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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

APAN's Adaptation Technology Database updated with 100 additional technologies from across the Asia-Pacific region

APAN has been maintaining a technology database since 2010. Through this technology database, APAN is supporting policymakers and practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region to plan and implement climate change adaptation efforts. In 2014, with support from the Ministry of the Environment, Japan and Pacific Consultants Co. Ltd., APAN collected an additional 100 technologies from outside Japan. 100 technologies (including soft measures, from crop substitution to coastal zoning) related to four sectors and areas – namely, coastal regions, water resources, disaster prevention, and agriculture – were collected from across the Asia Pacific region.

To access APAN's adaptation technology database, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptation-technologies/database>

RECENT CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

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



This event provides a platform for climate change adaptation stakeholders to share ideas and experiences focusing on inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development (ISARD). One of the objectives of this event is to contribute to enabling a policy platform and technical capacity to support successful adaptation measures in the region. The output from this writeshop will form part of a sourcebook volume on CCA in the context of ISARD. The event is convened by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) together with Oscar M. Lopez Center for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management (OML Center). For more information, visit: <http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/2269-comm-sano-tells-scientists-agriculture-is-part-of-the-solution-to-climate-change>

Agriculture and Development Seminar Series: Climate Change Adaptation Strategies of Agribusiness Enterprises in the Philippines, 21 April 2015, SEARCA, Los Baños, Philippines



In this video, Ms. Dinah Pura T. Depositario, she describes the impact of climate change manifestation on Philippines agribusiness industries and enterprises and provides an overview of their current climate change adaptation strategies. In addition, she focuses on describing the coping mechanisms of agribusiness industries to climate change, how sustainable enterprises attempted to integrate climate change in their business strategies and followed by presenting ways enterprises can incorporate climate change in their core business functions and enable them to effectively respond to climate change risk.

For more information, visit: <http://www.searca.org/index.php/events/seminar-series/30-events/knowledge-events/seminar-series/2056-climate-change-adaptation-strategies-of-agribusiness-enterprises-in-the-philippines>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Asia Resilience Webinar Series, 27 May 2015

The webinar series has been running from February 2015, and the last webinar will be held on 27th May 2015 with the topic 'Influencing for Resilience'. The objective of the webinar series is to provide capacity building for staff and partners to better understand policy, programmatic and technical guidelines on resilience and provide a platform for peer to peer learning and knowledge sharing. To join the webinar and to download materials, please email jmanlutac@oxfam.org.uk

For more information, please visit: <http://growsellthrive.org/events/asia-resilience-webinar-1>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Myanmar Kick-starts National Climate Change Strategy

The Government of Myanmar has kick-started the process of formulating its National Climate Change Policy and National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plans through the Myanmar Climate Change Alliance (MCCA) with technical support from UNEP and UN-Habitat. The EU-funded programme has set an ambitious goal of moving the process forward quickly for Minister of Environmental Conservation and Forestry to present main elements of the policy and strategy at COP21 in Paris as the country's effort to tackle climate change. The policy and strategy are expected to be aligned with the existing frameworks, policies, strategies and programmes related not only to climate change but also to broad national development agenda including National Comprehensive Development Plan and National Sustainable Development Strategy. Participants at the first formulation workshop on 7-8 April in Nay Pyi Taw repeatedly emphasized that the formulation process must go hand-in-hand with Myanmar's INDC process. For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/news/myanmar-kickstarts-national-climate-change-strategy>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

SPREP and Tonga formalise agreement to support adaptation activities

This article announces that the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) have signed a formal agreement with the Government of Tonga to support climate change adaptation activities in the country. The article briefly describes the benefits brought by the agreement in terms of ensuring adaptation funding and submission of concepts and proposals.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/sprep-and-tonga-formalise-agreement-to-support-adaptation-activities>

Urban agriculture and forestry show promise for climate compatible development

This article provides a 'triple win' approach for climate change adaptation, mitigation and development by focusing on urban and peri-urban agriculture and forestry. The article lists out the benefits of urban agriculture and forestry – reducing vulnerability, improving water quality, conserving biodiversity etc. The article also provides links to 2 publications with examples from Sri Lanka and Argentina and looks at how these experiences can be scaled-up.

For more information, visit: <http://cdkn.org/2015/02/feature-urban-agriculture-forestry-show-promise-climate-compatible-development/>

Capacitating women: a training on solar lamp making for women leaders in Tubigon, Bohol Province, 14 February 2015, Philippines

A short write up on the activity carried out under the JFGE-funded Community Actions and City-to-City Cooperation on Climate Change in the Philippines Project wherein women leaders gathered for a hands-on training on making replicable solar lamps using indigenous materials.

