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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'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals: Inter-linkages and Opportunities in South Asia, 23 February 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka

A 2-day conference co-hosted by Janathakshan and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) through the Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs) brought together heads of governments from developing countries to collaborate and coordinate their efforts on climate change adaptation plans, to ensure that the sustainable development goals (SDGs) reflect the urgency to address climate impacts and prioritize climate change in countries' political agenda.

For more information, visit: <http://cansouthasia.net/south-asian-nations-must-collaborate-to-ensure-climate-change-goals-converge-with-sustainable-development-goals-cansa/>

Briefs on APAN's recent activities available on the APAN web portal

APAN has organized numerous training workshops and conferences across the Asia-Pacific region over the past several months. Some of these events include an Asia-Pacific Youth Forum on climate change adaptation in mountain areas held in Kathmandu, Nepal; a workshop analyzing barriers to implementing climate change adaptation measures held in Almaty, Kazakhstan; and an international conference on agricultural development in Southeast Asia held in Makati City, Philippines. To read APAN's latest activity briefs, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/apan-publications>

APAN Exchange on Climate Change Adaptation – Mainstreaming Gender into Adaptation: Examples and Experiences



Dr. Peter King is asking key questions for the 7th APAN Exchange on Climate Change Adaptation, focusing on the issue of gender equality as it relates to climate change adaptation. Dr. King is the Adaptation Project Preparation and Finance Team Leader for the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project. He is also the Senior Policy Advisor at the IGES Regional Centre based in Bangkok, Thailand. To follow the discussion, email: the-exchange@adapt-asia.org. Previous APAN Exchanges are available [here](#). The APAN Exchange is a facilitated email-based discussion held regularly among members of APAN's community of practice. It is managed by the APAN Knowledge Management Team and supported by the [USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project](#).

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Regional Forum on Climate Change (RFCC) Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Societies: Bridging Science, Practice and Policy, 1-3 July 2015, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand



This 3-day forum is organized by the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand in collaboration with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, ASEAN Secretary General, and the European Union. The forum aims to bring together scientists, practitioners and policy makers to help translate the advances made in climate science into practical and implementable policy that would inspire the ASEAN position for climate change negotiations at the upcoming COP 21. The forum is currently inviting abstracts in both climate change mitigation and adaptation sectors under the themes of the forum: Key climate science, climate and disasters, governance and policy, climate financing and business opportunities and cross-cutting studies. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 15th April 2015. For more information, visit: <http://www.rfcc2015.ait.asia/>

Regional Policy Workshop on Wastewater Management & Sanitation in South-East Asia, 2-3 April 2015, Bangkok, Thailand



This 2-day workshop is jointly implemented by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and UN-Habitat as part of their ongoing project "Strengthening capacity of policymakers in South-East Asia (SEA) to promote policies and developing plans for improved wastewater treatment and reuse in urban and per-urban areas" through the promotion of Decentralized Waste Water Treatment Systems (DEWATS). The aim of this 2nd workshop is to further enhance knowledge and awareness at the national level policymakers, local government officials and other experts on DEWATS in SEA to identify the framework of the regional cooperation. For more information, visit: <http://www.unescap.org/events/regional-policy-workshop-wastewater-management-and-sanitation-south-east-asia>

Regional Knowledge Sharing Writeshop on Climate Change Adaptation in Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development, 15-17 April 2015, Los Banos, Philippines



This 3-day event will be a platform for exchanging ideas and experiences amongst various climate change adaptation stakeholders with a focus on Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (ISARD). The aim of this event is to share more widely the outputs from the writeshop to inform development policies, programs and investment while continuing to further generate sound scientific knowledge on climate change adaptation. For more information, visit: http://searca.org/phocadownload/knowledge_events/regional-k-sharing-flyer.pdf

Improving Grassroots Equity in a Forests and Climate Change Context, 25 – 30 May 2015, Chiang Mai, Thailand

A 6-day regional training course is being provided by RECOFTC, under the ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change (ASFCC) and the ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN). The training will develop knowledge and capacities of grassroots facilitators to conduct meaningful processes that can improve social inclusion and equity in the planning and implementation of projects and policies. The registration deadline for this training course is on 25 April 2015. For more information, visit: <http://www.recoftc.org/training-course/improving-grassroots-equity-forests-and-climate-change-context>

Strengthening Forests Tenure Systems and Governance, 21 – 30 September 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

A 10-day regional training course is being provided by RECOFTC, under the ASEAN-Swiss Partnership on Social Forestry and Climate Change (ASFCC) and the ASEAN Social Forestry Network (ASFN). This training course will introduce key concepts of tenure and tools to analyze forest tenures. It will also enable stakeholders of forest tenure development processes to clearly identify the needs to strengthen these processes. The registration deadline for this training course is on 14 August 2015. For more information, visit: <http://www.recoftc.org/training-course/strengthening-forest-tenure-systems-and-governance>



CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

Our Valuable Voices: Community Digital Storytelling for Good Programming and Policy Engagement



Community Digital Storytelling (CDST) is an innovative participatory development approach that enables people living in poverty or vulnerable situations to have their voices heard and potentially strengthen people's capacity and resolve as equal participants in decision-

making spaces. This publication highlights the experiences and lessons learned from a CDST activity carried out in Vietnam by CARE International through their Integrated Community-based Adaptation in the Mekong (ICAM) Project, funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. For more information, visit (in English): http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/CARE_Vietnam_CDST_EN.pdf

For more information, visit (in Vietnamese): http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/CARE_Vietnam_CDST_Vietnamese.pdf

Understanding the risk of flooding in the city: The case of Barangay Potrero, Metro Manila

This publication helps readers understand the risk of flooding and a changing climate in the city and highlights steps that can be taken to reduce the disaster risk entailed and adapt in a holistic manner. The publication looks at the communication between neighbors and local government units as facilitated by the Partners for Resilience (PfR), the importance of involving all levels of governments (national to local chief level) and the need for reliable early warning systems that is both customized and localized for a holistic and integrated approach to resilience building. For more information, visit: http://cdkn.org/resource/understanding-risk-flooding-barangay-potrero-metro-manila/?loclang=en_gb

Bangladesh Institutions get ready for climate finance

This briefing paper analyzes the establishment, structure and workings of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The paper also reviews in brief the current status of Bangladesh's process to be ready for gaining access to GCF. Bangladesh has appointed its Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance as its National Designated Authority (NDA) and has shortlisted 14 national institutions as potentials of being the National Implementing Entity (NIE). For more information, visit: <http://cdkn.org/resource/bangladesh-institutions-get-ready-for-climate-finance/>

Climate Change in the Lower Mekong Basin: An Analysis of Economic Values at Risk

This report assesses the current-day values of key assets at risk to climate change in the Lower Mekong Basin (LMB) countries of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam and presents a preliminary picture of the potential economic toll of anticipated alternations in climate on the region. The report is authored by John Talberth, Ph.D., Senior Economist and Katie Reyta, Research Associate of World Resources Institute (WRI) for the USAID Mekong Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change project. To read full report, visit: <http://mekongarcc.net/resource/report-climate-change-lower-mekong-basin-analysis-economic-values-risk>

ARTICLES

Feature: Going smart in Nepalese farming: Part One

This article explains the impact climate change has on agriculture and in turn on Nepal's economy. As a result of prolonged winter droughts and delayed monsoons, the economic growth has seen a decrease, thus there is a need for climate-smart agriculture at the center of Nepal's strategy to develop. For more information, visit: <http://cdkn.org/2015/03/feature-going-smart-nepalese-farming/>

OPPORTUNITIES

POLICY BRIEFS

Effective support for climate change adaptation: Key tasks for the Green Climate Fund in 2015

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) made significant progress in 2014. By the end of the year, donor governments had committed an initial US\$10.2 billion. Half of this sum will be devoted to adaptation, making the GCF the biggest multilateral adaptation finance institution in the world. The GCF's first decisions on use of the funds are due to be taken in late 2015, in the run-up to the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Paris, France. This policy brief looks at some of the key issues facing the GCF if it is to become established as an effective financier of adaptation activities, during this critical year and beyond. For more information, visit: <http://cdkn.org/resource/policy-brief-effective-support-climate-change-adaptation-green-climate-fund/>

FILM

Assessing Vulnerability of Fisheries in the Philippines to Climate Change impacts: Tool for Understanding Resilience of Fisheries

In this video, Remelyn I. De Ramos from the University of the Philippines Diliman-Marine Science Institute discusses the impacts of climate change on the Fisheries and Coral Reefs. She takes the viewer through the tool for Understanding Resilience of Fisheries (VA-TURF) explaining the history, the use of the tool, and its application. The project aims to identify vulnerable fishing communities, demonstrate how to link vulnerability assessment results to climate change adaptation and draft action plans to reduce vulnerability. For more information, visit: <http://www.searca.org/index.php/events/seminar-series/30-events/knowledge-events/seminar-series/2014-assessing-vulnerability-of-fisheries-in-the-philippines-to-climate-change-impacts-tool-for-understanding-resilience-of-fisheries>

Nuffic Fellowships for training course Multilevel Water Governance



This course addresses the key challenges for integrated, multilevel water governance and will discuss the key building blocks for sound water governance, including effective administration; legal and financing systems; and stakeholder participation. Participants will also get to analyze their own country context, amongst others by applying governance assessment tools. In addition, participants will visit programmes on protecting against rising sea level, examples of modern river flood management, and practices of urban water management. The application deadline for fellowships is 18 March 2015. For more information, visit: <http://thehagueacademy.com/blog/2015/02/nuffic-fellowships/>

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