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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) – the leading climate change adaptation network in the Asia-Pacific region. Our primary goal is to assist countries to build climate change resilient and sustainable human systems, ecosystems, and economies.

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

APAN ANNOUNCEMENT

REGISTER NOW: 4th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1-3 October 2014

The 4th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2014 is now open for registration. APAN is organising its flagship Forum on 1-3 October 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under the theme New Partnerships for Resilient Development: Government, Business and Society.

Over 500 climate change adaptation practitioners will join public and private sector officials and top experts at this year's Forum. With over 150 speakers and 30 sessions planned, the Forum is among the biggest climate change adaptation events in the region. In the spirit of this year's theme, APAN welcomes new partners to the Forum, particularly Session Organisers who could moderate, lead, and financially support one to five participants, covering airfare, accommodation and per diem for the three-day event. Session Organisers are also encouraged to suggest speakers and refine topics based on their areas of expertise.

To register and for more information on themes and the agenda, visit the Adaptation Forum 2014 website: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2014/>

For other inquiries, including how to become a Session Organizer, email the Adaptation Forum 2014 Secretariat: forum@asiapacificadapt.net

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

The Sixth International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP2014), 23-24 July 2014, Pacifico Yokohama, Japan



In 2015, the international community will reach two important milestones related to sustainable development, namely establishing the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the post 2020 climate regime. Asia will also witness the economic integration of ASEAN, impacting the direction of sustainable development. Considering such milestones, ISAP2014 aims to discuss how we can build a low-carbon and resilient society through partnerships between governments, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders. The event is organized by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). It will also feature a “Roundtable on Harnessing Synergies between Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).” In the Roundtable, participants will evaluate the current experiences of operationalising the synergies between DRR and CCA in actual implementation and discuss existing bottlenecks and the way forward for harnessing such synergies. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Wednesday, 16 July 2014. For registration and further details, please visit:

<http://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2014/en/>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Live Chat: World Environment Day 2014 - Raise Your Voice, Not the Sea Level, 5 June 2014

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) held a live online chat on World Environment Day, inviting Nessim Ahmad, Director of ADB’s Environment and Safeguards Division, and Kaveh Zahedi, Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The chat discussed about impacts of climate change and climate-resilient development pathways. For the chat transcript, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/news/transcripts/world-environment-day-2014-raise-your-voice-not-sea-level>

Climate-proof road opens in Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)



The Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) project in FSM celebrated a major achievement on 29 May, with the official opening of a climate-proof road on the island of Kosrae. The improved coastal road is designed to withstand high tides and heavy rainfall, with worsening conditions over the next decades factored into the engineering. As well as delivering a much-needed all-weather transport route for the people of Tafunsak municipality, the project serves as a regional demonstration of how coastal infrastructure can be climate-proofed. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/climate-proof-road-opens-in-kosrae-fsm>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Raise your hands for a better future in Abaiang, Kiribati

The Government of Kiribati's 'Whole-of-Island' team has returned to Abaiang for the launch of the Island's Council Strategic Action Plan 2014-2017 and to undertake agricultural, education, fisheries, meteorological and water sector related activities and training on the atoll. The Plan will focus on key priority areas in the face of climate change. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/raise-your-hands-for-a-better-future-in-abaiang>

Two-day Workshop on Climate Change Negotiations, Sri Lanka, 22-23 May 2014

The Climate Change Secretariat of the Ministry of Environment and Renewable Energy, Sri Lanka, in association with Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs) organized this workshop in an effort to incorporate climate change sensitivity to the country's climate change policy and build the ability in international climate change negotiations. This workshop was the first time for Sri Lankan Government representatives to sit down with the civil society members and discuss about climate change negotiations. The workshop enhanced the knowledge of the participants to meet international standards for engaging with the climate change negotiation process. For more information, please visit:

<http://cansouthasia.net/equippinglocalnegotiators/>

Five-Day Training on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)

LEAD Pakistan conducted this training with the objective of enhancing knowledge and technical capacity of DRR practitioners in Pakistan on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction. The training sensitized the participants on disaster resilient methodologies and techniques for adaptation, enabling them to better understand how to integrate climate change adaptation into their DRR work. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.lead.org.pk/lead/postDetail.aspx?postid=106>

Website Launch: Climate Change Communication Toolkits



This newly launched website offers posters, stickers, power point presentations, fact sheets, calculators, children activity books, youth guides for careers in climate change, booklets on National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC) among others. There is also an interactive map that presents profiles of institutions working in Mumbai, India, on climate change related themes. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.mmr-cprt.org.in/index.php?lang=en>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

FILM

Climate change and migration in Bangladesh—Living on the go

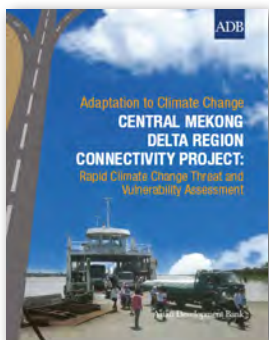


This new film features how millions of Bangladeshis can protect their families and incomes from rising sea levels, erratic rainfall and temperature extremes. The filmmakers follow a group of researchers from Bangladesh and the UK as they investigate how climate change is causing people to migrate within Bangladesh, as a way of coping. For more information, please visit

http://cdkn.org/2014/06/film-climate-change-and-migration-in-bangladesh-living-on-the-go/?loclang=en_gb

