peace has announced postgraduate-level courses on ‘Building Resilience to Climate Change’. The courses will run for five weeks in Tokyo (Japan) from 20 February to 23 March, 2012. Following are two courses that will be offered for a duration of two weeks each:
Course 1: Science, Impacts and Vulnerability
Course 2: Approaches to Adaptation

In addition, a week-long hands-on training in ‘Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)’ will also be provided. Priority will be given to students who are currently enrolled in a postgraduate programme. However, the courses are also open to young faculty members, researchers and practitioners who have completed master’s degree and are working in the relevant field. More information is available at: <http://cecar.unu.edu>

Applications Invited for Innovation Fund

The CDKN Innovation Fund, which supports innovative thinking and action, is inviting applications for the fund, which is a fast-moving support for creative initiatives in the field of climate change and international development. The Innovation Fund is structured around two stages. Stage 1 provides support for organizations/partnerships in designing and developing innovative projects on climate compatible development. The outcomes of this process will include a project proposal. Stage 2 focuses on innovative research projects, and provides funding for organizations/partnerships. The overall budget for this round of the CDKN Innovation Fund is £1.1 million and CDKN invites applications on one of the following themes: ‘Climate compatible development strategies and plans’; ‘Improving developing countries’ access to climate finance’; and ‘strengthening resilience through climate-related disaster risk management’. For more, please email: innovationfund@cdkn.org

Call for Proposals on Climate Change and Green Development

The African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) and the United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) are engaged in a collaborative program focused on climate change issues. Proposals for research activities in the area of climate change and green development are welcomed from scholars throughout the AERC network. For details, visit: <http://www.aercafrica.org/documents/announcements/CallforProposalsClimategrant.pdf>

Adaptive Thinking for Navigating the Anthropocene, Budapest, 25 June- 6 July

Applications are invited for a course on 'Adaptive Thinking for Navigating the Anthropocene' from 25 June to 6 July. The course directors are Laszlo Pinter, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, CEU, Budapest, Hungary, and Anton Shkaruba, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, CEU. Applications are invited from PhD students and young university teachers/researchers. Undergraduates without a university degree will not be considered. Visit <http://www.summer.ceu.hu/adaptive-2012>

NCCARF Conference: Abstract Call Closes on 17 Feb

The National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility's (NCCARF) annual national conference will be held in Melbourne from June 26 to 28. Its focus will be on the information needed to ensure Australia is adapting well to climate change. The abstract call and early bird registration are now open. Abstracts of up to 300 words describing the main points of the work should be presented by 17 February. The conference covers a number of themes relevant to primary industries, including 'adapting agriculture to climate change', 'climate smart and resilient communities', 'regional case studies of adaptation' and 'the interface between adaptation and mitigation'. For details, visit www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2012

DPI Victoria Climate Webinars

DPI Victoria has announced its new climate webinar series, with six webinars planned over the next six months. The participation is free, but you need to register. The topics include 'Climate, water and food production: Victoria's position in big picture' and 'Calculating farm emissions with the new FarmGas Scenario Tool'. More information and registration is available at www.dpi.vic.gov.au/agriculture/farming-management/weather-climate/webinar

CCA Information Resources & Knowledge Products**Reports****Lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa**

A report titled "Lessons Learnt for Climate Change Adaptation in Sub-Saharan Africa through the Climate Change Adaptation and Development Programme (CC DARE)" elaborates on ways to make adaptation initiatives more effective in the sub-Saharan Africa. This programme was implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The document is available online at <http://www.ccdare.org/Portals/131/PDF/CC%20DARE%20Lessons%20fo%20Adaptation.pdf>

All about Monitoring and Evaluation

A report titled "Monitoring and Evaluation for Adaptation: Lessons from Development Co-operation Agencies" is the first empirical assessment of M&E frameworks used by development co-operation agencies for projects and programmes with adaptation-specific or adaptation-related components. It analyses 106 project documents across six bilateral development agencies. Based on this, it identifies the characteristics of M&E for adaptation and shares lessons learned on the choice and use of indicators for adaptation. This report is an output of the OECD Task Team on Climate Change and Development Co-operation, which is overseen jointly by the Working Party on Global and Structural Policies (WPGSP), predecessor to the Working Party on Climate, Investment and Development (WPCID) of the Environment Policy Committee (EPOC) and the Network on Environment and Development Co-operation (ENVIRONET) of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

