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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

APAN ANNOUNCEMENT

ADB/APAN Workshop on Climate Risk Management in Planning and Investment Projects, 9 – 10 February 2015, Manila, Philippines

This joint ADB/APAN workshop is designed to strengthen the understanding of climate change risks and approaches to climate risk management in sector planning and investment projects.

Workshop participants will learn about and discuss

- (i) the nature of climate change risks to investment projects,
- (ii) tools for climate risk screening,
- (iii) approaches for climate risk and vulnerability assessment, including technical and economic evaluation of adaptation options, and
- (iv) options for adaptation financing.

Case studies will be presented to illustrate the challenges that climate change presents to specific investment projects, how these risks have been addressed in practice and lessons learned. The workshop will also provide an opportunity for the participants to share their experiences in addressing climate risks in development planning and investment projects. For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/workshop-climate-risk-management-planning-and-investment-projects>

Multi-stakeholder Initiatives towards a Resilient and Low Carbon South Asia, 2 December 2014, COP20, Lima, Peru

MULTISTAKEHOLDER INITIATIVES TOWARDS A RESILIENT AND LOW CARBON SOUTH ASIA

Side Event Invitation
2nd December 2014
COP 20, Lima, PERU @ Room Maranga
18:30 to 20:00

Panelists
Dr. Saleemul Huq, Manjeet Dhakal, Dr. Puja Sawhney, Supriya Singh, Vositha Wijenayake

South Asia, one of the most vulnerable regions in the world constantly grappling to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and in parallel pursuing low carbon options for energy security with mitigation co-benefits. The diverse and complex climate agenda can only be implemented through multi-stakeholder approach and is being followed successfully in South Asia. The event will share the experiences of experts from region to implement climate agenda that will ensure resilient and low carbon nations in South Asia.



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ICIMOD's Community-Based Flood Warning System Receives a Global Award

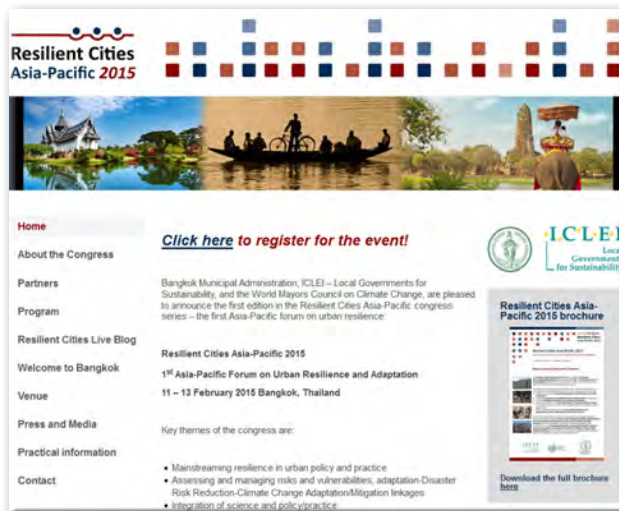
The UNFCCC's Momentum for Change announced International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) as one of the 2014 Lighthouse Activity Awards recipient for their Community Based Flood Early Warning System (CB-FEWS) in Eastern Brahmaputra River Basin, India. The CB-FEWS entails innovative use of ICT for communities to cope with effects of floods on real-time basis under ICIMOD's Himalayan Climate Change Adaptation Programme (HICAP). For more information, visit <http://www.icimod.org/?q=15786>

APAN 2013 Annual Report, published in October 2014

This report provides a summary of the activities of APAN from January-December 2013. During 2013, APAN enhanced its operations through the Regional Hub and the Secretariat of the Steering Committee with the support from partners. In addition, APAN organised various training workshops and conferences to contribute to build capacities for climate adaptation. The training workshops and conference were organised with the goal of broadening the network activities in order to provide quality information for decision makers, practitioners and researchers related to climate change adaptation. APAN also strengthened ties with partner institutions including APAN nodes and USAID Adapt Asia Pacific and expanded its partnership with international agencies such as UNEP- DTIE (Division of Technology, Industry and Economics) and for knowledge sharing and exchange with Institute of Development Studies supported Eldis programme. To download the full report, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/node/12393>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Resilient Cities Asia Pacific (RCAP): 1st Asia-Pacific Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation, 11-13 February 2015, Bangkok, Thailand



The Resilient Cities – the Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation has been attracting participants to Bonn, Germany since 2010. Due to its immense success, the Forum is expanding to the Asia-Pacific region expecting to attract around 200 participants from the region. The goal of this 3-day event is to identify solutions and developing lasting impacts for the cities in the Asia-Pacific region. The event is being hosted by Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and organized by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

For more information, visit

<http://resilientcitiesasiapacific.iclei.org/home.html>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Southern Voice on Adaptation: Regional Workshop for Asia

The workshop was held on October 4th 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia by Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs) and partner networks of Southern Voice on Adaptation (SV-Adapt), as a back-to-back event with the 4th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum. The workshop provided a platform for partner networks to interact with other members of SV-Adapt as well as interact with Members of the Advisory Board. The discussions at the workshop incorporated the tools developed for pro-poor adaptation policies, how the Joint Principles on Adaptation (JPA) can be promoted among policy makers and the challenges faced by the networks when advocating for incorporating JPA into national policies on adaptation.

