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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

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

Over 500 climate change adaptation practitioners will join public and private sector officials and top experts at the 4th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2014, under the theme New Partnerships for Resilient Development: Government, Business and Society. With over 150 speakers and 30 sessions planned, the Forum is among the biggest climate change adaptation events in the region. For more information and updates, visit the Adaptation Forum 2014 website:

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2014/>

Asia-Pacific Climate Change
Adaptation Forum **2014**

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UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Policies, Plans, and Investments: A Training-workshop for the Philippine Agriculture and Fisheries Sector, Laguna, Philippines, 7-10 October 2014



This training-workshop aims to develop the capacity of government planners and representatives from the agriculture and fisheries sectoral working groups to integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation actions into their development plans and investments. The workshop will consist of five modules, namely applying a climate lens, assessing vulnerability, identifying adaptation options, selecting adaptation measures and evaluating and prioritizing options. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/ICCA4AFS>.



Photo Contest 2014: Theme: Climate Change and Agriculture in Southeast Asia: Faces of Vulnerability and Resilience



This photo contest will award entries that best capture how vulnerable Southeast Asian agricultural communities are to climate change or what these communities are doing to respond to the challenges of climate change. They are looking for photographs that emphasize climate change vulnerability and resilience initiatives at the individual, household, and community levels. The deadline for the submission is 15 November 2014. For more information, visit: www.photocontest.searca.org



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Adapting to climate change in the Pacific: Knowledge is power

The wealth of knowledge gathered over the past five years under the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Project is now being shared through a range of newly launched resources. All that was learnt over the past five years in carrying out this project, both at national and regional level, is now being made available so future projects can build on these. The products are being shared in two key areas – (1) a PACC Technical Report Series and (2) the PACC Experience Series. For more information, visit:

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/adapting-to-climate-change-in-the-pacific-knowledge-is-power>



Pictured above: Mr Paul Maoate, Dr Netatua Pelesikoti, Ms Lizbeth Cullity and Ms Ilisapeci Masivesi at the launch of new resources developed under the PACC Project.

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

ARTICLE

PACC helps Tokelau better prepare for droughts

This article features the changes brought about by PACC after Tokelau was hit by a drought in 2011, which led to water rationing for a month. The resulting impact was that 75% of households had to survive with no water, and communal tanks held a mere 30% capacity of remaining water at the bottom of the tank. Now with the support from PACC, over 70% of the homes have completed the strengthening of their rainwater connections with over 50% of homes on Tokelau having had their water tanks repaired and first flush diverters installed. For more information, visit:

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/climate-change-adaptation-project-helps-tokelau-now-better-prepared-for-droughts>

From the Farm to the Table: Climate change adaptation project serving Palau

The article illustrates the “From the Farm to the Table” approach in Palau undertaken under the PACC project. The approach enables working with local communities to enhance local food processing to add value, improve shelf life of produce, strengthen national marketability and promote the nutritional value of local food. This promotes food security and production, which has been the main focus of the PACC project. For more information, visit:

<http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/from-the-farm-to-the-table-climate-change-adaptation-project-serving-palau>

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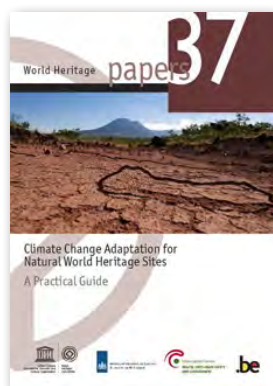
GUIDE

IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report - What's in it for Small Island Developing States?

This guide aims to make the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s material more accessible and usable for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The guide provides decision-makers in SIDS with materials on climate impacts and trends of adaptation and mitigation in small islands. The guide also puts together peer reviewed case studies and highlights the IPCC findings that are of relevance to SIDS. For more information, visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/08/report-ipccs-fifth-assessment-report-whats-in-it-for-small-island-developing-states/?Loclang=en_gb

Climate Change Adaptation for Natural World Heritage Sites: A Practical Guide



This guide aims to assist those responsible for the management of Natural World Heritage Sites to better understand how climate change may affect features of the site that contributes to its Outstanding Universal Value and to offer ideas for identifying options for adapting to climate change with tailored management

responses. The final guide is a compilation of field tests in real case situations of four World Heritage Sites in Kenya and India along with its relevance and suitability for other site managers. For more information, visit:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/series/37/>