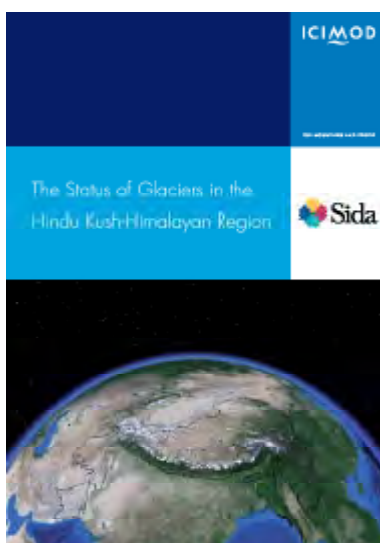
On Resolving the Food Crisis

While the 2007-08 food price crisis has been a catalyst for important policy reforms, governments have yet to address its underlying causes, finds a new report from IATP and the Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE) at Tufts University. In the report titled "Resolving the Food Crisis: Assessing Global Policy Reforms Since 2007", authors Timothy A. Wise and Sophia Murphy warn that the international community is avoiding deeper structural reforms, leaving the world at risk of another devastating spike in global food prices. <http://iatp.org/documents/resolving-the-food-crisis-assessing-global-policy-reforms-since-2007>

Publications

Glacial Retreat in the Hindu Kush

"The Status of Glaciers in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan (HKH) Region" by S R Bajracharya, and B Shrestha, studies the general trend of glacial retreat in the HKH region, and observes that in some cases the rate has doubled in recent years compared to the early 1970s, while new glaciers have been reported in the Karakoram Mountains. This study was published by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). It is available at: <http://www.icimod.org/publications/index.php/search/publication/775>



Guidelines for Addressing Child Labor

A preliminary version of the 'FAO-ILO Guidelines for Addressing Child Labor in Fisheries and Aquaculture: Policy and Practice' has been launched. All interested parties are encouraged to provide comments and inputs to improve the document before it is published and disseminated more widely. The deadline for comments is 30 April, 2012. The guidelines (including feedback details) can be downloaded at www.rflp.org/child_labour



On Cities at Risk and Urban Development

Other new publications are "Cities at Risk: Developing Adaptive Capacity for Climate Change in Asia's Coastal Mega Cities" (<http://www.apn-gcr.org/resources/items/show/1643>) and "Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Urban Development Planning for Asian Coastal", which was written by Roland Fuchs, Mary Conran and Elizabeth Louis (<http://www.apn-gcr.org/resources/items/show/1698>)

CSE's Fortnightly News Bulletin

The latest Citizen's Report on the State of India's Environment, the seventh in the series, is out. Titled 'Excreta Matters', it is an exhaustive analysis of how Indian cities are managing their water and sewage. <http://csestore.cse.org.in/excreta-matters-package.html>

e-bulletin on Climate Change in Nepal

The 15th and 16th issues of Nepal Climate Update, an e-bulletin of Nepal Climate Change Knowledge Management Centre (NCKKMC), is now available at www.nast.org.np



Economics of Climate Proofing at the Project Level: Two Pacific Case Studies

This work supports ADB's thrust towards developing guidelines for climate adaptation and climate proofing of proposed projects in the Pacific

DMCs, which are extremely vulnerable to climate change, particularly sea level rise. This study mainly involved the development of economic models of cost and benefit analysis for the climate proofing of projects under different climate change scenarios, using two ADB-funded road development sector projects in the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste as case studies. <http://beta.adb.org/publications/economics-climate-proofing-project-level-two-pacific-case-studies?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

The Economics of Climate Change in Northeast Asia

This flyer describes the Economics of Climate Change in Northeast Asia study. Preliminary analyses suggest that the costs of coastal protection are likely to be the largest adaptation costs across sectors in the region. In infrastructure, Mongolia will probably have the largest adaptation costs in percentage terms.

<http://beta.adb.org/publications/economics-climate-change-northeast-asia?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

The Economics of Climate Change

This brief explains how climate change is also likely to exacerbate the existing challenges to sustaining growth and poverty reduction, especially in the developing and least-developed countries of the region. <http://beta.adb.org/publications/economics-climate-change?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

The Economics of Climate Change in the Pacific

The Economics of Climate Change in the Pacific supports adaptation planning for ADB's members in the Pacific. The fine-scale study is useful for local climate proofing and adaptive action. It employs economic analysis to help identify priority sectors, estimate funding needs, and assess economy-wide climate change impact. <http://beta.adb.org/publications/economics-climate-change-pacific?ref=themes/climate-change/publications>

Event

International Expert Meeting on the Development of Climate Scenarios to Support Adaptation Planning and Practices in Asia and the Pacific

ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines : 16 January 2012 - 17 January 2012