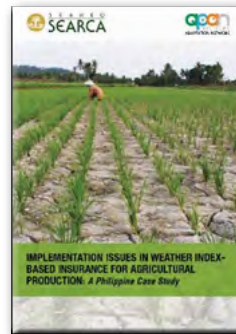
For more information, visit: <http://seas.iclei.org/index.php?id=3171>



CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATION

Implementation Issues in Weather Index-based Insurance for Agricultural Production: A Philippine Case Study



This publication discusses weather index-based insurance (WIBI) products used to address climate risk more objectively. Issues involved in the implementation of these products includes the determination of appropriate indices – threshold levels, estimation of risk or not meeting the thresholds etc.

The publication presents a case study from the Philippines to determine objectively the climate risk based on probability of cumulative rainfall deficit for crop production focused on rice and corn. The publication also provides the challenges and issues to effectively and efficiently implement WIBI in the ASEAN region.

For more information, visit: http://www.apan-gan.net/sites/default/files/resource/attach/APAN%20Tech4_finaldraft.pdf

Climate Proofing ADB Investment in the Transport Sector: Initial Experiences



Transport sector is highly vulnerable to projected climate change. This is of particular concern in the Asia and the Pacific region, which is already experiencing significant adverse impacts from a changing climate. As part of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) long-term

strategic goal set out in Strategy 2020, they have formalized a climate risk management framework to screen all investment projects. The publication collates a number of ADB project case studies on how to integrate climate change adaptation measures in transport projects. The publication discusses lessons and experiences learnt and identify opportunities for further mainstreaming such assessments in the transport sector. For more information, visit: <http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/152434/climate-proofing-adb-investment-transport.pdf>

Building resilience to climate change locally: The case of Valenzuela City, Metro Manila

This publication focuses on Valenzuela City, Metro Manila, the Philippines, where frequent flooding is a major hindrance in the livelihoods of the inhabitants. The city was chosen as one of five project areas under the Philippines component of the Partners for Resilience (PfR) programme. The program will integrate climate change adaptation and ecosystem management and restoration into disaster risk reduction, the programme aims to build resilient communities. This publication provides key learnings on implementing the PfR program, its enabling factors, and the challenges faced.

For more information, visit: <http://cdkn.org/resource/inside-story-building-resilience-climate-change-valenzuela-manila/>

Addressing vulnerability to the health risks of extreme heat in urbanizing Ahmedabad, India

This publication focuses on Ahmedabad's Heat Action Plan which was developed by the Natural Resources Defence Council (NRDC) and the Indian Institute of Public Health together with the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation which aims to prepare the public for the increasing extreme heat in the city. The publication goes through the development of the Plan, the implementation and key drivers and challenges faced. The Heat Action Plans utilizes community outreach and raising public awareness, early warning systems and capacity building to better prepare the public.

For more information, visit: http://cdkn.org/resource/report-vulnerability-health-risks-of-extreme-heat-ahmedabad-india/?loclang=en_gb

Integrating climate change concerns in disaster management planning: The case of Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, India

This publication focuses on Gorakhpur's action research programme developed jointly by Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group (GEAG), the Institute for Social and Environment Transition (ISET) and the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) which aims to effectively incorporate climate change considerations into disaster management planning focusing on the impacts caused by flooding. The publication provides the purpose of the programme, the extent of its achievements and the challenges faced. The program was designed as a pure research initiative with the objective to make recommendations on how to incorporate climate change concerns in the District Disaster Management Plan (DDMPs).

For more information, visit: http://cdkn.org/resource/report-disaster-management-planning-gorakhpur-uttar-pradesh-india/?loclang=en_gb

GUIDE

New guide helps Least Developed Countries navigate 'Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)'

This guide is intended to aid Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in developing their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) which are contributions by Parties to the UNFCCC towards achieving the objective of the Convention. This guide was developed at the request of several LDCs as currently no formal or standard template is available for developing an INDC; this guide provides practical guidance with examples to illustrate how INDC could be structured for both adaptation and mitigation measures. This guide is not an official UNFCCC publication nor is it endorsed by the UNFCCC.

For more information, visit: <http://cdkn.org/resource/resource-guide-helps-least-developed-countries-navigate-intended-nationally-determined-contributions-indcs/>

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