For more information, visit <http://cansouthasia.net/event-southern-voices-on-adaptation-regional-workshop-for-asia/>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

National Forum for Children and Youth on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, 25th November 2014, Thailand



This forum brought together over 150 children from Chiang Rai, Ayutthaya and Rayong, Thailand. It provided a platform for the children to show the adults what they can do to bring about a positive change and creative ideas and solutions to address disaster risk and climate change in their communities. The event is part of the Plan Thailand Child Centered Climate Change Adaptation (4CA) project to create a safer and more resilient rural community where youths contribute to managing and reducing the risks associate with climate change.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/plan.thailand/posts/884345938251697>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

Mainstreaming climate change adaptation (CCA) into development planning



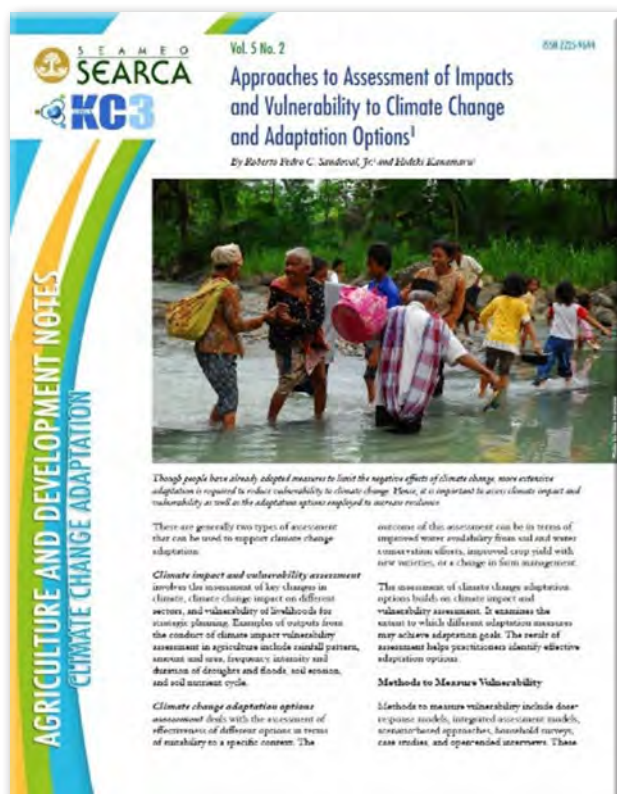
This publication presents a framework for mainstreaming CCA into development planning developed under the UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Initiative. It describes the three major components of the framework: i) Finding the entry points and making the case; ii) Mainstreaming adaptation into policy processes; and iii) Meeting the implementation challenge. The author also illustrates a different approach to mainstreaming and states some of the challenges and barriers for mainstreaming CCA.

For more information, visit <http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-showcases-5/adaptation-notes/2187-mainstreaming-climate-change-adaptation-into-development-planning>

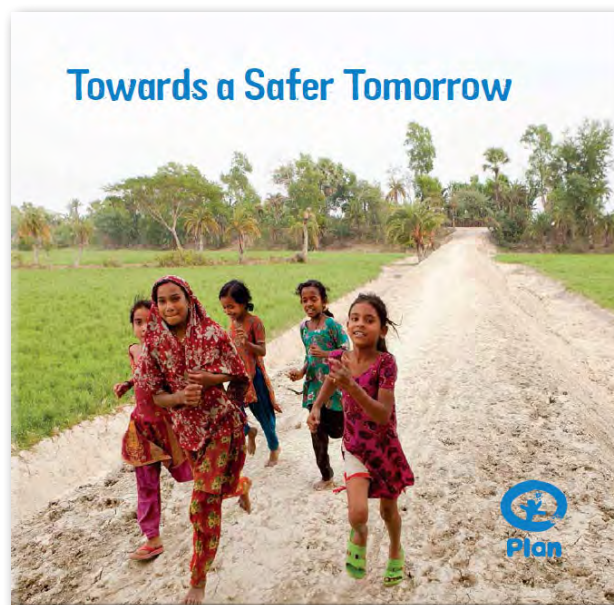
Approaches to Assessment of Impacts and Vulnerability to Climate Change Adaptation Options

This publication describes two types of assessments that can be used to support climate change adaptation: i) Climate impact and vulnerability assessment; and ii) Climate change adaptation options. The publication also briefly touches upon the interpretations of vulnerability, the key considerations vulnerability assessments need as they are essential for decision-making processes and provides guiding questions for the design of vulnerability impact assessments.