In response to the growing demand for technical support to ADB's expanding efforts to build climate



resilience in Asia and the Pacific, ADB plans to facilitate the organization of a regional consortium to produce, document and distribute high resolution (downscaled) climate change projections and related products as part of a broader set of technical resources supporting ramped-up adaptation activities. The workshop aims to define the overall scope of the Consortium and its activities, and the feasibility, resources requirements and next steps for developing the proposed suite of climate projections and related products. <http://beta.adb.org/news/events/international-experts-meeting-development-climate-scenarios?ref=themes/climate-change/events>

Workshop on Climate Change and its Impact on Agriculture held

Seoul, Republic of Korea : 13

December 2011 - 16 December 2011

The workshop was held to enhance the capacity of policymakers in obtaining reliable climate information, choosing planning tools, interpretation of risks, and application of resulting knowledge for mainstreaming climate change adaptation in agricultural sectoral planning. http://beta.adb.org/news/events/workshopclimate-change-and-its-impactagriculture?ref=themes/climatechange/events/past_year

Papers

New Working Paper on Responses to Climate Change Among the Urban Poor in Khulna

The ClimUrb research programme at the Brooks World Poverty Institute, the University of Manchester, UK, has produced a new Working Paper titled "Community and institutional responses to the challenges facing poor urban people in Khulna, Bangladesh in an Era of Climate Change" by Manoj Roy, Ferdous Jahan and David Hulme. This paper focuses on a private and a public settlement within Khulna City, Bangladesh, to identify the challenges facing



Khulna's poor people, understand the practices they are developing, and examine the role that institutions are playing in supporting/constraining these practices. <http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/resources/Working-Papers/bwpi-wp-16312.pdf>

Articles

Equity and Justice in the Climate Change Debate

An article titled "Equity and Justice in the Global Climate Change Debate" was published in Daily Star newspaper, Dhaka, on January 24. The writer Saleemul Huq says from the beginning of the global discussions on tackling climate change, notions of equity have been at the centre of the debate. However, the term has been interpreted in different ways by different countries and groups and has also evolved over time. <http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=219567>

On Climate Change and its Impacts in 2011

An article titled "2011 Impact of Climate Change Massive" lists how the changing climate affected the world in the year gone by. Naseem Sheikh, the writer, says there was flooding and earthquakes in Asia, drought in Eastern Europe, and unseasonal heavy rains in western Africa leading to severe impacts. The article is available at: <http://www.celsias.com/article/2011-impact-climate-change-massive/>



Tools

Climate Change Vulnerability Index

Maplecroft has launched a new climate change vulnerability index, with countries and cities in Asia topping the list of the most at risk. Details are available at http://maplecroft.com/about/news/ccvi_2012.html

Films/Videos

Award-winning Film on Adaptation



'Ripples: Climate Change and Disaster Management in Bangladesh', a short film by Soren Vestergaard Neilsen, for RDRS Bangladesh, won an award at the Climate and Development Day at COP 17. Follow the link to watch the film: <http://www.iied.org/climate-change/key-issues/climate-negotiations-capacity-building/development-and-climate-days-film-c>

Climate Change on Video



A 20-minute video titled "Climate Change: A Serious Threat", by the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, was officially launched at COP 17 and can now be viewed online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjR3mdwqVUM>

Profile

Daily News on Climate Issues

AlertNet Climate, a daily news website of the Thomson Reuters Foundation, focuses on the humanitarian and development impacts of climate change. The site combines on-the-ground reports, analysis and blogs by Reuters and AlertNet staff, freelance writers around the developing world, leading climate thinkers, researchers, policy makers and aid workers. For daily news on climate issues, including adaptation, low-carbon development, food security, human migration, health concerns, deforestation, conflicts/security, disaster risk



reduction and many others, visit: www.trust.org/alertnet/climate-change

Opportunities

Researcher Position in IIED Human Settlements Group

IIED has recently received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to develop a three-year documentation and research agenda for learning from the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN), and for advancing knowledge on building climate resilience in urban areas. The purpose of this position is to coordinate this project, and to contribute substantively to the documentation, research, and dissemination activities that it involves. For more information, or to apply, please visit <http://www.iied.org/general/jobs/researcher-0>

Deadline for applications: 15 February 2012.

Expression of Interest: Climate Leadership for Effective Adaptation and Resilience (CLEAR)

CLEAR project is a 5-year initiative of LEAD Pakistan, focusing on climate change impacts on the lives of poor people and farmers in Southern Sindh and Punjab. It aims to streamline their local climate adaptation practices and develop district-based Local Adaptation Plans of Actions. LEAD Pakistan intends to implement its project activities through local Civil Society Organizations. In this regard, it is soliciting Expression of Interest (EOI) from local NGOs. For more information, please visit www.lead.org.pk

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