REPORT

Central Mekong Delta Region Connectivity Project: Rapid Climate Change Threat and Vulnerability Assessment



This report illustrates the use of a rapid climate impact assessment for examining how climate change is likely to influence the performance of a transport link in the Mekong Delta. It also discusses a number of adaptation options that the project may utilize to

address the potential impacts of climate change. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2014/central-mekong-delta-region-connectivity-project.pdf>

REPORT

ADB and Climate Investment Funds: Climate Change Innovation and Action in Asia and the Pacific



This report presents ADB's experience in developing Climate Investment Funds programs and highlights innovative transformations expected from or already achieved by ADB projects with CIF funding. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/pub/2014/adb-climate-investment-funds.pdf>

LEAD Pakistan's new study on Mainstreaming Community Based Climate Change Adaptation (CBA) in Pakistan

As part of its research series on vulnerability and resilience, this study introduces the wide-ranging concepts and frameworks for CBA. It takes a critical look at the CBA practices in Pakistan that draw some important lessons and attempts to integrate CBA into the decision making processes, and also present policy recommendations towards a coherent strategy for the mainstreaming. To get a copy of this study, please send an email to Ms. Asifa Bhatti at

abhatti@lead.org.pk

REPORT

Imagining the Future Framework of Disaster Risk Reduction – Presenting a New Guide for Decision-Makers

This report is designed to help those contributing to the new agreement to the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA2) on disaster risk reduction by collating evidence and recommendations around seven core modules, including: making the case; the architecture; financing disaster risk; vulnerability and inclusion; climate change and disaster risk; conflict and fragility; and stakeholders and leadership. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/06/future-framework-for-drr/?loclang=en_gb

Local approaches to harmonising climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction: Lessons from India

This report examines how best to overcome the challenges of integrating effective disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation into development planning, drawing on a case study conducted in the disaster-prone arid zones of Barmer and Leh, India. The report also suggests how other communities can address similar challenges by using windows of opportunity in post-disaster situations. For more information, please visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/06/harmonising-climate-adaptation-and-disaster-risk-reduction-india/?loclang=en_gb

REFERENCE MATERIALS

LEAD Pakistan's blogs: how countries can capitalize funding opportunities available at the international level



As part of a series of blogs from the Eighth Community Based Adaptation Conference (CBA-8), the blogs raise complexities of understanding donor requirements, community needs and most importantly government priorities, while recognizing that donors, government representatives, civil society groups as well as community members have jointly demanded that at least 50% of all adaptation funding must be spent on communities. The blogs also talk about the importance of capacity building on professional proposal writing. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.lead.org.pk/lead/postDetail.aspx?postid=50>

and

<http://www.lead.org.pk/lead/postDetail.aspx?postid=47>

OPPORTUNITIES

Training on 'Community Forestry as a Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change', Chiang Mai, Thailand, 18-26 August 2014

RECOFTC-The Center for People and Forests, in collaboration with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Social Forestry Network (ASFN), will undertake this training with an aim to apply a holistic approach toward climate change adaptation by integrating community-based climate change adaptation, community forestry planning and climate proofing planning. The course targets government officials, field officer and managers responsible for community forestry or natural resources and environmental management. The application deadline is 11 July 2014. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.recoftc.org/site/Training-Courses/>

The screenshot shows the RECOFTC website with a green header and navigation menu. The main content area features a large image of people in a boat on a river. Below the image, there is a section titled "RECOFTC Training Courses" with a description of the courses and a quote from a participant. To the right, there are sections for "READ ON" and "PAST COURSE HIGHLIGHTS".

Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index (ND-GAIN)'s Corporate Adaptation Prize 2014

The poster features the text "ND-GAIN Corporate Adaptation Prize" at the top. Below it, a large green logo says "2014 Prize ND-GAIN" with a leaf icon. Underneath the logo is the text "NOTRE DAME GLOBAL ADAPTATION INDEX". A red banner says "APPLY NOW!". On the left, there is a photo of a woman and a man holding a framed certificate. To the right of the photo, there is text explaining the prize and the application process.

The ND-GAIN Corporate Adaptation Prize recognizes organizations that have made measurable contributions to resilience or adaptation. Both multi-national corporations and local corporations based in lower income countries are encouraged to fill out the application.

Winning projects will demonstrate meaningful impacts in a country ranked below 60 on the ND-GAIN Index working with a local partner(s) to decrease vulnerabilities and increase readiness by enhancing food security, water access, coastal protection, ecosystem services, human habitats, infrastructure resiliency, human health or improving government, social and economic function.

The Prize application is due **August 8th** and the winners and honorable mentions will be announced at a special event at **Climate Week New York** in September and to national and international media outlets.

The Prize recognizes multi-national and local corporations that have made measurable contributions in resilience building or adaptation to climate change. Prizes will be awarded for projects that decrease climate-related vulnerabilities through enhancement of food security, water access, coastal protection, ecosystem services, human habitats, infrastructure resiliency or human health in collaboration with local partners of a country ranked below 60 on the ND-GAIN Index. The application deadline is 8 August 2014. For more information, please visit:

<http://gain.org/nd-gain-prize>

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