For more information, visit <http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-showcases-5/adaptation-notes/2188-approaches-to-assessment-of-impacts-and-vulnerability-to-climate-change-and-adaptation-options>



Towards a Safer Tomorrow



This publication takes the reader through six case studies in Bangladesh from the project on “Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation: Building Safe and Resilient Communities” following the Child Centered Climate Change Adaptation (4CA) approach. The cases presented are in partnership with children (as agents of change), their communities and government agencies to raise awareness of climate change, capacity building, institutional development, and to create appropriate and climate smart solutions to protect children and their communities.

For more information, visit <http://plan-international.org/where-we-work/asia/bangladesh/about/publications/publication-towards-a-safer-tomorrow/>

PUBLICATIONS

**Adaptation to Climate Change
Centered Around Children**

This publication is a showcase of 18 youth- and child-led projects on climate change under the Green Generation Network in Vietnam. These projects follow the Child Centered Climate Change Adaptation (4CA) approach. The projects presented are related to raising awareness of climate change in the youth, to train the youth to become potential leaders, encourage the use of environmental safe products and methods.

For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/adaption-climate-change-centers-around-children>

**A framework for Climate
Change Vulnerability
Assessments**

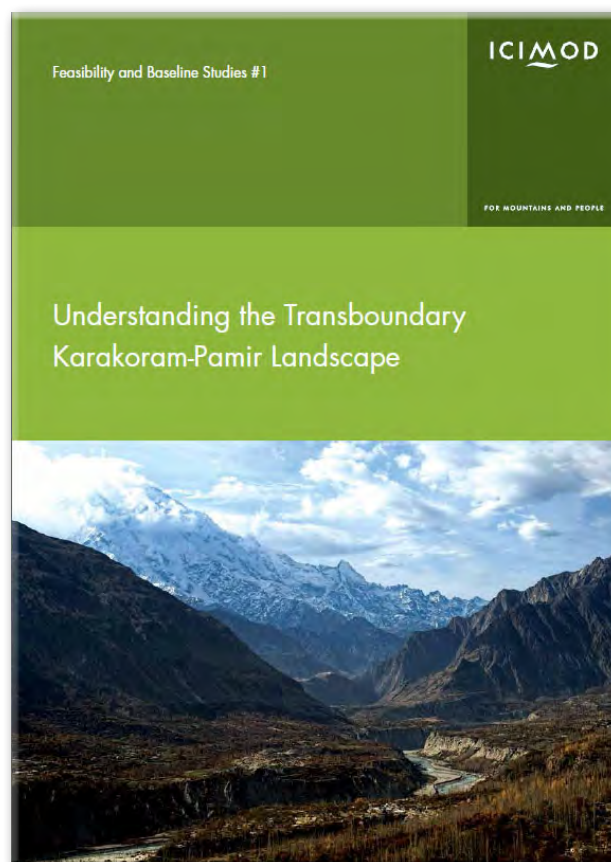
This publication framework was developed by GIZ together with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India. It introduces readers to the concept of vulnerability to climate change, presents a general framework for assessing vulnerability and provides a rich selection of methods and tools to assess components of vulnerability at various levels. The practical framework is divided into stages and steps that are supplemented by real case examples of both a bottom-up community based assessment in West Bengal and a top-down vulnerability assessment of the State of Madhya Pradesh.

For more information, visit <http://star-www.giz.de/fetch/2w3Q3002Xi10002gul/giz2014-1733en-framework-climate-change.pdf>

**Understanding the
Transboundary Karakoram-
Pamir Landscape**

The Karakoram-Pamir landscape is found between the Karakoram Mountains in Pakistan and the Pamir Mountains of China. This publication looks at the unique biological and cultural diversity of the region – focusing on biodiversity, environmental changes which include climate change and human disturbances, the cultural heritage and livelihood diversification of the area, and other topics. The publication aims to raise awareness on the uniqueness and irreplaceability of the landscape and implement conservation and development initiatives.

For more information, visit <http://lib.icimod.org/record/30040>



POLICY BRIEFS

Towards an urban agenda on climate-related loss and damage

The policy brief explains the importance of assessing urban loss and damage in both the formal and informal sectors, and of economic and non-economic types to provide a clearer picture of impacts of climate change. It discusses some of the issues and reviews key drivers associated with climate-related loss and damage in urban areas and identifies information and data gaps that need to be taken. It aims to explain that loss and damage processes should be considered alongside urban adaptation and mitigation, in both research initiatives and in guiding policy and regulatory frameworks.