PUBLICATIONS

Faces of Vulnerability: Gender, Climate Change, and Disaster

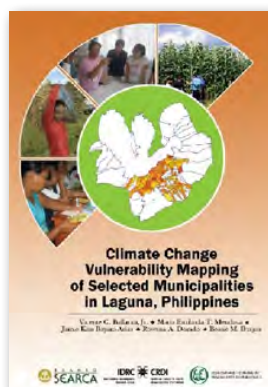


This publication highlights the social and gender dimension on the Philippine component of the International Development Research Center funded project entitled Building Capacity to Adapt to Climate Change in Southeast Asia. It documents how men and women are differently affected by climate change

and other related hazards and discusses the important role of women in climate change adaptation. For more information, visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-showcases-5/other-publications/2120-faces-of-vulnerability-gender-climate-change-and-disaster>

Climate Change Vulnerability Mapping of Selected Municipalities in Laguna, Philippines



This publication analyzes vulnerabilities of 12 municipalities in Laguna, Philippines using gender, geographic location, ethnicity, socio-cultural, demographic, and political economic variables, and maps the relative vulnerability of the communities based on their exposure, sensitivity, and

adaptive capacity to climate change-related risks and hazards. The maps were produced using GIS software. For more information, visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-showcases-5/other-publications/2119-climate-change-vulnerability-mapping-of-selected-municipalities-in-laguna-philippines>

REPORTS

Urban Vulnerability in Southeast Asia Summary of Vulnerability Assessments in Mekong-Building Climate Resilience in Asian Cities (M-BRACE)



This report documents the process and findings of a series of participatory Vulnerability Assessments (VAs) undertaken as part of the Mekong Building Climate Resilience in Asian Cities (M-BRACE) program. M-BRACE is a four-year collaboration to strengthen the capacity

of city stakeholders to assess changing patterns of vulnerability that arise out of the combined influences of urbanization and climate change; and to put in place the institutional processes that would allow city stakeholders to deal with future uncertainties and risks. M-BRACE is funded by the United States Agency for International Development and implemented by the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET-International) in partnership with the Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) and the Vietnam National Institute for Science and Technology Policy and Strategy Studies (NISTPASS). For more information, visit:

<http://i-s-e-t.org/resources/major-program-reports/urban-vulnerability-southeastasia-summary-assessments-mbrace.html>

CDKN Annual Report 2014: Inspiring climate compatible development

This Annual Report expresses Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)'s vision and approach which received an endorsement this year, along with the award of additional funding from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development. This additional funding with the continued support from the Government of the Netherlands, CDKN will be able to maintain their current programme for two more years and transition to an independent organization. For more information, visit:

http://cdkn.org/2014/08/cdkn-annual-report-2014/?loclang=en_gb

WORKING PAPER

The Sustainable Development Goals – Will they deliver climate compatible development for vulnerable countries?

This working paper highlights key concerns and principles that emerged from three consultative events in Colombia, Kenya and Indonesia where stakeholders discussed the best ways to include climate change in the sustainable development goals in a manner which encourages climate compatible development. Considering 2015 is a crucial year for global action on climate change and development, this provided an unprecedented opportunity to integrate climate change policies, actions, and development through global sustainable development and climate agreements. For more information, visit:

http://cdkn.org/resource/working-paper-the-sustainable-development-goals-will-they-deliver-climate-compatible-development-for-vulnerable-countries/?loclang=en_gb

REFERENCE MATERIALS

OPPORTUNITIES

BRIEFING NOTE

Climate-smart Disaster Risk Management in the Philippines



This adaptation note describes Climate-smart Disaster Risk Management (CSDRM)—a framework that cohesively integrates disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and development. The note outlines the three main pillars to help address the root causes of vulnerability. It also showcases a number of CSDRM attempts of local government units and other stakeholders in the Philippines and the lessons that were learnt. For more information, visit:

<http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-showcases-5/adaptation-notes/2103-climate-smart-disaster-risk-management-in-the-philippines>

Coursera: Small Island Developing States in a Changing Climate: Paths to Adaptation, January-February 2015



This five-week course launched by the United Nations Environment Programme and the University of Geneva will focus on climate change adaptation for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The course will present key concepts regarding issues to climate change adaptation and tools required to analyze challenges faced by SIDS in order to achieve sustainable development goals. For more information, visit: <https://www.coursera.org/course/sids>

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