For more information, visit <http://pubs.iied.org/pdfs/10718IIED.pdf>

FILM

Silver lining: A docu-drama on climate change

This 12-minute docu-drama is produced by Plan Bangladesh under the “Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation: Build Safe and Resilient Communities” project. The film aims at raising awareness amongst youths to the impacts of cutting down trees and climate change. The filmmakers follow two children from the city and the village to explain how life was before and after their ecosystem was being negatively impacted by development.

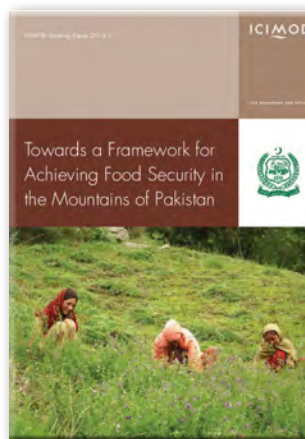
To view the short film, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkzk2NR0pc8>

ARTICLES: WORKING PAPER

Household economic losses of urban flood – Case study of Can Tho City, Vietnam

The aim of this study was to assess the costs borne by local residents when faced by floods in the city of Can Tho, Vietnam. The author identifies components of economic loss (direct and indirect costs) at different stages of floods (before, during and after the flood) and using appropriate methods to analyze the economic losses. The author also provides measures and policy recommendations to reduce losses incurred by households caused by floods in the city.

For more information, visit <http://pubs.iied.org/pdfs/10715IIED.pdf>

Towards a Framework for Achieving Food Security in the Mountains of Pakistan

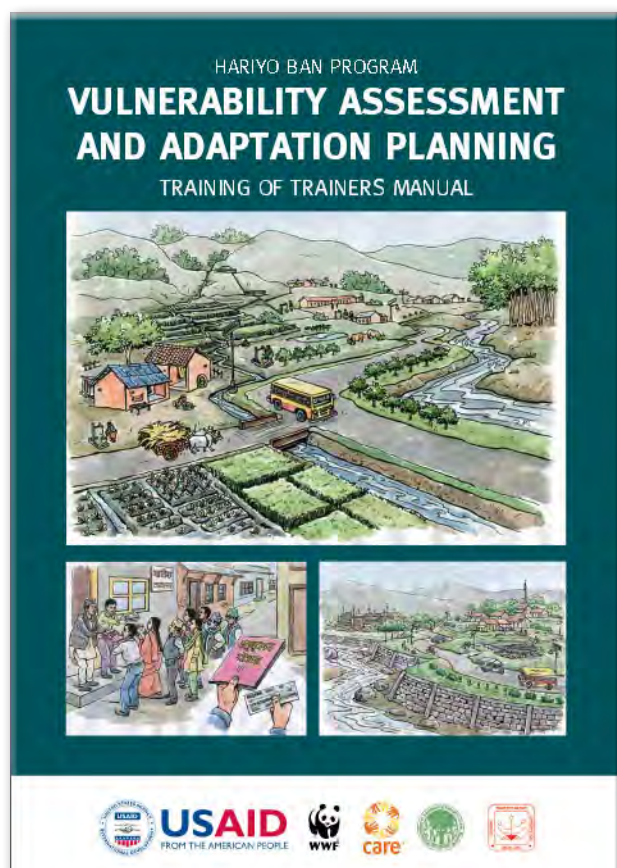
The working paper was developed by ICIMOD, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) and the National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) collaboratively. The author provides insight on the status, challenges and opportunities for agriculture and non-agriculture activities

which would help achieve food security specifically in the mountainous regions of Pakistan. The working paper has outlined a framework which would help design policies and programmes to enhance food security in the mountain region of Pakistan and elsewhere.

For more information, visit <http://lib.icimod.org/record/30041>

OPPORTUNITIES

MANUAL

**Vulnerability Assessment and
Adaptation Planning Manual**

This manual aims at strengthening capacity of key stakeholders and was designed for officials of the Government of Nepal, representatives of civil society and other organizations working on climate adaptation planning. It consists of six modules for understanding climate change, its impacts, vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning, community visioning, scenario planning and integrating adaptation into local development planning processes. The modules in this manual acknowledge and draw on resources produced and lessons learned through the implementation of the USAID Hariyo-Ban Program.

For more information, visit http://www.carenepal.org/publication/_Care_VAAP_Manual.pdf

**Oxford Adaptation Academy, 9
- 28 August 2015**

The Oxford Adaptation Academy is a joint venture between the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University, and the Global Climate Adaptation Partnership. Now in its sixth year it has successfully offered a participant driven, professional training programme designed around practice. This annual three week course will take place from 9-28 August, 2015.

The Academy exposes climate practitioners to the links between climate science, vulnerability and decision making. The Academy integrates three central learning themes: i) Participants' role as change makers, in their own careers and organisations; ii) Adaptation as a process linking climate science, vulnerability and decision making; and iii) Technical skills in analysing adaptation options and project development. For more information, visit: <http://www.climateadaptation.cc/>

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